



MINUTES
PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
July 8, 2010

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I, Chairman
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II
Mr. Reginald T. Dexter, District V

The Planning & Economic Development Committee met on Thursday, July 8, 2010 at 4:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present [except Mr. McCall], Administrator Scott Moulder and Clerk to Council, Elizabeth Hulse.

Press:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent

Call to Order:

Chairman Corbeil called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 2 – 0 to approve the minutes from May 11, 2010 meeting as presented.

Department Reports / Updates:

Planning Department:

Mr. Art Holbrooks, Planning Director, addressed the committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [filed with these minutes] and discussed the following topics:

- FEMA Issues
- Review of Adopted Regulations
- Zoning Recommendations – It was agreed by members of the Committee present to request that the Planning Department move forward with any uncontroversial rezoning requests to help diminish the backlog.
- 2010 Census
- Keowee – Toxaway Re-licensing
- New Air Quality Standards
- Storm water Issues
- “One-Stop” Permitting
- Comprehensive Plan Update

Economic Development:

Mr. Jim Alexander, Economic Development Director, addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [filed with these minutes] highlighting the following items:

- Project Updates
- Shell Building II
- Ten at the Top
- Golden Corner Commerce Park
- Oconee County Industrial Group
- H 4478 – Fee-In-Lieu-Of-Tax changes

New Business:**Comprehensive Plan Update Review/Discussion**

Mr. Moulder stated that he had reviewed the Comprehensive Plan and goals; noting that they appear to be consistent and obtainable. He noted that additional discussion should take place regarding the organizations/departments tasked with achieving the goals. Discussion followed.

Economic Development Incubator

Mr. Corbeil opened discussion regarding the potential for Oconee County starting an Economic Development Incubator. He noted an upcoming meeting between Anderson, Pickens and Oconee Counties to review a model program. Discussion followed.

Old Business:

No old business was addressed at this meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. Dexter made a motion to adjourn at 5:33 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council