



MINUTES
PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
March 8, 2016

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Reg Dexter, District V, Chairman
Mr. Paul Cain, District III
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV

The Planning & Economic Development Committee met at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, Administrator Scott Moulder and Clerk to Council, Elizabeth Hulse.

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Josh Stephens, Zoning Administrator & Mr. Richard Blackwell, Oconee Economic Alliance Director.

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: None.

Call to Order:

Mr. Dexter called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 3 – 0, to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2015 meeting as presented.

Economic Development:

Mr. Blackwell addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [*copy filed with these minutes*] discussing the following topics:

- Reflecting on 2015
- Development Updates:
 - Oconee Industry & Technology Park [OITP]
 - I-Tech South
 - BorgWarner
 - Casto
- Awards & Recognition
 - SC Top Micropolitan
 - OC 22nd Top Performing Micropolitan
 - Global Trade Magazine's – Leading EDC's
- OEA Activities Update
 - 2016 Activity Update

Planning / Community Development Update

Mr. Stephens addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [*copy filed with these minutes*] and discussed the following topics:

- Building Permits
- Planning & Zoning
- Comprehensive Plan
- Community Development
- Strategic Planning
 - Keowee-Toxaway Project Relicensing
 - Air Quality
- Flood Maps

Other Business:

Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority [OJRSA]

Mr. Dexter opened discussion regarding ongoing negotiations with the OJRSA and efforts to move forward with a new agreement. Mr. Moulder noted that discussions with the OJRSA attorney, Larry Brandt, are ongoing and productive.

The Committee took no action regarding this matter.

Meeting Schedule

Mr. Dexter led discussions regarding the June 14, 2016 meeting; noting that either the time needs to be moved or the date be moved. Discussion followed. The Committee agreed unanimously to move the June 14, 2016 meeting to June 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn:

Mr. Cain adjourned the meeting at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council