



MINUTES
PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
December 15, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Paul Cain, Chairman, District III
Mr. Julian Davis, District IV
Mr. John Elliott, District I

The Planning & Economic Development Committee met at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, as well as County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, & Clerk to Council, Katie D. Smith, present.

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Adam Chapman, Planning 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.oconeesc.com/council]. In addition, it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Riley Morningstar / Daily Journal

Call to Order:

Mr. Cain called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 3 – 0, to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2020 meeting as presented.

Discussion Items

Lengthy discussion followed regarding the topics indicated below, with various opinions expressed, to include but not limited to:

Continued discussion regarding land use planning in relation to gun ranges and ancillary uses

Mr. Cain noted this discussion was tabled from the last meeting on November 17, 2020.

Mr. Root noted there would need to be a motion to recall this discussion and if no motion was made, the motion was die. He further noted that because it was not an ordinance, the discussion could be brought back up at a later time.

No motion was made to recall the item from the tabled motion.

Continued discussion regarding Corridors along Hwys. 130, 183, & 188 - Signs

Mr. Adam Chapman, Planning Director, addressed the Committee utilizing a handout entitled “Operative Language from draft Lake Corridor’s Sign Code” [copy filed with backup materials] and gave a brief update.

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Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to refer to full Council on the second meeting in January 2021 for establishment of lake corridor signage standards.

Discussion continued to include operative language and prohibitive signs and the right of appeal to BZA to be included on the second meeting in January 2021.

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Elliott, it was approved 3 – 0, to refer to full Council on the second meeting in January 2021 for establishment of lake corridor signage standards.

Discussion on regulations regarding architectural design elements along certain corridors in Oconee County – Mr. Adam Chapman

Mr. Chapman addressed the Committee utilizing a handout entitled “Design standards pertaining to specified corridors in Oconee County” [copy filed with backup materials] and noted this is two design protocols for two different kind of sets of corridors within the County. At a previous meeting, he noted the Committee had given five different corridors and the Planning Commission added three more that needed to be addressed throughout the County.

Discussion continued to include but not limited to:

- Design, traffic safety, signs, etc.
- Corridor overlay
- Safety & design standards
- Citizen initiated zoning
- Community involvement and interest
- South Carolina Department of Transportation [SCDOT] Standards

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 3 – 0, to refer to full Council on the second meeting in January 2021 for establishment of traffic corridor design standards.

Adjourn:

Mr. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council