



MINUTES
PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
June 1, 2021

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 [except Mr. Davis], as well as County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, & Clerk to Council, Katie D. Smith, present.

STAFF PRESENT: Annie Caggiano, Economic Alliance President

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 / The Journal & Dick Mangrum / 101.7 WGOG

Call to Order:

Mr. Cain called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 2 – 0, to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2021 meeting as presented.

2010 – 2020 Collision and Injury Report Presentation

Mr. Mike Smith, Planning Commission Chairman, addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Roadway Collisions, Injuries, and Fatalities in Oconee County 2010 – 2020” [copy filed with backup materials] and gave a brief presentation.

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to request the Planning Commission to develop code change recommendations to implement safety improvements.

Discussion continued to include:

- Pilot requirements on the busiest corridors
- Acceleration and deceleration lanes
- Limiting curb cuts

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Cain, it was approved 2 – 0, to request the Planning Commission to develop code change recommendations to implement safety improvements.

A video recording of this meeting is available at www.oconeesc.com. Meetings have been live-streamed beginning January 17, 2017. Brought to you by Your Oconee.

Discussion Items

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

Discussion regarding litter clean-up and education programs, including incentivized initiatives, and intergovernmental and public-private solutions

Ms. Brock addressed the Committee utilizing a handout entitled “Pick up Pickens” [copy filed with backup materials] and noted this would be used as a guiding document. She noted the idea is to choose eligible, non-profit organizations to compete in litter pickups annually. She noted organizations that would be eligible include non-profit organizations, schools, businesses, or civic groups, must have been in existence at least one year, must have letter from Department of Revenue, must have a 501c3, must submit their latest audit and a w-9 to the County, must have liability insurance, must agree to sign waivers to participate in the pickup program, and cannot be affiliated with any local political party. She continued to note the applicants would apply for a certain number of miles and the applications would be forwarded to the appropriate personnel. She further noted that the County is responsible for the evaluation of the application process to notify the applicants if it was approved, to designate the specific area of pickup, and receive all liability waivers for the organizations. Additionally, she noted the verification process is where all the segments will be cleaned up one time annually and may be picked up by this volunteer organization at least quarterly throughout the year and within a 12-month period, their pickup weight would be recorded and kept by the County and at the end of the period, you would have a winner that would get a designated amount more than the others and each of the organizations are eligible to receive funding from the County for their pickups. Discussion continued.

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 2 – 0, to direct staff to begin implementation of the program and bring back to full Council for presentation.

Discussion regarding Quarter 1 & Quarter 2 Economic Activity Update

Ms. Annie Caggiano, Economic Alliance President, addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Planning & Economic Development Committee” [copy filed with backup materials] and gave a brief overview of the organizational update.

The Committee took no action on this matter.

Discussion regarding Bailey Bill recommendations

Ms. Annie Caggiano, Economic Alliance President, addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Planning & Economic Development Committee” [copy filed with backup materials] and gave a brief presentation regarding the Bailey Bill recommendations.

Discussion continued to include:

- Opportunity zones
- Census designated areas
- If the Committee chooses to move forward, the recommendation would be to coordinate with the County Attorney to work on an ordinance and bring back to full Council

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 2 – 0, to direct staff to coordinate with the County Attorney to work on an ordinance for the Bailey Bill and bring back to full Council.

Adjourn:

Mr. Elliott made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council