



MINUTES

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

March 21, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Julian Davis III, District IV, Chairman

Mr. John Elliott, District I

Mr. Don Mize, District III

The Planning and Economic Development Committee met at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Oconee Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, as well as County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, and Jennifer C. Adams, Clerk to Council, present.

Staff Present: James Coley / Planning and Zoning Director
Jamie Gilbert / Economic Development 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 / The Journal

Call to Order

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 4:31p.m.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Davis asked for a moment of silence prior to the Invocation by County Council Chaplain.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain

Mr. Root, County Council Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mize, approved 3 - 0, to approve the August 16, 2022 minutes as presented.

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Discussion & Action Regarding the Following Items

Planning and Code Enforcement Update

Mr. James Coley, Oconee County Planning and Zoning Director, addressed the Committee utilizing a power point presentation entitled, “Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement 2022 Review” [copy in backup].

Mr. Coley provided an update to the Committee regarding the Planning and Zoning Department’s year-to-date plat reviews, subdivision applications, residential building permits, variances and special exemptions and buffer permits, along with Code Enforcement caseload updates.

Mr. Davis commended code enforcement and law enforcement on their partnership and willingness to work together.

Mr. Elliott inquired about the Planning and Zoning staffing needs.

Mr. Coley informed the Committee that the Planning and Zoning Department is understaffed and actively trying to recruit help through various avenues.

Economic Development Update

Mr. Jamie Gilbert, Oconee County Economic Development Director, addressed the Committee utilizing a handout entitled, “Economic Development Update” [copy in backup].

Mr. Gilbert addressed the following topics briefly to the Committee:

1. 2022 Economic Development Highlights
2. 2023 Business Development Activity

Mr. Elliott inquired about internet services available at the Golden Corner Commerce Park.

Mr. Gilbert noted there is fiber available through AT&T and Upcountry Fiber.

Mr. Davis extended his thanks to Mr. Gilbert and his staff, noting he is looking forward to what 2023 may bring.

Adjourn:

Mr. Elliott made a motion to adjourn, approved unanimously at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council

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