MINUTES
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
October 06, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Mr. James, Chair, District IV
Mr. Mize, District III
Mr. Hart, District V

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 [Mr. James absent], as well as County Administrator Stewart Jones, Deputy Administrator Phil Shirley, County Attorney Rob Chumley , and Jennifer C. Adams, Clerk to Council, present.

Staff Present: None

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.

Press Present: None

Call to Order
Mr. Mize called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m.

Moment of Silence
Mr. Mize asked for a moment of silence prior to the invocation.

Invocation
Mr. Chumley gave the invocation.

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

Approval of Minutes
Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mize, approved 2 - 0, to approve the August 18, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Discussion & Action Regarding the Following Items

Presentation regarding Mid-Rise Wood Frame Construction – Mr. Derek Hodgin
(Due to technical difficulties, Mr. Hodgin was unable to utilize his power point presentation but did provide a hand out entitled, "Understanding the Risks of Mid-Rise Wood Frame Construction" [copy filed in backup])

Mr. Hodgin provided the Committee with an extended overview of the risks of mid-rise wood frame construction that included specifics related to what could go wrong with these types of structures and the possible cost to repair.

As requested by Mr. Mize, Mr. Hodgin clarified that any structure over 3 stories high, that is constructed with 2 x 4 framing and only meet the bare minimum building code, are considered mid-rise wood frame construction.

Mr. Hart and Mr. Mize extended their thanks to Mr. Hodgin for his presentation.

Adjourn:

Mr. Hart made a motion to adjourn, approved unanimously, at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council