



OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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MINUTES

6:00 PM, MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

Members Present: Mr. Childress
Mr. Honea
Mr. Lyle
Mr. Kisker
Ms. McPhail
Ms. Ownbey
Mr. Richards

Staff Present: Josh Stephens, Deputy Director of Community Development
Matthew Anspach, Planner
Adam Artigliere, Esq., County Attorney

Media Present: Steven Bradley, The Journal

1. Call to Order

Mr. Anspach called the meeting to order. 6:00 PM

2. Approval of Minutes for Monday, December 8, 2014

Mr. Honea motioned to approve the minutes from December 8, 2014.

Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment for Agenda and Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes)

Ms. Jean Jennings gave her concerns over the update to the Agricultural Residential zoning district that was up for recommendation to Council.

4. Election of Officers

Mr. Honea nominated Ms. McPhail to serve as chair for the Commission.

Mr. Lyle seconded the nomination. The nomination passed unanimously.

Mr. Lyle nominated Mr. Honea to serve as vice-chair for the Commission. Mr. Childress seconded the nomination.

Mr. Ownbey nominated himself to serve as vice-chair. Mr. Kisker seconded the motion.

Mr. Honea withdrew his nomination for vice-chair.

The nomination for Mr. Ownbey as vice-chair passed unanimously.

5. Establishment of 2015 Regular Meeting Schedule

Mr. Anspach presented the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month as designated for the Commissions regular meeting schedule.

Mr. Richards remarked that it would be more ideal to have the regular meeting schedule on the 2nd and 4th Mondays instead so that it would not be too close to the Council meetings each month. This would give the Commission time to look at anything the Council may propose for recommendation.

Mr. Richards motioned to establish the regular meeting schedule to the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, starting February 23.

Mr. Ownbey seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-1 with Mr. Lyle dissenting.

6. Ordinance 2015-09 to Amend the Noise Ordinance

Mr. Stephens presented to the Commission the proposed changes to the Noise Ordinance which would address “warehousing and distribution” uses.

Mr. Honea motioned to recommend that County Council adopt the proposed changes to the Noise Ordinance.

Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Ordinance 2015-08 to Amend Setbacks and the Agricultural Residential District

Ms. McPhail explained that Item 7 would require a motion to bring it off of the table.

Mr. Honea motioned to bring Item 7 off of the table.

Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stephens gave a recap on the situation with the regulations pertaining to the Agricultural Residential Zoning District.

Mr. Honea motioned to amend the ordinance 2015-08 by removing section “1“, which deals with the Vegetative Buffer, from Chapter 32, Article 6, Section 32-214.

Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Honea motion to recommend that Council adopt Ordinance 2015-08 “as amended” to County Council.

Mr. Lyle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion of the 2015 Review of the Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Anspach briefed the Commission about the state law concerning their duties concerning review of the comprehensive (comp) plan.

Mr. Stephens encouraged the members to look back over work previously done by the subcommittee in fall of 2014 concerning the comp plan.

Mr. Richards motioned to direct staff to come up with a summary of the comp plan review thus far and ways to recommend reviewing the comp plan going forward.

Mr. Lyle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Establishment of Priorities for 2015

Mr. Anspach explained that staff would request that the Commission members put together short lists of what they would see as priorities to be looked at for the calendar year 2015 by the next scheduled meeting if not before.

Ms. McPhail recommended to the Commission that everyone take some time and look over the Comprehensive Plan to help develop some ideas for priorities.

Mr. Anspach suggested that the Commission formulate their lists to a total of about 3 to 5 priorities.

10. Old Business

Mr. Stephens updated the Commission on the progress of the Agricultural Advisory Committee in regards to its conceptual development. He continued to talk about

agriculture in the upstate by informing the members about the Ten at the Top meetings concerning Food Systems Planning. He invited the members to attend the next meeting.

Ms. McPhail mentioned that the Food Systems Planning meeting hosted by Ten at the Top was well worth everyone's time based on her experience at the meetings. She also insisted that it is important that Oconee County not be left behind as the group moves forward in the involvement process of upstate agriculture.

11. New Business

Mr. Anspach presented the two new members of the Commission, Mr. Kisker and Mr. Ownbey.

They both expressed their delight in being a part of the Commission.

12. Adjourn

Mr. Richards motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Honea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. 6:55 PM

Anyone wishing to submit written comments to the Planning Commission can send their comments to the Planning Department by mail or by emailing them to the email address below. Please Note: If you would like to receive a copy of the agenda via email please contact our office, or email us at: jstephens@oconeesc.com.