



OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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MINUTES

6:00 PM, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

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

Staff Present: Josh Stephens, Deputy Director
Matthew Anspach, Planner
David Root, County Attorney
William Brewer, Planning Intern

Media Present: Stephen Bradley, The Journal

1. Call to Order

Mr. Ownbey called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes for January 4, 2016

Mr. Honea motioned to approve the minutes from January 4, 2016.

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

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

Mr. Jim Codner presented his opinions on amending specifications on minimum lot size within the Lake Overlay.

Mr. Tom Markovich presented his opinions on amending Chapter 32, Article 1.

4. Discussion on Comprehensive Plan – Population Element

Mr. Stephens stated the Population was still being drafted and would be presented at the next meeting.

5. Discussion on Comprehensive Plan Draft – Natural Resources Element

Mr. Stephens presented to the Commission a revised draft of the Natural Resources Element for consideration and discussion.

The Commission unanimously approved the revisions to the document.

6. Discussion on Comprehensive Plan Draft – Cultural Resources Element

Mr. Stephens presented to the Commission a revised draft of the Cultural Resources Element for consideration and discussion.

The Commission approved the revisions to the document.

7. Ordinance 2016-04 Chapter 32 Article 1 Amendments

Mr. Stephens presented a draft of Ordinance 2016-04 for the Commission to consider.

Mr. Richards motioned to direct staff to amend the article with the County Attorney in regarding the notification provisions. Mr. Honea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Ordinance 2016-05 Chapter 32 Article 2 Amendments

Mr. Stephens presented a draft of Ordinance 2016-05 for the Commission to consider.

Mr. Honea motioned for Council to adopt Ordinance 2016-05. Ms. McPhail seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Ordinance 2016-06 Chapter 32 Article 5 Amendments

Mr. Stephens presented a draft of Ordinance 2016-06 for the Commission to consider.

Ms. McPhail motioned for Council to adopt Ordinance 2016-05. Mr. Honea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Ordinance 2016-07 Chapter 32 Article 7 Amendments

Mr. Stephens presented a draft of Ordinance 2016-07 for the Commission to consider.

Mr. Honea motioned for Council to adopt Ordinance 2016-07. Mr. Kisker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Ordinance 2016-08 Chapter 38 Various Amendments

Mr. Stephens presented a draft of Ordinance 2016-08 for the Commission to consider.

After lengthy discussion concerning proposed provisions within the Lake Overlay section and agricultural zoning, the Commission took the following actions:

Ms. McPhail motioned to amend Sec. 38-8.2.d in accordance with edits made to Chapter 32, Article 1. Mr. Honea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Richards motioned to direct staff to explore the creation of additional agricultural zoning districts. Mr. Honea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Richards motioned to remove the proposed complaint section from Section 38-11.1. Mr. Kisker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Richards motioned to remove the proposed language concerning lot size and setbacks within Section 38-11.1. Mr. Kisker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 – 2 with Mr. Honea and Ms. McPhail dissenting.

12. Continued Discussion regarding 2016 Priorities

Mr. Stephens presented a list of priorities, based on input received from the Commission, for the Commission to consider.

Mr. Kisker motioned to approve the following list as priorities for 2016:

- Complete the Review/Update of the Comprehensive Plan
- Complete the Review of Chapter 32 and Chapter 38 in the Code of Ordinances
- Begin developing and implementing policies recommended under *Destination Oconee*
- Define *Appalachian Rustic Elegance*
- Decide on solutions for County-wide Recycling services

Ms. McPhail seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Discussion Concerning Meeting Schedule

Mr. Stephens presented the options for the meeting schedule of 2016. The Commission agreed to maintain the previously established meeting schedule.

14. Old Business

No old business was presented for discussion.

15. New Business

Mr. Stephens presented the next steps in the at-large that became vacant with the resignation of Mr. David Lyle.

16. Adjourn

Mr. Richards motioned to adjourn. Mr. Kisker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:56.