



MINUTES

6:00 PM, MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

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

Staff Present: Josh Stephens, Deputy Director
Matthew Anspach, Planner I
William Brewer, Planning Intern
Richard Blackwell, Executive Director, OEA

Media Present: Ray Chandler, Anderson Independent
Stephen Bradley, The Journal

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

Ms. McPhail motioned to approve the minutes from February 1, 2016. Mr. Honea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Johnson abstaining.

Ms. McPhail motioned to approve the minutes from February 25, 2016. Mr. Honea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Johnson abstaining.

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

Mr. Jim Codner presented his ideas on improving the public notice signs for Board of Zoning Appeals meetings. He also mentioned that a future land use map should be a guide for how the County would make any decisions regarding newly proposed zoning districts.

Mr. Markovich presented his ideas on the education portion of the Population Element. He also discussed ideas on performance standards in Chapter 32, Article 1. He also mentioned that the information on cluster development dated back to 1979.

4. Mr. Wayne McCall, District 2 Council Representative, to speak on Recycling

Mr. McCall presented his ideas on Recycling and how there may be different options to help the County achieve its recycling goals.

5. Mr. Richard Blackwell, Executive director of the Oconee Economic Alliance, to provide an economic development update

Mr. Blackwell gave a presentation on the duties of the Oconee Economic Alliance, the recent economic development accomplishments, and future prospects.

6. Election of Office of Vice-Chair

Ms. Richards motioned to elect Mr. Kisker as Vice-Chair. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Appointment of a Commission Member to serve on Capital Project Advisory Committee

Ms. McPhail motioned to elect Mr. Johnson to serve on the Capital Project Advisory Committee. Mr. Kisker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion on Comprehensive Plan Draft – Population Element

Mr. Anspach presented the findings and updates to the Population Element for Planning Commission review.

7. Ordinance 2016-04 Chapter 32 Article 1 Amendments

Mr. Stephens presented the revised draft, per the direction of the Commission to consider.

Ms. McPhail motioned to approve the amendment for County Council consideration. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion regarding Agricultural Zoning

Mr. Stephens presented an overview of Agricultural Zoning in Oconee County for the Planning Commission to consider for future land use.

9. Discussion regarding Residential Zoning

Mr. Johnson motioned to table items 9 and 10 for the next meeting. Ms. McPhail seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Ordinance 2016-08 Chapter 38 Various Amendments

[Tabled for next meeting]

11. Old Business

No old business was presented or discussed at the meeting.

12. New Business

Mr. Stephens stated that items 9 and 10 would be on the agenda for the next meeting. He stated that the next meeting would be on March 21, 2016.

13. Adjourn

Ms. McPhail motioned to adjourn. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.