



OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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MINUTES

6:00 PM, MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

Members Present: Mr. Ownbey, Chairman
 Mr. Johnson
 Ms. McPhail
 Mr. Richards
 Mr. Honea
 Mr. Gambrell

Staff Present: Matthew Anspach, Planner 1
 Josh Stephens, Deputy Director – Community Development
 David Root, County Attorney

Media Present: None

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 June 6, 2016. Mr. Richard seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 – 0 – 1 with Mr. Gambrell abstaining.

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

Mr. Jerry Barnett expressed his opposition to language concerning Hwy 11 found in Chapter 32 Article 4 of Oconee County’s Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Tom Markovich stated cell towers regulations should be incorporated as an overlay in the zoning ordinance.

4. Ordinance 2016-08 Chapter 32 Article 4 Communication Towers Amendments

Mr. Stephens and Mr. Root discussed a variety of matters for the Commission to consider when addressing this particular matter.

Discussions amongst the Commission ensued with agreement as to what the ordinance should address being as follows:

- Creating class system of towers
- Linking height to permitting provisions
- Equal protection issues
- Possibly moving these standards into the county's zoning ordinance
- Allow flexibility to account for new technology

Mr. Stephens and Mr. Root stated they would get to work on these issues and report to the Commission.

5. Ordinance 2016-20 Chapter 38 Amendments

Mr. Stephens presented the contents of Ordinance 2016-20 for the Commission.

After discussion, Ms. McPhail made a motion to recommend County Council take first reading of Ordinance 2016-20, as presented. Mr. Honea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McPhail made motion directing staff to draft a new name for the Control Free District, to show the Control Free District in the Zoning Use Matrix. Mr. Honea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Old Business

None.

7. New Business

It was agreed upon by the Commission that discussion concerning the Control Free District and Appalachian Rustic Elegance would be on the agenda for the 7/18/2016 meeting.

8. Adjourn

Mr. Richards motioned to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.