

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Minutes

5:00 pm- Monday, August 03, 2020
Council Chambers - Oconee County Administrative
Complex

Members Present

Frankie Pearson
Mike Smith
Gwen McPhail
Alex Vassey
Mike Johnson
Andy Gramling
Stacy Lyles

Staff Present

Adam Chapman
Vivian Kompier

Media Present

None

- 1. Call to Order** – Ms. McPhail called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.
- 2. Invocation**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items** – Mr. Barnett spoke about the silent majority and property rights.

5. Commission member comment – None

6. Approval of minutes from 07/06/2020 – Mr. Pearson made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Smith seconded and was approved 7/0.

7. Recreational Vehicle Park draft ordinance-

Citizen comment – Mr. Barnett stated that there have been more RV's sold recently than in history with the lack of affordable housing.

Vote –

Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the RV Park ordinance as presented and forward it to County Council for their consideration, seconded by Mr. Vassey.

Ms. Lyles amended the motion to change 32-705 item j to read "The proposed names of the RV park and internal road system as applicable." Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Approve 6/0 with Mr. Gramling abstaining.

Mr. Smith amended his original motion to accept the RV Park ordinance as presented, with the correction as noted above, and to forward it to County Council for their consideration.

Mr. Vassey seconded and the motion passed 5/2 with Mr. Gramling and Ms. Lyles voting against.

8. Development Standards discussion -

Citizen comment – Mr. Barnett went on to explain that government adds 25% to construction fees and those fees get pushed on to the buyer making buying a home more expensive.

Discussion – Mr. Smith asked who will be doing the maintenance on the screens/buffer/trees? Mr. Smith also question the 3:1 ration. Mr. Pearson asked that definitions be added. Mr. Chapman will revisit these items.

Vote – None

9. Junkyard/Scrap-yard discussion –

Citizen comment – Mr. Barnett raised the question "Junkyard according to who?"

Discussion – Mr. Chapman provided the South Carolina statute on junkyards and Greenville County's statute as well to start the discussion. There was much discussion as to whether or not this is something that needs the Commission's attention. The Commission will revisit the priorities that were put in place back in January/February.

Vote – None

10. U.S. Census update – Mr. Chapman gave an update on the Census.

11. Adjourn – The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:18pm.

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