

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

415 South Pine Street - Walhalla, SC



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Due to the Novel Coronavirus pandemic and the ongoing state of emergency, in-person attendance at this Commission meeting by members of the general public will be limited. Attendance will be limited to twenty percent of the stated maximum occupancy, which equates to thirty-four (34) persons (including Council members, other elected officials, and staff). Attendees will be required to sit in designated seats, appropriately spaced. In-person attendance will be allowed on a "first-come" basis.

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Minutes

5:00 pm- Thursday, March 1, 2021

Council Chambers - Oconee County Administrative Complex

Members Present

Frankie Pearson

Mike Smith

Dave Nix

Alex Vassey

Mike Johnson

Gary Gaulin

Pat Williams

Staff Present

Adam Chapman

Vivian Kompier

Media Present

Lauren Pierce

1. Call to Order – Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.
2. Invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Public Comment for non-agenda items – None
5. Commission member comment – Mr. Smith asked the Commission members to please save the list of the 2021 to do list for future reference. We will work through these strategies and priorities that we've set we will have to replace them.
6. Approval of minutes: 02/01/2021 – Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes with two changes. 1) #8 to read Mr. Pearson made a motion to send a letter to the Sheriff through County Council" 2) Mr. Gaulin changing the wording from recusing to abstained. Mr. Pearson seconded and was approved 7/0.
- ~~7. Public Hearing for ordinance 2021-06
"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAFFIC CORRIDOR DESIGN STANDARDS, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO."
(Recalled by County Council on 2/16/2021)~~
8. Housing discussion – Guest speakers: David Gully & Brad Kisker.

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Mr. Gully explained that there a few obstacles that come up when thinking about workforce or starter housing and they are regulations, sewer and topography.

Mr. Kisker mentioned that developers can't seem to come here to develop because the income is too low.

Mr. Smith made a motion to direct staff to collect the information received and develop a report.

Seconded by Mr. Gaulin and approved 7/0.

9. I-85 Overlay discussion – Mr. Gaulin made a motion to ask staff to:

- 1) Further identify safety/traffic issues, as they relate to the overall duties and interests of the Oconee County Planning Commission, including the identification of and contact information for stakeholders.
- 2) Research broad strategies of possible solutions.
- 3) Identify solution in tight of ways and outside of right of ways.
- 4) Update/report essential findings with valuable details and recommendations to the Oconee County Planning Commission within an acceptable time frame.

Mr. Nix seconded the motion and was approved 7/0.

10. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 5:45pm.

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 achapman@oconeesc.com.