

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Minutes

5:00 pm- Monday, August 16, 2022

Council Chambers - Oconee County Administrative Complex

Members

Gary Gaulin

Mike Johnson

David Nix

Frankie Pearson

Mike Smith

Alex Vassey

Pat Williams

Staff Present

James Coley, Planning Director

David Root, County Attorney

Media Present – None

1. Call to order – Mr. Pearson called meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
2. Invocation was led by Mr. Nix.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Johnson.
4. Approval of minutes from August 1, 2022 – Mr. Pearson made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Williams. Approved unanimously 7/0.
5. Public comment (non-agenda items): None
6. Commission member comments
Mr. Smith commented on the available funding for internet and making new maps to place internet
Mr. Williams commented on the price of housing and the statistics included in the back up information. Discussion followed.
7. Staff comments:
Mr. Coley reviewed the subdivision and lot/ unit application data that was requested by the commission.
8. Curb Cut / Aux Lane Ordinance Revision (HWY 123)
 - a. Public Comment: None
 - b. Discussion/Vote:
Mr. Root mentioned going to

Mr. Smith motioned that the planning commission accept the curb cut revisions suggested by Mr. Root and that he incorporate them and forward them to the county council for their consideration. Seconded by Mr. Gaulin. Approved Unanimously 7/0. Discussion followed.

9. Sidewalk Allowed in Right-of-Way

- a. Public comment: None
- b. Discussion/Vote:

Mr. Root reviewed Chapter 36-3(q) provided in the backup information.

Mr. Smith moved that the planning commission accept the sidewalk revisions suggested by Mr. Root and then he incorporate them in chapter 26-3 and forward them to the county council for their consideration. Seconded by Mr. Gaulin. Discussion followed. Approved 4/3.

10. Subdivision Subcommittee – Development Standards

- a. Public Comment:

Mr. Clay Vassey commented on the growth and development in Oconee County. Spoke about areas that have put moratoriums in place and how it has pushed neighborhoods out of that area and into this area.

- b. Discussion/Vote:

Mr. Smith summarized the previous subdivision subcommittee meeting and all that was discussed. Mr. Smith moved that the subdivision subcommittee be discontinued. Seconded by Mr. Nix. Approved unanimously 7/0.

Mr. Pearson discussed the density within each zoning classification. Discussion followed

11. Junkyards

- a. Public comment: None
- b. Discussion/Vote:
- c. Mr. Smith spoke about previous meetings and mentioned requirements for existing junkyards. Discussion followed.
- d. Mr. Gaulin made a motion to accept the findings section with the addition of Can and Can be to items 4 and 7 respectively from the findings section of the Pickens County Junkyard Ordinance (Sec10-71), second by Mr. Pearson. Approved 7-0

Mr. Smith moved that staff explore feasibility of grants for junkyard fencing and screening. Seconded by Mr. Williams. Approved unanimously 7/0.

12. Adjourn – The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:15pm.