



OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mike Johnson, Chairman, At-Large
Teresa Spicer, District 1
Joshua Owens, District 4
Mickey Haney, At-Large

David Nix, Vice Chair, District 2
Brit Adams, District 3
Via Phone - Gary Gaulin, District 5

STAFF

James Coley
Elise Dunaway

MEDIA

Lauren Pierce

MINUTES

6:00 pm, Monday, August 19, 2024

Council Chambers - Oconee County 415 S. Pine St, Walhalla SC 29691

1. Call to Order – Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.
2. Invocation was led by Mr. Root.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Haney.
4. Approval of minutes from July 15, 2024 – Mr. Owens made a motion to approve the minutes; Seconded by Mr. Nix. Approved unanimously.
5. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items (4 minutes per person): N/A
6. Commission Member Comments
Mr. Nix and Mr. Johnson thanked the public for attending the meeting.
7. Staff Comments
Mr. Coley shares two proposed subdivisions - Phase 2 of Shadowood and Falls Park at McKinney Creek.
8. Discussion regarding lot setbacks, with particular reference to flag lots and irregularly shaped lots
 - a. Public comment: N/A
 - b. Discussion/ vote
Mr. Nix made a motion to allow Mr. Markovich to speak. ; Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Nix made a motion to strike minimum length of the pole of the flag lot;
Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously approved.

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Mr. Haney made a motion to strike the first sentence in item 1b; Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Nix made a motion to select the first “e” example; Seconded by Mr. Adams. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Nix made a motion that the minimum flag pole width be 22’ based on a 12’ right-of-way plus 5’ on either side and a maximum of 40’ based on Chapter 26 items and number of dwellings limited on the flag lot; Seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion Passes 6/1 Mrs. Spicer opposed.

Mr. Johnson made a motion that Mr. Root take the document from red letter to something that can be reviewed and sent to County Council; Seconded by Mr. Nix. Unanimously approved.

9. Keep Oconee Beautiful- Scenic Highway Proposal, HWY 130.

a. Public Comment

Mark Torres spoke in support of HWY 130 becoming a scenic highway.
Tommy Pittman spoke against HWY 130 becoming a scenic highway.
Kent Wigington spoke against HWY 130 becoming a scenic highway.
Watson Johnson spoke in support of HWY 130 becoming a scenic highway.
Martha Steele spoke in support of HWY 130 becoming a scenic highway.
Karl Steiner spoke in support of HWY 130 becoming a scenic highway.
Sharon Hamilton spoke in support of HWY 130 becoming a scenic highway.

Mr. Coley read 8 emails in support of HWY 130 becoming a scenic highway.

b. Discussion/ vote

Open discussion among Mr. Phil Soper and the members.

Mrs. Spicer made a motion to send the application to County Council with a recommendation for approval; Seconded by Mr. Gaulin. Motion failed 3-4 (Mr. Johnson, Mr. Adams, Mr. Nix, and Mr. Haney opposed).

10. Adjourn – meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.