



## OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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### COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

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

### STAFF

James Coley  
Elise Dunaway  
Kyle Reid

### MEDIA

None

### MINUTES

6:00 pm, Thursday, October 7, 2024  
Council Chambers - Oconee County 415 S. Pine St, Walhalla SC 29691

1. Call to Order – Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. Invocation was led by Mr. Nix.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Johnson.
4. Approval of minutes from September 16, 2024 – Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the minutes; Seconded by Mr. Haney. Approved unanimously.
5. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items (4 minutes per person):
6. Commission Member Comments:  
Mr. Gaulin appreciated the comradery in the community after being affected by Hurricane Helene.  
Mr. Nix expressed his disappointment in the lack of audience.  
Mr. Johnson brought up the effects of Hurricane Helene and preparation for potential future events
7. Staff Comments:  
Mr. Coley reminded the member that there is only one meeting in November due to early voting. The meeting is on November 18, 2024 at 6:00PM.
8. Discussion -as directed by County Council, to review the Traffic Impact Studies ordinance, including who selects the engineer, and whether the County has the potential to be stuck with the bill for subdivisions with proposed access from County roads.
  - a. Public comment
  - b. Discussion/ vote

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Mr. Nix made a motion to request Mr. Root draft the proposed changes that were suggested by Council and bring and back to Planning commission for further discussion. Seconded by Mrs. Spicer Motion Failed 2/4. Mr. Adams, Mr. Haney, Mr. Nix, and Mr. Johnson opposed.

Mr. Nix made a motion to allow Mr. Tom Markovich to speak. Motion Passed 6/1 Mrs. Spicer opposed.

Mr. Markovich spoke regarding the ordinance and how it evolved out of a settlement in a lawsuit with the county in which he was involved.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to recommend to council that nothing change in the ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Nix. Motion Withdrawn.

Mr. Haney made a motion that Mr. Root determine a way to include the SCDOT ARMS Manual in Section 26-5b so it reflects that should be the document of reference. Motion withdrawn.

Mr. Johnson Made a motion to send the reviewed document back to county council with the recommendation of no changes. Seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion Passes 4/2 Ms. Spicer and Mr. Gaulin opposed.

9. Adjourn – the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.