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AGENDA

6:00 pm, Monday, January 6, 2025
Council Chambers - Oconee County 415 S Pine St, Walhalla SC 29691

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of minutes from December 2, 2024
5. Public Comment for *Non-Agenda Items* (4 minutes per person)
6. Commission Member Comments
7. Discussion regarding the Scenic Highway Ordinance and potential changes or amendments.
 - a. Public Comment
 - b. Discussion/ vote
8. Discussion regarding road name changing procedures and the role of Planning Commission.
 - a. Public Comment
 - b. Discussion
9. Adjourn



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STAFF

James Coley
Elise Dunaway

MINUTES

6:00 pm, Monday, December 2, 2024
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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. Adams.
4. Approval of minutes from November 18, 2024 – Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the minutes; Seconded by Mr. Owens. Approved Unanimously.
5. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items (4 minutes per person):
Mr. Perry Smith thanked the Planning Commission for the work they accomplished in 2024.
6. Commission Member Comments:
Mr. Nix voiced his appreciation for the public in attendance and hopes for more public attendance in 2025.

Mr. Johnson gave an overview of the commission accomplishments in 2024.
7. Staff Comments: N/A
8. Discussion regarding the Planning Commission Calendar for 2025.
 - a. Public comment:
 - b. Discussion/ vote:
Mr. Nix made a motion to accept the Planning Commission meeting calendar for 2025; Seconded by Mr. Owens. Approved unanimously.
9. Adjourn – the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM.

James Coley

From: Mickey Haney <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 6:40 AM
To: James Coley
Subject: Scenic Highway proposed amendment

1. 26-153. - Designation process.

(a)

Applications shall be submitted in writing to the planning department by a sponsoring agency, property owner, or group of property owners of a parcel or parcels with a combined ownership of property that adjoins the petition highway. No parcel may be included within the scenic highway petition that is not contiguous to at least one other parcel that is included in the scenic highway petition. Contiguous properties are those properties that are adjacent to one another and share the highway named in the scenic highway petition.

(b)

Reserved

(c)

All persons owning a legal interest in the subject(s) must sign the petition for the scenic highway designation.

(d)

Upon receipt of an application for the designation of a highway as a scenic highway, the planning director, or their designee, shall forward the application to the staff liaison for the planning commission, who shall then place review of the application on the next appropriate planning commission agenda.

(e)

The planning commission shall review applications for compliance with the criteria for designating a scenic highway established in this article (see [section 26-156](#), appendix B). Upon completion of the review, the planning commission shall by vote determine a recommendation regarding the designation of the subject highway. The planning commission's recommendation shall be forwarded to county council. In the event county council determines the proposed highway merits designation as a scenic highway, it shall so indicate its decision by ordinance.

(f)

Any highway proposed for designation as a scenic highway that is rejected for designation by county council, may not be proposed again for a period of one year from the date of publication of the decision.
(Ord. No. 2017-22, § 1(Exh. A), 9-19-2017; Ord. No. 2019-10, § 1(Exh. A), 3-5-2019)

This is similar verbiage that is used in section 38–8.5 small area zoning.

S.C. Code Ann. § 6-29-1200:

(B) A commission may, after reasonable notice through a newspaper having general circulation in which the commission is created and exists, change the name of a street or road within the boundary of its territorial jurisdiction:

(1) when there is duplication of names or other conditions which tend to confuse the traveling public or the delivery of mail, orders, or messages;

(2) when it is found that a change may simplify marking or giving of directions to persons seeking to locate addresses; or

(3) upon any other good and just reason that may appear to the commission.

(C) On the name being changed, after reasonable opportunity for a public hearing, the planning commission shall issue its certificate designating the change, which must be recorded in the office of the register of deeds or clerk of court, and the name changed and certified is the legal name of the street or road.