



MINUTES
REAL ESTATE, FACILITIES & LAND MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
September 12, 2011

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Mr. Archie Barron, Chairman, District III
Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

The Real Estate, Facilities & Land Management Committee met Monday, September 12, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present. Administrator Scott Moulder & Elizabeth G. Hulse Clerk to Council present.

Press: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeesc.com/council]. In addition it was made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio, Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent & Carlos Galarza – Daily Journal

Call to Order: Chairman Barron called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:
Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 3 – 0 to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2011 meeting as presented.

New Business:

Echo Hills Marketing Strategies

Mr. Moulder stated that work is ongoing on this matter but that nothing had yet been finalized nor was it ready for presentation to this committee. Discussion followed.

The committee directed the Administrator to come back to the committee with recommendations for the formation of the advisory committee [comprising 9 members: 2 realtors, 2 commercial members, 2 industry group leaders, 2 citizens with development/marketing background, and one county representative].

Old Business

OCPL / Seneca Property Site / Long Term Care & Maintenance

Mr. Moulder updated the Committee regarding work completed on the site and the ongoing work related to the detention pond. Discussion followed.

The committee took no additional action at this meeting.

Westminster Building on Library Site

Mr. Moulder updated the Committee regarding the demolition of the building and removal of the buried fuel tank and surrounding soil. Discussion followed.

The committee took no additional action at this meeting.

West Union Historic School Demolition / ACOG Request for Assistance

Mr. Moulder noted that he has met with the Mayor and Mr. Dirk Reis, ACOG, offering county assistance with the demolition project / debris removal. He stated that at the present time the county's assistance is not needed. Discussion followed.

The committee took no additional action at this meeting.

RFP for Uses for Old Courthouse & Brown Building

Mr. Moulder stated that the buildings were offered to both the City of Walhalla and Tri County Technical College [Tri County Tech]; noting both were interested. The City identified a need for city services and Tri County Tech wished to establish a business incubator. Mr. Moulder noted that an RFP has been sent out regarding the Old Courthouse with a deadline in December 2011. Discussion followed.

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to authorize the Administrator to work with the Mountain Lakes Small Business Development Corporation to develop a short term lease agreement for currently available space in the Brown Building.

Public Comment

Mr. Bud Lorsch addressed the Committee requesting part of the Old Courthouse for Patriots Hall for possible expansion.

Mr. Charlie Brickett, Patriot's Hall Board Member, addressed the Committee requesting part of the Old Courthouse for Patriots Hall for possible expansion.

Mr. Rocky Anderson, Patriots Hall Board Member, addressed the Committee requesting part of the Old Courthouse for Patriots Hall for possible expansion.

Mr. Spencer Wilson addressed the Committee regarding previous statements that possible credits that could be granted related to the Old Courthouse project demolition costs. Mr. Moulder reiterated that Council stated that they MAY be willing to offer a credit but that there was no guarantee.

Adjourn:

Mr. McCall made a motion, approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:125 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council