



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
January 17, 2017

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Paul Cain, District III
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II
Ms. Edda Cammick, Chairwoman, District I
Mr. Julian Davis III, Vice Chair, District IV
Mr. Glenn Hart, Chair Pro Tem, District V

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Scott Moulder, County Attorney David Root, and Public Information Officer Amanda Brock serving as 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.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Ray Chandler / Anderson Independent & Stephen Bradley / Daily Journal.

Call to Order

Ms. Cammick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment Session

No public comments were made during this meeting.

County Council Response to Public Comment

No Council comments were made during this meeting.

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was requested by Ms. Cammick prior to the Invocation.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain:

Mr. Root, County Council Chaplain gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. McCall led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Cammick noted that the Clerk had been made aware of a typo, and that the typo would be corrected prior to the minutes being filed. Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0 to approve the January 3, 2017 minutes.

Administrator's Report & Agenda Summary

Mr. Moulder briefly reviewed with Council and for the public's benefit specifics related to the following matters before Council at this meeting:

- Affirmation of the Council Strategic Planning Retreat date of February 3, 2017
- An update on assisting the City of Westminster with a recycling facility
- Third Reading of Ordinance 2016-38
- Second Reading of Ordinances: 2016-39; 2016-40
- First Reading of Ordinance 2017-04

Public Hearings for the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2016-38 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS PERTAINING TO **COMMUNICATION TOWERS**, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO"

There were no public comments made, or written statements received, for the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2016-38.

Third & Final Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2016-38

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to approved Ordinance 2016-38.

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2016-39 "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF OCONEE COUNTY PERTAINING TO THE **CAPITAL PROJECTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO"

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to approve Ordinance 2016-39.

Ordinance 2016-40 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 38 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING **SETBACKS**; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO"

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve Ordinance 2016-39.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2017-04 "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OCONEE COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO."

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve Ordinance 2016-39.

Board & Commission Appointments

Oconee Economic Alliance

Ms. Cammick, nominated Mr. Moulder, County Administrator; Mr. Cain as the County Council Representative; and Mr. Sammy Dickson as the At-Large representative on the Oconee Economic Alliance. The nominations were approved unanimously by Council.

Planning Commission

Mr. McCall made a nomination, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Mr. C.W. Richards as the District II representative on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Davis made a nomination, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Mr. Frankie Pearson as the District IV representative on the Planning Commission.

No nominations were made for the District V or the At-Large seat during this meeting.

Board of Zoning Appeals

No nominations were made for the Board of Zoning Appeals seats for Districts II, IV or V. Ms. Cammick made a nomination, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Mr. Josh Lusk as the At-Large representative on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Destination Oconee

Mr. McCall made a nomination, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Mr. Luther Lyle as the District II representative on the Destination Oconee Action Committee.

Mr. Davis made a nomination, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Mr. Matthew Smith as the District IV representative on the Destination Oconee Action Committee.

Mr. Hart made a nomination, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Mr. Bob Hill as the District V representative on the Destination Oconee Action Committee.

Mr. McCall also made a nomination, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Mr. Hal Welch as the At-Large representative on the Destination Oconee Action Committee.

Library Board

Ms. Cammick stated that six (6) At-Large seats needed to be filled on the Oconee County Public Library Board. Ms. Cammick also noted that there were six questionnaires on file for the six (6) open seats, of which three (3) were re-appointment requests, and nominated Lisa Martin, Alisa Suddeth and Kelly Holleman for reappointment. Ms. Cammick also nominated Beverly Brackett, Chanda Morrison and Allison Griffin as new members. The nomination for the six (6) seats was unanimously approved.

Old / Unfinished Business:

Ms. Cammick re-affirmed the time and date for the Strategic Planning Retreat to be held at 8:30 a.m., Friday, February 3, 2017.

New Business:

None discussed at this meeting.

Council Committee Reports:

There were no Council Committee Reports at this meeting.

Executive Session:

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0 to enter into Executive Session for the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

[1] receiving legal advice and discussing a contractual matter related to the use and operation of approximately fifty-eight (58) acres of County-owned property located on Sandifer Blvd., TMS# 252-00-02-003;

*[2] discussing a personnel matter related to the Clerk to Council position; and
[3] discussing an Economic Development matter, Project Entry.*

Council entered Executive Session at 6:24 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0.

Ms. Cammick stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to direct the County Attorney to engage and negotiate with interested parties as discussed in Executive Session related to the use and operation of approximately fifty-eight (58) acres of County-owned property located on Sandifer Blvd., TMS# 252-00-02-003.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to direct the County Administrator to perform necessary pre-employment screening of the potential Council Clerk candidate and present the candidate for possible appointment before Council contingent upon satisfactory screening results.

Adjourn

Mr. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Amanda F. Brock
Interim Clerk to Council