



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY
CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX COMMISSION
February 19, 2014

MEMBERS

Mr. Russell Price, Chairperson, County Representative
Ms. Thelma Miller, Vice Chairperson, City of Walhalla Representative
Ms. Brenda Davis, City of Westminster Representative
Mr. Don Fuller, County Representative
Mr. Glen McPheeters, County Representative
Ms. Mollie Smith, City of Seneca Representative

The Oconee County Capital Sales Tax Commission [CPSTC] met at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all representatives present and Clerk to Council Elizabeth G. Hulse 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. Member of the press present: Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent, Carlos Galarza -The Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Mr. Price called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PROJECT PRESENTATIONS:

Northern Economic Development: Project #10

Mr. Price recognized Mr. Brad Norton, Town of Salem Attorney, who addressed the Commission utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with the project material]

Discussion followed regarding several key aspects of the project to include [question – *answer*]:

- Has the Town discussed with the City of Walhalla a partnership on this project – *Yes, the town is always searching for partnerships within the county*
- The existing infrastructure – who installed the current water lines – *the Town of Salem 25 years ago most likely with some grant funding*
- What are you considering the Rt. 130 business corridor? – *Through downtown and extending to Highway 11*

Recreation & Senior Center: Project #11

Mr. Price recognized Mr. Brad Norton, Town of Salem Attorney, who addressed the Commission utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with the project material]

Discussion followed regarding several key aspects of the project to include [question – *answer*]:

- Is there town support for this project? – *yes, there are many volunteers that will volunteer and provide “sweat equity” for this project if approved*
- How many residents are in the town? – *189 as of the 2010 census, however, the town also serves surrounding communities such as Tamassee, Keowee Key, etc.*
- What other funding options does the town have for this project beside the sale tax? – *the town is not able to fund the project without this funding or grants*
- What do you consider the impact would be on your project if the Commission approves the county’s indoor rec/aquatic center? – *almost none, there is always a need for additional ball fields in the county*

Walhalla Water Plant Upgrade: Project #3

Mr. Price recognized Mr. Scott Parris, Walhalla Public Works, who addressed the Commission regarding key aspects of his project [a PowerPoint presentation was not provided].

Discussion followed regarding several key aspects of the project to include [question – *answer*]:

- Your project outlines upgrades for sludge and you discussed upgrades to the plant and sediment basin – why the difference? – *the plant and sediment basin upgrades are part of the overall upgrade for sludge*
- Your request is for only one half of the needed funds – will the city pay for the balance? – *yes*

Mr. Fuller noted that the portion of the request for “remaining funds for the recreation department” was not within the state law guidelines and would not be considered.

Other Business

Updated Timeline

Mr. Price provided Commission members with an updated Timeline; noting that the Commission is on track with their established schedule.

Proposed March-April Meeting Schedule & Proposed Agenda Topics

Mr. Fuller provided Commission members with a proposed March-April Meeting Schedule outlining proposed agenda topics. Discussion followed. The Commission unanimously adopted the following schedule:

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| March 10, 2014: | Additional Meeting with Entities to address questions/concerns to include citizen questions as well. |
| March 13, 2014: | Public Comment Meeting regarding 10 Potential Projects |
| March 20, 2014: | Final Project Discussion & Scoring Review |
| March 27, 2014: | FINAL ADOPTION OF PROJECT LIST |
| April 10, 2014: | Administrator & Finance Director Presentation re: Funding Options
ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION FOR PROJECT LIST |

Adjourn

Ms. Miller made a motion, approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council