



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
October 2, 2012

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV, Council Chairman
Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I, Vice Chairman
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II, Chairman Pro Tem
Mr. Archie Barron, District III
Mr. Reg Dexter, District V

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, Thomas L. Martin County Attorney, County Administrator Scott Moulder, Assistant Administrator Glenn Breed 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: Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio, Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent, Ashton Hester – Keowee Courier & Mike Eads - The Daily Journal.

Call to Order: Mr. Thrift called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment Session [related to specific agenda items]:

Mr. Tom Markovich addressed Council in support of Ordinance 2012-32 but also voiced concerns regarding the overall building codes chapter of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances.

Public Comment Session [related to non-agenda items]:

Mr. Ed Rumsey addressed Council on the Role of Government.

Mr. Brian Bayliss addressed Council reading from a proposal letter [copy filed with these minutes] regarding hydrogen.

Mr. Steve Sokol addressed Council regarding the proposed Fair Play Village plan.

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed Council in opposition to the Fair Play Village plan and concerns regarding road damage related to the plan.

County Council Response to Public Comment:

Mr. Barron asked the Administrator who paid for the Fair Play Village plan. Mr. Moulder noted that the Economic Development Department paid approximately \$5,000 for the plan. In addition, Mr. Moulder stated that no tax dollars have been allocated for the development of the plan.

Meeting Recess: Mr. Thrift announced a recess at 6:17 p.m.

Meeting Reconvene: Mr. Thrift reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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

Minutes: Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 4 – 0 [Mr. Dexter had not yet arrived to the meeting] to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2012 regular meeting as presented.

Presentation to Council

E-Waste Recycling Program / Mr. Breed & Mr. Swain Still, Solid Waste Director

Mr. Breed and Mr. Still addressed Council utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] and several handouts [copies filed with these minutes] highlighting the following key areas:

- Current South Carolina law
- Listing of Banned Electronics
- What Oconee County is doing now
- What other SC Counties are doing now
- Financial Impact

Discussion followed. *[Mr. Dexter arrived during this presentation and discussion.]*

Council thanked Mr. Breed and Mr. Still for their presentation and asked that they continue to monitor and identify options and report back to Council.

Oconee County Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department & Convention Visitor's Bureau [CVB] Tourism Update / Mr. Phil Shirley, PRT Director & Mr. Ken Sloan, CVB Director

Mr. Sloan and Mr. Shirley addressed Council utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] and several handouts [copies filed with these minutes] highlighting the following key areas:

- CVB Accomplishments
- CVB Ongoing projects
 - Tourism
 - 2010 Spending vs. 2011 Spending
 - South Carolina Travel & Oconee County trends
- Tourism Impact
- Tourism Tax Relief
- ATAX Revenues [state and local]
- ATAX Inventory

Discussion followed. Council thanked Mr. Sloan and Mr. Shirley for their presentation and hard work noting that it is evident that their efforts to increase travel to Oconee County is making a difference in the county.

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:

- ✓ Ordinance 2012-26
- ✓ Ordinance 2012-30
- ✓ Ordinance 2012-20
- ✓ Ordinance 2012-22
- ✓ Ordinance 2012-32

In addition, Mr. Moulder reviewed the following Action Items before Council.

1. Golden Corner Commerce Park Master Plan Approval
2. Sheriff / FY12 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant / \$21,479

Public Hearings for the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2012-30 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE "COUNTY") TO PURCHASE OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY (THE "PROPERTY"); AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR CONVEYANCE OF A PORTION OF SUCH PROPERTY; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2012-01 OF THE COUNTY TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE AND ENTER INTO ALL NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE AGREEMENTS TO ACCOMPLISH THE FOREGOING AND TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING; RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND OTHER COUNTY OFFICIALS AND STAFF UNDERTAKEN WITH RESPECT TO THE FOREGOING; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING."

Mr. Thrift opened the floor for Public Comment.

Noting that no citizens signed up to address Council; Mr. Thrift opened the floor for any citizen wishing to address Council regarding this ordinance. No citizen addressed Council.

Mr. Thrift asked if any citizens wished to submit written comments regarding this ordinance; no citizen presented any written comments for the record.

Mr. Thrift closed the Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 2011-30.

Third & Final Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2012-26 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 “ZONING” OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, INCLUDING ALL ZONING MAPS INCORPORATED THEREIN AND THEREBY, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO” [*Echo Hills Rezoning*]

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2012-26** on third and final reading.

Ordinance 2012–30 [*as captioned above*]

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2012-30** on third and final reading.

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

[Note: Public Hearings will be scheduled at or before third & final reading for the following ordinances as required]

Ordinance 2012-20 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE "COUNTY") REAL PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LIMITED WARRANTY DEED AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE TRANSFER OF THE PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE AND ENTER INTO ALL NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE AGREEMENTS TO ACCOMPLISH THE FOREGOING; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO” [*Echo Hills: Underwood*]

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2012-20** on second reading.

Ordinance 2012-22 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE "COUNTY") REAL PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LIMITED WARRANTY DEED AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE TRANSFER OF THE PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE AND ENTER INTO ALL NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE AGREEMENTS TO ACCOMPLISH THE FOREGOING; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO” [*Echo Hills: Hopkins*]

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2012-22** on second reading.

Ordinance 2012-32 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 6-84, ENTITLED *VIOLATION AND PENALTIES* OF ARTICLE III, ENTITLED *ADMINISTRATION*, OF CHAPTER 6, ENTITLED *BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS*, OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, TO PROVIDE FOR ONLY CIVIL PENALTIES IN THE EVENT OF A VIOLATION OF THE BUILDING CODES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 6 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2012-32** on second reading.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

None Scheduled for this Meeting.

Discussion Regarding Action Items

Golden Corner Commerce Park [GCCP] Master Plan / Approval to Proceed

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to authorize development of the GCCP Master Plan as presented; with the understanding that this plan will most likely change as the park develops based on the future needs of companies locating within the park.

Sheriff / Approve Acceptance: FY12 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant / \$21,479

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to accept the FY2012 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$21,479 with no local match required.

Council Committee Reports

Real Estate, Facilities & Land Management

Mr. Corbeil reported on discussions that took place at the Committee meeting held at 5:00 p.m. prior to the Council Meeting.

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to authorize the Administrator to work with the developer to [1] develop and bring back to Council for approval a final agreement, and [2] to authorize the developer to make temporary roof repairs up to a maximum of \$30,000 with the agreement that if the deal falls through that the County will reimburse the developer for said roof repairs up to their expended amount and not to exceed \$30,000.

Board & Commission Appointments

None scheduled for this meeting.

Old Business

None scheduled for this meeting.

New Business

None scheduled for this meeting.

Executive Session

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter.

Council entered Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:33 p.m., on a motion from Mr. Corbeil, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0.

Mr. Thrift stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Adjourn

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 - 0, to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council