



**MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

Thursday, March 29, 2018

6:30 p.m.

[or immediately following the Special Workshop Meeting with the Planning Commission]

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 6:30 P.M. [or immediately following the Special Workshop Meeting with the Planning Commission] in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Scott Moulder, County Attorney David Root, and Katie. D. Smith, 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 [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum / WGOG & Norm Cannada / Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Ms. Cammick called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

Executive Session:

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, 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] "To receive legal advice related to an economic development matter known as Project Omega, including the discussion of, and the receipt of legal advice in relation to, interactions between principals involved with that enterprise and Oconee County officials."

Mr. Norm Cannada, Daily Journal, raised a "point of order," asking why Mr. McCall was participating in this matter which concerns Project Omega in light of his recusal in prior meetings.

Ms. Cammick noted it was because of the interactions between principals involved with that enterprise and Oconee County officials, which was noted in the Executive Session caption.

Mr. Root noted the decision is Mr. McCall's whether or not to recuse himself; that he has previously recused himself as to this economic development matter in relation to a potential economic conflict of

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interest; that if he wants to do that again, if those issues come up during Executive Session, he can leave the Executive Session at that time, but that there is a part of the Executive Session that purely relates to discussions between principals of Project Omega and public officials, and if he wants to be a part of that he can, and if he wants to recuse himself, he can. This decision lies with him.

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was approved 3 – 2 [Mr. Davis & Mr. Cain opposed] to enter into Executive Session for the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

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Council entered Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0.

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

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 3 – 2 [Mr. Davis & Mr. Cain opposed] to direct the County Attorney to draft a cease and desist letter as discussed in Executive Session.

Adjourn:

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council