

LIMITED IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE PERMITTED

Due to the Novel Coronavirus pandemic and the ongoing state of emergency, in-person attendance at this Council meeting by members of the general public will be limited. Attendance will be limited to twenty percent of the stated maximum occupancy, which equates to thirty-four (34) persons (including Council members, other elected officials, and staff). Attendees will be required to sit in designated seats, appropriately spaced. In-person attendance will be allowed on a "first-come" basis.

Additionally, to ensure the meeting otherwise remains open to the public, we will continue to broadcast it live on the County's YouTube channel, which can be found via the County's website at Oconeesc.com. Further, the public may call in and listen by dialing **888-475-4499 OR 877-853-5257** and entering meeting ID # **833 7798 9766**. And, individuals parked in close proximity to Council Chambers may listen to the meeting on FM 92.3.



A G E N D A

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

February 16, 2021

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

Call to Order

Public Comment Session *[Limited to a total of forty (40) minutes, four (4) minutes per person.]*

If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by contacting our Clerk to Council, Katie Smith at ksmith@oconeesc.com or 864-718-1023, so that she may receive your comment and read it into the record.

Council Member Comments

Moment of Silence

Invocation by County Council Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Approval of Minutes

- February 2, 2021 Regular Minutes

Administrator Comments

Attorney Comments

Proclamation 2021-01

- Proclamation 2021-01 Recognizing February as Black History Month

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Public Hearings for the Following Ordinances

If you would like to be heard during either of the public hearings, please contact Clerk to Council Katie Smith at ksmith@oconeesc.com or 864-718-1023 so that she may coordinate your participation by telephone.

Ordinance 2021-04 “AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING INDIVIDUALS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN CERTAIN FACILITIES OWNED OR OPERATED BY OCONEE COUNTY (SUNSET PROVISION INCLUDED), AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

General Government matter

Ordinance 2021-05 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LAKE CORRIDOR SIGNAGE STANDARDS, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Forwarded from the Planning & Economic Development Committee

Ordinance 2021-06 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAFFIC CORRIDOR DESIGN STANDARDS, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Forwarded from the Planning & Economic Development Committee

Third Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2021-04 *[see caption above]*

Ordinance 2021-05 *[see caption above]*

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

[None Scheduled]

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2021-07 “AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE “NOT TO EXCEED” TAX RATE FOR THE KEOWEE FIRE TAX DISTRICT FROM 14.5 MILLS TO 17.5 MILLS, CONSISTENT WITH ARTICLE VI OF OCONEE COUNTY ORDINANCE 2003-12, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE KEOWEE FIRE TAX DISTRICT AND KEOWEE FIRE COMMISSION.”

General Government matter

First & Final Reading for the Following Resolutions

Resolution 2021-02 “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 1.43 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

General Government matter

Resolution 2021-03 “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OCONEE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER, WHEREBY THE COUNTY WILL CONTINUE TO LEASE APPROXIMATELY 76 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY CONSTITUTING A PORTION OF THE CHAU RAM COUNTY PARK; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

General Government matter

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Discussion Regarding Action Items

Request for removal of Library Board member for non-attendance

Kathryn Campbell Smith was appointed in January, 2019. Ms. Smith attended the January and May meetings in 2019, and has not attended a meeting since that time. This member has also not responded to repeated attempts to reach by email, and a letter sent by U.S. Mail inquiring about this member's intent to remain on the Board. Library Board by-laws state that, "(I)f a board member misses two (2) consecutive board meetings without an adequate excuse, the board will bring this matter to the attention of County Council for consideration of termination from the board." We request that Ms. Smith be removed from the Board so that a replacement can be named for the remainder of her term.

It is the recommendation of the staff liaison to the Board that Ms. Smith be removed so that another appointment may be made to fill this *de facto* vacancy.

Allocation of direct funding not to exceed \$210,000 to the Town of Salem for the engineering and installation of waterline along the Highway 11 business corridor, pump station, generator, and related system infrastructure

On July 17, 2018, funds not to exceed \$210,000 were approved by Council to be appropriated from the Economic Development fund and committed as a match for the purposes of contributing to a grant which would improve the Town of Salem's water system with the extension of a waterline along Highway 11. The funds would ultimately be presented as match on an EDA Disaster Relief grant application for which no award was granted to the Town of Salem.

On May 21, 2019, Council approved the funds to be earmarked for the same project and authorized the County Administrator to allow the County Grants Writer and Coordinator to work with the Town of Salem to obtain a grant for the remaining amount of the project cost. An Economic Infrastructure grant application was submitted to the SCRIA, but no award was granted due to greater infrastructure needs in the state. The \$210,000 remains earmarked and unspent.

In 2020, the Town of Salem applied for a loan from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) and was selected for the 2021 (Fiscal Year 2020) project list. The Town of Salem has been awarded \$216,000 in principal forgiveness assistance for an estimated project cost of \$270,000. The Rosier Group is currently managing engineering for the project and the SRF loan. The Rosier Group has estimated the total project cost at \$640,922.40. The Town of Salem wishes to be directly allocated the earmarked \$210,000 to supplement the difference between the SRF estimate and the Rosier Group's estimate of the total project cost and begin construction for the project. The allocation of these funds will allow the Town of Salem to begin construction as soon as possible and make much needed improvements to the water system.

It is staff's recommendation that Council approve the allocation of direct funding not to exceed \$210,000, which has been earmarked for this project, to the Town of Salem for the engineering and installation of waterline along Highway 11, pump station, generator, and related system infrastructure.

Board & Commission Appointments

The Board & Commission seats listed below are co-terminus with Council District seats and will require [in the 1st quarter of 2021] appointment and/or reappointment as follows:

Arts & Historical Commission

District II: 2 questionnaires on file for this seat

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Board of Zoning Appeals

District V: 1 questionnaire on file for this seat

Building Codes Appeal Board

1 At-Large Seats: No questionnaire on file for this seat

Conservation Bank Board

District IV: 2 questionnaires on file for this seat

District V: No questionnaire on file for this seat

Executive Session

[upon reconvening Council may take a Vote and/or take Action on matters brought up for discussion in Executive Session, if required]

For the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

[None Scheduled]

Adjourn

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