



# MINUTES

## OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Regular Meeting

### January 4, 2022

#### MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. John Elliott, Chairman, District I  
Mr. Paul Cain, Vice Chairman, District III  
Mr. Julian Davis III, Chairman Pro Tem, District IV  
Mr. Glenn Hart, District V  
Mr. Matthew Durham, District II

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, & Jennifer C. Adams, 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](http://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: Riley Morningstar / The Journal, Dick Mangrum / 101.7 FM WGOG

#### **Call to Order**

Mr. Root called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Root noted that the posted agenda appeared to be out of order with the current agenda format.

#### **Moment of Silence**

Mr. Root asked for a moment of silence prior to the Invocation by County Council.

#### **Invocation by County Council Chaplain**

Mr. Root, County Council Chaplain, gave the invocation.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Amanda Brock led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve the December 07, 2021 regular minutes.

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## **Public Comment Session**

None at this meeting.

## **Council Member Comments**

None at this meeting.

## **Election of Officers**

### **Council Chairperson**

Mr. Davis nominated Mr. Elliott as Council Chairperson. Mr. Durham nominated Mr. Hart as Council Chairperson. Mr. Root called for the vote. Mr. Elliott was elected Council Chairperson on a 4 – 1 [Mr. Durham opposed] vote.

The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Elliott to preside as chair.

### **Council Vice Chairperson**

Mr. Durham nominated Mr. Hart as Council Vice Chairperson. Mr. Elliott nominated Mr. Cain as Council Vice Chairperson. Mr. Cain was elected Council Vice Chairperson on a 3 – 2 [Mr. Hart and Mr. Durham opposed] vote.

### **Council Chairperson Pro Tem**

Mr. Durham nominated Mr. Hart as Council Chairperson Pro Tem. Mr. Cain nominated Mr. Davis as Council Chairperson Pro Tem. Mr. Davis was elected Council Chairperson Pro Tem on a 3 – 2 [Mr. Hart and Mr. Durham opposed] vote.

## **Re-Appointment of the following Appointed Officials**

### **Clerk to Council and County Chaplain**

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to re-appoint Jennifer C. Adams as Clerk to Council and Mr. David Root as County Chaplain.

## **Appointment of Council Committees for 2022 by Chairman**

Mr. Elliott made a nomination for the following County Council Committee appointments:

- **Budget, Finance, and Administration**  
Mr. Elliott as Chair, with all of Council as committee members.
- **Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health and Welfare**  
Mr. Davis as Chair, with Mr. Durham and Mr. Elliott as committee members.
- **Transportation**  
Mr. Hart as Chair, with Mr. Davis and Mr. Cain as committee members.
- **Planning and Economic Development**  
Mr. Cain as Chair, with Mr. Davis and Mr. Elliott as committee members.
- **Real Estate, Facilities, and Land Management**  
Mr. Durham as Chair, with Mr. Davis and Mr. Hart as committee members.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Committee Chairs and members as nominated.

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## **Appointment of 2022 Council Representatives by Chairman**

Mr. Elliott made a nomination for the following Council Representatives:

- **SC Appalachian Council of Government Board of Directors**  
Mr. Elliott
- **Oconee Business Partnership**  
Mr. Davis
- **Ten At The Top [TATT] Board of Directors**  
Mr. Eldridge

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Council Representatives as nominated.

## **2022 Meeting Schedule Establishment for Council / Committees**

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve the 2022 County Council and Council Committee schedules as submitted. [Copy filed with these minutes.]

## **Administrator Comments**

Ms. Brock wished everyone a Happy New Year and informed Council that the January 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting would have a lengthy agenda.

## **Attorney Comments**

None at this meeting.

## **Public Hearing regarding the Following Ordinances**

**Ordinance 2021-25** AN ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANDERSON COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN ANDERSON COUNTY AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SEC. 4-1-170 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH ANDERSON COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE APPLICATION, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Mr. Elliott opened the floor for Public Comment.

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

Mr. Elliott closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2021-25**.

## **Third Reading of the Following Ordinances**

**Ordinance 2021-25** [see caption above]

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2021-25** on the third and final reading.

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## **Executive Session**

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

*[1] Receive legal advice and discuss claim status regarding Elevated Youth Services*

Council entered Executive Session at 6:08 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 6:22 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0.

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to resolve claims related to Elevated Youth Services as discussed, and (1) directing the County Attorney to draft and negotiate a settlement agreement and release, and (2) authorizing the County Administrator to transfer necessary funds to resolve the claim.

## **Adjourn:**

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Jennifer C. Adams  
Clerk to Council

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