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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
GRACIE FLOYD
CRAIG WOOTEN
BRETT SANDERS
JIMMY DAVIS
M. CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT

1 TOMMY DUNN: ... August 25th regular
2 county council meeting to order. At this time -- Ray
3 Graham has called. He's running a little bit late.
4 So at this time I'll ask Councilman Craig Wooten if
5 he'd lead us in invocation and pledge of allegiance.
6 If we'll all rise, please.

7 **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CRAIG WOOTEN**

8 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we're
9 going to have approval of the minutes. And if I'm not
10 mistaken, June 23rd will be pulled off. Those are the
11 ones we're having trouble with. June 23rd?

12 CINDY WILSON: July 22nd.

13 TOMMY DUNN: July 22nd; they're not
14 on here?

15 CINDY WILSON: That's on the Planning
16 and Public Works Committee.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Oh, I got you.

18 Do we have a motion to approve the June 18th, 2020
19 minutes?

20 CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir. I make the
21 motion that we approve.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Make the motion we
23 approve. Do we have a second?

24 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis.

26 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

27 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor show of
28 hands.

29 CINDY WILSON: May I?

30 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. I thought
31 you had made the motion.

32 CINDY WILSON: On page 43, on line 41,
33 it says Holland Road. And it's supposed to be Paulan,
34 P-A-U-L-A-N. So I make the motion with that
35 correction.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. We have a motion
37 by Ms. Wilson to make that correction and accept the
38 minutes of the June 18th meeting. Mr. Davis seconds
39 it. Anything else? All in favor of the motion show
40 of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
41 unanimously.

42 Let the record show Mr. Graham is running late.
43 He's not here. Are there any changes, corrections to
44 be made to the June 23rd meeting? Do we have a motion
45 to move forward?

46 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
48 we have a second?

49 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.

1 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
2 opposed. Show the motion carries.

3 Moving on the July 7th, 2020 council meeting. Are
4 there any corrections or changes to be made to it? Do
5 we have a motion to move forward?

6 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
8 we have a second?

9 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. All
11 in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed
12 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

13 I want to apologize. I want to welcome everyone
14 here tonight, or this afternoon, rather. Appreciate
15 y'all coming out.

16 At this time we're going to have citizens
17 comments. You have three minutes. When Mr. Harmon
18 calls your name and you signed up, on agenda items
19 only, and please address the chair.

20 Mr. Harmon.

21 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first
22 speaker is Bobby Simmons.

23 BOBBY SIMMONS: Bobby Simmons, District
24 2. What I wanted to speak on was number 7(b), and it
25 deals with wearing of face covering.

26 For the life of me I cannot understand why there
27 is a problem because there's been so much evidence
28 that face shields and distance work. Now, on TV maybe
29 a couple of weeks ago they had a thing on the screen
30 that say Anderson was -- people was positive, and then
31 the relating cities were less than fifty. What's the
32 problem here? There must be something that Anderson
33 is doing wrong or something that they need to do.
34 Maybe it's face shields. Maybe it's distance. Or
35 maybe just people getting together. But I know one
36 thing, Anderson needs to make a change. We need to
37 look at that and see what the problem is, what the
38 other cities are doing and what we're doing.

39 Now I understand that the President really don't
40 want to wear face masks, but should we follow him if
41 he do that? I think it's time that we start thinking
42 about own health, start looking forward to see what
43 can be best for us, what can be best for Anderson,
44 what can be best for South Carolina. It's time that
45 we pull out our brains and start thinking of things
46 that we can do to make this city better or make this
47 state better. It's just unbelievable that people
48 don't want to wear the face shield.

49 Now, I find them uncomfortable at times, but they
50 are several different types out there that you might

1 want to try that might fit a little bit better than
2 others. Now the ones around the ear, it irritates my
3 ear. I don't like that as well. Like this one it
4 slides straight up. It feels a lot more comfortable.
5 And any time that I'm doing something that would
6 hopefully protect me and protect you or someone else,
7 it should be a positive thing that we all should be
8 willing to wear these masks until this virus is over
9 with.

10 Thank you for listening to me. I hope that what I
11 said resonates with some of you. Thank you.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

13 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next
14 speaker is Wesley White.

15 WESLEY WHITE: Thank you, Chairman.

16 Wesley White. I live here in Anderson County.
17 Have all my life. I'm also a business owner of
18 Bridgewater Engineering and Surveying. I wanted to
19 address item number 12, the last part where it
20 requires a change from eight thousand square feet for
21 lots is sewer and watered areas of unzoned Anderson
22 County to fifteen thousand square feet.

23 I've been doing site development and design for
24 residential for almost twenty years now. This change
25 is going to have a serious impact on development in
26 Anderson County. That may be the ultimate goal.
27 However, I think it's the wrong way to go about it.
28 If you reduce the -- or if you change the lot size to
29 fifteen thousand square feet, you're going to increase
30 -- or reduce the number of lots by half. This is
31 going to reduce your tax base by half, your sewer and
32 water tap fees by half. All your utilities are going
33 to have half as much. It's going to increase your
34 road costs per linear foot per property.

35 So this is ultimately going to discourage
36 developers from extending sewer to projects when they
37 can just take a property and keep it septic tanks,
38 which if you talk to the county, the sewer department
39 wants to try to get away from septic tank lots, but
40 that's what they're going to go with because they
41 can't make -- the costs just isn't there; it's not
42 justifiable.

43 Ultimately it's a way of further restricting
44 unzoned areas. We've got some issues in Powdersville
45 where they didn't agree with certain subdivisions.
46 They spoke at Planning Commission, but then when
47 Planning Commission approached them about rezoning,
48 they don't want to rezone. So you're further
49 restricting people's rights to do what they want to
50 with their lots.

1 One of the solutions ultimately, I feel like, is
2 we need to look at the road standards in Anderson
3 County. Right now we currently have one set of road
4 standards for any type of development. And so if we
5 address it in a different way, I think just making
6 this simple change, is going to end up impacting
7 overall economic development. If you don't have
8 residential development, you don't have economic
9 development if you don't have a place for them to
10 live.

11 I appreciate your time.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

13 Mr. Harmon.

14 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Joel
15 Tippitt.

16 JOEL TIPPITT: Okay. I'm Joel
17 Tippitt. This is actually my first time to one of
18 these. But I'm -- also in regards to that same
19 question that was just asked, I work with some
20 builders and the question that they have is if a
21 cluster style development -- is this for a cluster
22 style development or would this require rezoning in an
23 unzoned area? Or would we have to do a cluster and
24 then meet the new land development requirements if
25 this passes without rezoning?

26 Or in other words, would this be a default
27 regulation or would we have to do a rezoning? So
28 that's just the question that was revealed to me to
29 bring to y'all. Thank you.

30 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one
31 else is signed up.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

33 Two things I want to reiterate. Appreciate
34 everybody doing the social distancing. You're also
35 going to have to wear a mask. That's part of the
36 rules of the administrator. If you're not wearing a
37 mask, we're going to have to ask you to leave, please.

38 Moving on to item number 5(a), 2020-013, an
39 ordinance to amend the zoning map plus or minus 19.00
40 acres from C-2, that's highway commercial, to R-M
41 multi-family residential on Welpine Road, Anderson,
42 tax map 093-00-03-002. That's in District 4. This is
43 the third reading. Do we have a motion to move this
44 forward?

45 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders. Do
47 we have a second?

48 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Now
50 any discussion? Ms. Hunter, do you have anything

1 you'd like to add or say? Hearing and seeing no
2 discussion, all in favor of the motion show of hands.
3 All opposed. Show the motion carries with Mr.
4 Sanders, Mr. Davis, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Wooten and Ms.
5 Wilson in favor. Ms. Floyd opposes.
6 Moving on to item number 5(b), 2020-016, ordinance
7 to amend the zoning map to zoning map to rezone plus
8 or minus 43.91 acres from R-20 single family
9 residential to R-A residential agricultural located at
10 2705 Centerville Road, tax map number 045-00-04-006.
11 Do we have a motion to put this on the floor?
12 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
14 we have a second?
15 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
16 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.
17 Any discussion? Again, Ms. Hunter, do you have
18 anything?
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
20 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: I have something I want
22 to say. We just had two things ---
23 FEMALE: Can't hear you.
24 GRACIE FLOYD: We just had two things
25 out of District 4; right? Okay. Now this one we just
26 finished, was that the -- which one is the housing
27 thing?
28 TOMMY DUNN: It's not on the agenda
29 tonight.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: It's not on the agenda.
31 So which one is this?
32 TOMMY DUNN: This is District 5.
33 This is right on Centerville Road there. People want
34 to go to have a farm.
35 GRACIE FLOYD: That's District 5? I
36 thought you said 4.
37 TOMMY DUNN: 4 is the first one we
38 done. This is District 5.
39 GRACIE FLOYD: That's what I'm talking
40 about, the first one, the first one we did.
41 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to
42 backtrack. District 4 is the one on Welpine Road.
43 That's way away from there. That's up off Clemson
44 Highway between Welpine Road, Clemson Highway and
45 Liberty Highway.
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, okay. Mr. Chair,
47 is it possible I can change my vote?
48 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. I'd like to vote
50 yay on the ---

1 TOMMY DUNN: Let the record show Ms.
2 Floyd, on the District 4 rezoning of Welpine Road, she
3 voted for.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now this one
5 coming up is District 5; right?

6 TOMMY DUNN: District 5, the one
7 we're in the process of voting on. That's right. All
8 in favor of 5(b) show your hands. All opposed.
9 Abstentions. How you voting Ms. Floyd, abstention?

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Show for the record Mr.
12 Dunn, Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Wooten and Ms.
13 Wilson in favor; Ms. Floyd abstains.

14 Moving on to item number 6, there are no second
15 readings.

16 We're going to move to item number 7 now, first
17 reading. This will be Ordinance 7(a), 2020-018,
18 ordinance authorizing, pursuant to Title 12, Chapter
19 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as
20 amended the execution and delivery of an amended and
21 restated fee in lieu of ad valorem taxes and economic
22 development agree by and between Anderson County,
23 South Carolina an entity know to the county as Project
24 Cutter, as sponsor, including one or more existing or
25 to be formed or acquired by subsidiaries or affiliated
26 or related entities a certain sponsor of South
27 Carolina affiliates; authorizing pursuant to Title 4,
28 Chapter 1 and 29 of the Code of laws of South Carolina
29 1976, as amended, the grant of certain special revenue
30 credits to Project Cutter; and other related matters.
31 Mr. Nelson.

32 BURRISS NELSON: Thanks, Mr. Chairman
33 and members of council. This is an expansion of one
34 of our existing companies, a company that's been in
35 business, an international company, for over forty
36 years. They're creating a hundred jobs. Average pay
37 seventeen dollars an hours. It adds an annual payroll
38 of 3.4 million dollars to the Anderson County economy.
39 The capital investment in this project will be
40 approximately thirty million dollars. The average --
41 the SSRCS over the next twenty-five years will be
42 forty-seven percent. The multi-county park agreement
43 also included. The property taxes paid in 2019 were
44 paid for the existing company, a hundred and seventy-
45 three thousand dollars; and the expected new taxes
46 coming from the new project, first year, which will be
47 2022, will be forty-eight thousand five twenty-three.
48 And over thirty years, seven hundred and seventy-six
49 thousand dollars in property tax. Community impact,
50 first year, sixteen million. Twenty year community

1 impact eighty-five million.
2 Of course this comes to council as a
3 recommendation from staff and the Economic Development
4 Advisory Board. We respectfully request you give
5 favorable consideration to this project.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to
7 put this on the floor?
8 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
9 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
10 we have a second?
11 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Now
13 discussion.
14 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?
15 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
16 CINDY WILSON: Just a bookkeeping
17 point. On page 17 of this agreement there was an
18 incorrect page put in. I'm sure in a rush to get the
19 paperwork together it was overlooked. Thank you.
20 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
21 Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of
22 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
23 unanimously.
24 Thank you, Mr. Nelson.
25 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.
26 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item
27 number 7(b), 2020-019. Ms. Floyd.
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Young man,
29 could you pass these out for me, please?
30 I'm going to talk about the masks. I was given
31 ten minutes. I was not asked how long I wanted this
32 to be and I failed to mention it, but I should have
33 been asked, but I only have ten minutes. I'm hoping
34 that the chairman will let me have more time if need
35 be.
36 Folks, we've been getting telephone calls and
37 letters from people in Anderson County asking that we
38 do something about the mask situation. Almost every
39 place we go now we have to wear the mask. I was at
40 Bojangles on Sunday and it broke my heart when I saw
41 two elderly people who were not together walking into
42 Bojangles without masks. These people were not young
43 people. They were not children. I call them adult
44 children. But these were people up in their years,
45 people that I think need to be more careful about how
46 they go out now days. The mask is not going to hurt
47 you.
48 Mr. Chair, I have passed out some information that
49 I have collected about the mask that I thought some of
50 them was funny, some of them were serious. And some

1 of them was from the newspaper who asked -- who are
2 begging people to wear masks. I read in the newspaper
3 that Anderson County had the most cases in the upstate
4 last week. I heard also that we're the lowest in the
5 state for testing. And then I heard from a phone call
6 together as I was preparing to come here that thirty
7 percent of the people that are being tested are
8 positive.

9 Now, I don't know what some folks have in their
10 bodies that they think will protect them, but I don't
11 want to take any chances. And I don't want you to
12 take chances with your life. If you have not heard,
13 talk with some of the people now who has the virus or
14 who had the virus, who did not have it, who did not
15 wear a mask, and see what they're saying now. It's no
16 fun.

17 We're having problems with the children, the adult
18 children in schools and the colleges. Partying. And
19 one man said it was the college experience. I don't
20 know much about that. I went to college, but I didn't
21 have experiences like that because I had to work. And
22 I didn't have time to do the partying and the drinking
23 and the whatever else that the kids are doing today.
24 I had to work my way through.

25 We are not adhering to what needs to happen. Just
26 because, you know, you feel that, oh, I'm all right or
27 I've got something special in me; everybody doesn't.
28 I'm asking the county tonight to look at the ordinance
29 that was presented to you in your books. And tonight
30 I would like to have a vote -- I would like to see a
31 vote, as the city did, for an ordinance in place in
32 the county. We have nothing to lose. We have nothing
33 to lose, folks. Nobody is better than anybody else.
34 You have to wear it; I have to wear it. Some of you
35 who are politically against this, I have an article
36 where it says Trump resumes virus briefing, says masks
37 have an impact. If you follow him on political lines,
38 Trump says that masks have an impact. And I think not
39 to wear one puts us all in danger.

40 Mr. Chairman, I offer tonight the -- excuse me --
41 I offer tonight on page 7(b) in your books -- on 7(b)
42 in your book, an ordinance. It's an emergency
43 ordinance to require individuals to wear face
44 coverings in certain circumstances and within the
45 unincorporated areas of Anderson County, South
46 Carolina, and other matters related thereto. This
47 virus knows no one. It doesn't know color. It
48 doesn't know how high you think you are in the world,
49 in your businesses, or anywhere else. You're just
50 like everybody else on this earth. You have a chance.

1 You can shorten the change, shorten your chances, by
2 wearing a simple little thing as a mask.

3 I talked to one lady tonight who says that she
4 can't wear the one that does something, but she
5 figured out what she could do to protect me and
6 herself. And I thank her for that. I listened to the
7 man who said that he doesn't like the one that goes
8 around his ears. I thank him for finding something
9 else that he could use to protect me, you and himself.
10 It's not hard, folks. It's not hard.

11 Mr. Chair, I offer the amendment for voting.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd makes the
13 motion. We have a motion on the floor. Do we have a
14 second?

15 CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Wooten. Now
17 discussion?

18 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

19 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

20 CINDY WILSON: You notice I don't wear
21 one when I'm sitting up here separate from everybody.
22 There are a lot of people who cannot wear a mask
23 because of preexisting issues. I do wear my mask when
24 I go to a store or when I'm mingling with different
25 people. But I don't wear one when I'm out on the farm
26 working. There are conflicting reports on usage of
27 masks. I think they're helpful when you're in a high
28 density type setting. But there are people who have
29 health problems that have issues that can't wear them
30 for long periods of time.

31 And I have a concern about this particular
32 ordinance. You have fines listed, but you have no
33 enforcement mechanism. I think that we still need to
34 make sure our citizens are provided with good guidance
35 and efforts at sanitation and so forth, but I don't
36 think it's appropriate to declare that everyone has to
37 wear a mask a hundred percent of the time. Thank you.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anymore
39 discussion?

40 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, Mr. Chair.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.

42 CRAIG WOOTEN: I feel like this is a
43 bipartisan issue, even though the national media has
44 made it otherwise. I represent the city of Anderson.
45 The city of Anderson voted to do a mask ordinance, so
46 what that means is that elected officials of the
47 people of the city, the people elected those
48 officials, said they thought a mask ordinance would do
49 well. I also represent the district that has our
50 medical center, AnMed. The management, the doctors,

1 the ER, the staff of the hospital, has said we would
2 be better off wearing a mask. I'm not an
3 epidemiologist and not going to try to be. I don't
4 know the efficacy of masks and what happens if you do
5 or don't wear it, other than you do from reading
6 articles. But when our medical professionals, not
7 from the national level, not Dr. Fauci, but the ones
8 that we go to church with, the ones that we will see
9 should we go to the hospital, say this is a good
10 thing, then I think we should listen to them.

11 Our GOP Chairman of the Republican Party wrote an
12 op ed to the paper stating that masks were a good
13 thing. This tells me that this is going across party
14 lines; that it's not a Republican thing, it's not a
15 Democrat thing, it's a health thing. Our Governor has
16 said that masks can help. Our President has said that
17 masks can help. The statistics that scare me is -- if
18 I'm correct, and I don't want to misstate -- that half
19 of the deaths in South Carolina this past week were in
20 Anderson County from COVID-19.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

22 CRAIG WOOTEN: That's a staggering
23 statistic. So something -- and people can shake their
24 heads and they may not agree with the statistic.
25 Bring me statistics that say otherwise.

26 The other thing that I want to point out is we're
27 still in a state of emergency. I've had nobody say
28 that we should lift the state of emergency. So if
29 we're in a state of emergency, what are we doing to
30 protect ourselves? If we don't need masks, we don't
31 need to social distance, we don't need to do things,
32 then let's go ahead and vote and lift the state of
33 emergency. But that would seem quite reckless, I
34 think in most people's opinion. If it conflicts with
35 your constitutional rights or your health, don't wear
36 it. I would imagine you're going to be okay. I don't
37 think anybody is going to enforce out on a farm. I
38 don't think anybody is going to enforce in many
39 situations. That's not our purview. County council
40 never enforces things. We send it over to the agency
41 within the county that enforces. So if enforcement is
42 an issue it's not a county council issue. We make
43 judgments and we make ordinances based on the
44 knowledge we have at hand for what we think is the
45 best in the community.

46 So there's also some exceptions. There's
47 restaurant exceptions; there's church exceptions;
48 there's medical exceptions, etcetera. So I feel like
49 there's enough in this ordinance that if there's a
50 problem you'll be able to find an exception.

1 So at the end of the day whether or not you wear a
2 mask or not, Trump will get the electoral votes in
3 South Carolina. I think that's probably statistically
4 likely. So wearing a mask or not wearing a mask is
5 not going to have a political outcome on the national
6 election. But wearing a mask or not wearing a mask
7 may and most likely will have an outcome on the health
8 of our community. The statistics that came out with
9 the paper that said that areas that wore masks were
10 down on corona virus, as opposed to areas that didn't
11 wear masks. It might just be a correlation. Or it
12 may be cause and effect. But I think there's enough
13 evidence there to move forward with some kind of
14 measure.

15 At the end of the day I want to support my city.
16 I want to support my medical center. I want to
17 support some wishes of the people in my party. And I
18 want to support a measure that I think could help us.
19 If it doesn't we can always lift it and move on. And
20 if you have problems with it, I'm sure that a lot of
21 folks who have problems won't wear it at the end of
22 the day.

23 But I joint Ms. Floyd in this effort and I support
24 this motion.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.
26 Time has expired. We'll have a vote. All in favor of
27 the ordinance signify by raising your hand. All
28 opposed. Show the motion fails with Ms. Floyd and Mr.
29 Wooten in favor; Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dunn and
30 Ms. Wilson opposed.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chair, if I
32 may?

33 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: If I may? I was
35 talking to somebody about this idea and about doing
36 this and they were very, very pleased. But they asked
37 me, they said, do you think that you could get anybody
38 to vote with you? And I said to them, the only person
39 that will vote for this is Mr. Wooten. Because Mr.
40 Wooten cares and the others are afraid. Thank you.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item
42 number 8(a), resolution expressing consent to
43 installation of speed bumps on Governor's Boulevard.
44 Mr. Burns.

45 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, I do this
46 at the request of Councilman Wooten. The Homeowners'
47 Association of the Governor's subdivision has
48 requested speed bumps to be placed in that road stated
49 here, and they have agreed to pay the full cost. In
50 order for us to move forward we would have to have the

1 approval of county council.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Councilman Wooten, do
3 you have anything to add or say to this?
4 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. This is a unique
5 situation. This area, unfortunately, in the past has
6 had a young child pass away from being hit by a car.
7 And this is a straight-of-way going into a populated
8 neighborhood that can be pretty dangerous. They've
9 approached us in the past about speed bumps, but the
10 ordinance did not provide for it based on the
11 statistical measures that had to be met. Since then
12 the ordinance has been changed and it's currently
13 being paved. And so if you're going to put speed
14 bumps, this is the time to do it because we already
15 have people out there paving. And the homeowners'
16 association said that they would foot the cost for it.
17 So I feel like this is a matter that needs a
18 resolution and an exception to help protect the
19 children of this area.
20 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to
21 move this forward and put on the floor?
22 CRAIG WOOTEN: So moved.
23 CINDY WILSON: Second.
24 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Wooten.
25 Have a second by Ms. Wilson. Now discussion. All in
26 favor of motion show of hands.
27 CINDY WILSON: Just a quick question.
28 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. Ms. Wilson.
29 CINDY WILSON: So the homeowners will
30 pay a thousand dollars and the county a thousand; is
31 that correct?
32 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes.
33 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.
34 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the
35 motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
36 motion carries unanimously.
37 Moving on to 8(b).
38 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, there is
39 a house, 604 Booker Street, that is partially burned.
40 As you know that area is in a flood plain. Whenever
41 we have heavy rains we usually have to send our rescue
42 personnel in there to remove citizens from that area.
43 We would request two thousand five hundred dollars to
44 allow us to take that house to the ground and dispose
45 of it.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to
47 put this on the floor?
48 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
49 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson.
50 Have a second?

1 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.
3 Now open the floor for discussion. I'll start off.
4 Mr. Burns, to request that money, we've got the
5 money? Y'all ---
6 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir, we do.
7 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Any more
8 discussion?
9 CINDY WILSON: This is in District 2?
10 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson. Then we'll
11 go to Ms. Floyd. Ms. Wilson?
12 CINDY WILSON: This is in District 2;
13 correct?
14 TOMMY DUNN: Yep.
15 CINDY WILSON: The folks of this
16 county do care. Thank you.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: What did she say? I
18 didn't hear her.
19 TOMMY DUNN: She wanted to know if
20 this was in District 2 and I said, yes, ma'am. And
21 she says that we do care. Go ahead.
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, it was in District
23 2 and I was trying to speak on behalf of my district,
24 but I'm never allowed to do it until somebody else
25 does it first. But it is District 2. It's been there
26 for a while. We are in the process of tearing down --
27 some of the houses down. In fact, we have been
28 tearing down those houses since 1999, 2000, 2001,
29 2002. We went in there one time and we removed a lot
30 of the houses off the alphabet streets, as well, down
31 there.
32 In fact, District 2 was the first district to work
33 to remove houses. It wasn't done until District 2 did
34 it. But this is one that's been up there for a while.
35 It burned down and it just stayed up until the
36 community started asking questions about it. In fact,
37 one more house was removed before it was removed.
38 But sometimes I think that we don't care. But
39 anyway, it's in my district and I thank Mr. Burns whom
40 I've tried to call several times to thank him, but
41 he's not answering my phone calls lately. But I just
42 want to thank you, Mr. Burns, for finally taking this
43 house down.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion on
45 the floor?
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
47 CINDY WILSON: Yes, we do.
48 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the
49 motion show of hands. Opposed. Show the motion
50 carries unanimously.

1 Moving on to item number 8(c), R2020-020, a
2 resolution designating and approving certain sponsor
3 affiliates in satisfaction of the requirements of
4 Title 12, Chapter 44 of the South Carolina Code so as
5 to allow the sponsor affiliates to qualify for
6 benefits pursuant to fee in lieu of ad valorem taxes
7 arrangement with Anderson County, South Carolina and
8 One World Technologies, Incorporated, and other
9 matters related thereto.

10 Mr. Nelson.

11 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, this is
12 a resolution -- and thank you for the opportunity.
13 This is a resolution to add sponsor affiliates by name
14 to the TTI OWT ordinance. In the ordinance itself now
15 it simply says any leased equipment would qualify for
16 the same tax benefits as the company. And all they
17 want to do is name the companies that they're leasing
18 properties from so that they can be able to get the
19 tax advantage within their lease agreement.

20 This has created a problem at the Department of
21 Revenue and of course the Auditor's office, and really
22 in my office, as well, where we have to write a letter
23 to verify that the fee agreement says that these
24 people qualify for TTI and make that verification.

25 TTI has -- now has invested almost two hundred
26 million dollars. All their property taxes are paid
27 and they're current with that. The two hundred
28 million is a little more than they promised. They
29 have created one thousand two hundred thirty-six jobs,
30 which is -- they're on track for the jobs that they
31 have created, and still have a couple of years to
32 finish out just a few jobs.

33 Average pay there is twenty-six dollars seventy-
34 three cents an hour. Total annual payroll of sixty-
35 six million dollars for Anderson County economy.

36 And of course, this comes to council as a request
37 from and recommendation from the Economic Development
38 Advisory Board and the Economic Development staff.

39 Thank you.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have
41 a motion to put this on the floor?

42 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
44 we have a second?

45 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.

47 Now discussion. All in favor of the motion show of
48 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
49 unanimously.

50 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.
2 Moving on to 8(d), R2020-021, a resolution
3 authorizing the execution and delivery of an
4 Inducement Agreement by and between Anderson County,
5 South Carolina, and Project New, whereby under certain
6 conditions said company will acquire by construction
7 and purchase certain property in Anderson County and
8 Anderson County will execute fee in lieu of tax or
9 lease agreements and provide certain economic
10 development inducements to Project New and execute
11 certain documents and enact certain further
12 legislation for said company's project involving an
13 expected two million nine hundred twenty-five thousand
14 dollars in investment and the creation of an expected
15 thirty-two new jobs. Mr. Nelson.
16 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr.
17 Chairman. This is a great project opportunity for the
18 Townville Community. It's the first time there's been
19 an economic development announcement out there in over
20 twenty years. This is a project investing 2.7 million
21 dollars. They guarantee a minimum of ten jobs.
22 Anticipate to hire as many as thirty-two. Average
23 wage would be sixteen fifty an hour. Just the ten
24 jobs along would add three hundred and thirty thousand
25 dollars in annual payroll. But this is a first for
26 the Townville Community. It's a negotiated six
27 percent fee for thirty years with forty percent SSRC
28 additional discount of property tax for tax years one
29 through ten.
30 Last year the property paid two hundred and
31 nineteen dollars in property tax. This year -- well,
32 in 2022 when they get the project up and running, the
33 first year will pay thirty-three thousand dollars in
34 property tax. Over thirty years, the next thirty
35 years, will pay one million dollars in property tax.
36 Community impact is 2.4 million in the first year.
37 Twenty year community impact thirty-three million
38 dollars. And of course, the property tax I mentioned
39 already of one million.
40 This comes to council as a recommendation from
41 staff and the Economic Development Advisory Board.
42 And certainly appreciate your consideration.
43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.
44 Do I have a motion to put this on the floor?
45 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
47 we have a second?
48 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
49 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.
50 Now discussion. All in favor of the motion show of

1 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
2 unanimously.

3 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.

5 Moving on to item number 9, donations of old and
6 used assets. Mr. Burns.

7 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, you will
8 see before you a list of vehicles that have been
9 requested from the town of Belton, West Pelzer, Meals
10 on Wheels and the final one is the city of Anderson
11 which is a fleet request which is a vehicle which was
12 bought by a grant, so we really can't do anything with
13 it but dispose of it. And so request permission from
14 council to make these actions.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to
16 move this on the floor?

17 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
19 we have a second?

20 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Now
22 discussion.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, we've
26 talked. Mr. Burns, where can the public find out
27 about these old and used assets?

28 RUSTY BURNS: We post them on the
29 website. Mr. Stone posts everything that we have for
30 sale. It is a public website. And we have people to
31 use that site all the time and bid on these items.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But what about
33 people who don't use them all the time? Do you have
34 the address that we can put out there right now so
35 they can look and see?

36 RUSTY BURNS: We can make
37 arrangements to put that on the website, the vehicles
38 that we have.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me. She's
40 talking about people that don't have a website. Can
41 we just get a phone number out there where they can
42 call Stone?

43 RUSTY BURNS: Sure we can. Yes, we
44 can. We can do that.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Could you do it
46 now while we're in the meeting here?

47 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Stone, is he here?
48 We'll get Mr. Stone's telephone number ---

49 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Carroll, do they
50 need to call him or Stone?

1 ROBERT CARROLL: It's on Govdeals.
2 TOMMY DUNN: It don't matter if they
3 don't have a computer, though, what we're talking
4 about.
5 RUSTY BURNS: 260-4020.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Call 260-4020. They'll
7 get you the information what you need to know.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Good.
9 Okay. Mr. Burns, would you please -- you might
10 have mentioned it, but the acoustics is pretty bad in
11 here and it's hard to hear. Could you tell -- did you
12 name the kind of assets and used things that you were
13 going to put out?
14 RUSTY BURNS: I'll be happy to.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
16 RUSTY BURNS: First one is to Belton,
17 it is a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria, estimated value
18 fifteen hundred dollars; to West Pelzer to be used for
19 an animal truck, it's a 2008 Ford 250, two hundred and
20 twelve thousand miles on it, value is eight thousand
21 five hundred dollars; to Meals on Wheels, a 2006 Chevy
22 Tahoe, estimate value is three thousand five hundred
23 dollars; and the grant vehicle, estimated value is ten
24 thousand dollars, but we can't receive ten thousand
25 dollars for it because it was a grant vehicle.
26 TOMMY DUNN: That's all.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
28 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion on
29 the floor?
30 BRETT SANDERS: Yes.
31 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the
32 motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
33 motion carries unanimously.
34 Moving on to item number 9 -- I'm sorry, number
35 10, Mr. Graham asked for this to be pulled. This will
36 be coming up at a later date. The Finance Committee
37 will be meeting, I think probably sometime the first
38 week in September and be making a recommendation.
39 Item number 11, Magistrate Court. I'll refer this
40 to Mr. Burns in just a second, but this has been
41 brought -- asked for information. This is just it's
42 been requested for some pay increases for some
43 magistrates and court operations.
44 Mr. Burns doesn't feel like he had the right to do
45 this and wanted to know what direction. I reached out
46 to the delegation members and namely Chairman Mike
47 Gambrell to set up a meeting with them to talk about
48 this. This not only involves magistrates. It comes
49 to several things that's been appointed by the
50 delegation we've had in the past, the VA office ---

1 RUSTY BURNS: It's those items that
2 really do not come under our purview. While council
3 has the budget authority for it, changes within that
4 budget often cause consternation to us, especially
5 when monies haven't been budgeted for those items. So
6 our request was to (a) make council aware of this; and
7 (b) request a meeting with the senators who are
8 involved and who make the recommendations for
9 magistrates to discuss that which you've already
10 initiated.

11 TOMMY DUNN: And also I lost my
12 train of thought, Voter Registration Director also
13 falls within this thing. So do a study and talk with
14 them and see what their recommendation is because
15 they've got a thing on this. But wanted to bring this
16 to all council members' attention and we'll be
17 updating as follows.

18 Moving on to item number 12, report from the
19 Public Works and Planning Committee. Ms. Wilson.

20 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr.
21 Chairman. The first item that we need to address at
22 our meeting today is the acceptance and approval of
23 the minutes of the June 23rd meeting. Remember, we're
24 all kind of behind with the virus issues.

25 JIMMY DAVIS: Ms. Wilson, I can't
26 hear you down here.

27 CINDY WILSON: You can't?

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Never could.

29 CINDY WILSON: Can you hear me now?

30 TOMMY DUNN: That's good. Yep.

31 CINDY WILSON: We've gotten behind
32 with all of the serious issues of the virus. But the
33 first item that our committee has on our agenda today
34 is the approval of the June 23rd minutes. And if I
35 may have a motion from either Mr. Sanders or Mr.
36 Davis, we can do that.

37 JIMMY DAVIS: I make a motion we
38 approve the minutes from the June 23rd meeting of the
39 Planning and Public Works Committee.

40 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

41 CINDY WILSON: All in favor? So we've
42 accepted that unanimously.

43 The July 22nd meeting minutes have a few
44 clarifications that I'm going to request that we
45 withhold approval until we've gotten that straightened
46 out.

47 And now we will go into the bid for the Starr C &
48 D Landfill. And very quickly I'll give you the
49 background on that. Our C & D Landfill down near
50 Starr really is desperately in need of expanding. And

1 we've been informed that we've got the permits and
2 everything in order and we had a bid. Here we go.

3 It's going to require digging out and moving three
4 hundred thousand cubic yards of gravelly, sandy dirt.
5 A total of fifty-eight cubic yards of dirt will stay
6 onsite. The rest will have to be taken offsite to a
7 place that has a land use permit. It may take at
8 least six months to complete construction for this
9 project. DHEC has permitted. Letters were sent to
10 all neighbors and signatures were received indicating
11 that everyone knows what will be happening at the
12 site. The bid was sent out. The winning bid was Belk
13 Company for two million six hundred and thirty-one
14 thousand and five dollars and sixty-five cents. There
15 were one, two, three, four, five -- there were six
16 bids received and this was the low bidder. And if I
17 may turn this over to Mr. Robert Carroll to proceed
18 from here before we approve it.

19 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am. As
20 you said we received six bids out of the eighteen that
21 we sent it to originally. And staff has evaluated it
22 and also our engineers and they recommend award to the
23 Belk Company. It will be roughly a six month project
24 once we get started.

25 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Carroll.
26 They are desperate to get started. Our committee
27 approved unanimously to recommend to our full council
28 so I provide that to you as a vote of recommendation
29 from the Planning and Public Works Committee.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Public
31 Works Committee, it doesn't need a second. Any
32 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
33 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
34 unanimously.

35 Moving on to item number 4, 12(4).

36 CINDY WILSON: The next item that we
37 discussed was changes, deletions, additions to the
38 Anderson Code of Ordinances regarding land use,
39 especially focusing on addition of notification and
40 posting of subject property and the use of reverse 911
41 calling system to advise adjoining landowners in
42 nearby neighborhoods of new projects and uses in
43 unzoned areas. This has come about particularly with
44 the situation with the RV park. Big projects in
45 unzoned areas don't currently require this intensive
46 situation with notification. Zoned areas we do.

47 Recently -- and I say recently -- within the last
48 four or five months we've had issues where, for
49 example, we had a landfill issue over in my district
50 for a public hearing and the state sent out postcards

1 that many of the landowners adjoining reported they
2 were never notified. We've had other situations where
3 our county sent out postcards and not all of the
4 landowners received them. We basically realize that
5 our U.S. Postal Service has not been as reliable as it
6 once was. And plus you have people moving, changes of
7 addresses, and all sorts of other issues. Even in
8 this age of social media, it's hard to get the word
9 out in the community.

10 Our Administrator recommended, and we used it to
11 great effect on the landfill, was the use of Reverse
12 911 so that those who do have phones can get word. So
13 that gives an additional contact from advertising in
14 the paper the legal notice and posting the property.
15 And we're now requesting as a committee that our
16 county post these larger projects even in unzoned
17 areas and use the Reverse 911 system, in addition to
18 postcards. That way we hope we get the word out.

19 This comes to you with a three and zero unanimous
20 vote for the Planning and Public Works Committee to
21 recommend to full council.

22 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion from
23 the Committee. Doesn't need a second. Open the floor
24 for discussion.

25 Mr. Burns, I think this is along them same lines.
26 I believe Mr. Davis brought this up. Ain't the county
27 and -- working on an app to do some discussion on this
28 to help out?

29 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

30 CINDY WILSON: I'm sorry. This was
31 another idea that was developed that can be of help
32 here.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Williamson, is that
34 coming up pretty good, getting close to happening?

35 RUSTY BURNS: We have some ideas that
36 Mr. Williamson does that we will meet with the Public
37 Works Committee to discuss in detail which way exactly
38 they want to go. But yes, sir, we're working towards
39 that.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any more
41 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
42 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries with
43 Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Wooten and Ms.
44 Wilson in favor. Ms. Floyd opposes.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: No. Mrs. Floyd voted
46 for it. You're a little late, but I voted for it.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Ms. Floyd voted
48 late and she voted for it.

49 Moving on, Ms. Wilson.

50 CINDY WILSON: We also discussed, but

1 did not declare decisively how to handle the situation
2 with special exceptions in zoned areas. We think that
3 some of the special exceptions should go under
4 commercial use type zoning such as communications
5 towers, childcare centers, private recreation areas
6 and so forth. And our Planning Department is working
7 on those issues now.

8 For example, we have no regulations on Bed and
9 Breakfasts and Air B&B and we discovered that I think
10 we're seventh in the world for Air B&B. So we've had
11 some -- I think DNR had some issues with that out on
12 the lake, so we'll be working with that with our
13 public to come up with something that's appropriate.

14 The other matter that we discussed at great length
15 was changes, deletions, additions to the Anderson Code
16 of Ordinances regarding land use requiring eight
17 thousand square foot lots to be changed to fifteen
18 thousand square foot lots or a developer may choose to
19 cluster on smaller parcels but required to have the
20 difference of fifteen thousand square feet reserved in
21 green or undeveloped area around the cluster in
22 unzoned areas.

23 From the developer's perspective, the more
24 buildings they can cram on to an acre, it costs them
25 less to develop. From the county and the public's
26 perspective, you have incredible issues with storm
27 water runoff now that we're in a rain cycle. You have
28 from the public safety people expressions of concern
29 where you have people highly densely populated in an
30 area the crime increases. And there are all sorts of
31 things. But we are concerned that with allowing the
32 developers to look at the conservation design type
33 projects they can still **save** money by clustering and
34 working with the county on those type measures that
35 will still provide them the savings but won't be as
36 dense for the storm water runoff concerns and so
37 forth.

38 So we had this discussion. This is in the unzoned
39 areas. In zoned areas there is a twenty-five percent
40 change that is allowed when you have sewer.

41 So this comes to you with a vote of -- unanimous
42 vote from the Planning and Public Works Committee
43 meeting that the eight thousand square feet be changed
44 to fifteen thousand square feet for a single lot in
45 sewer and unzoned areas. And seventy-five hundred
46 square feet for twin home lots on sewer with a total
47 of fifteen thousand square feet per building lot.

48 So that's what we bring to you for council
49 approval.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Public

1 Works Committee, it doesn't need a second. Open the
2 floor for discussion. I'm going to start off.

3 This is only first reading. It takes three
4 readings for something to become an ordinance. I've
5 reached to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Davis mainly who come up
6 with this idea. I will support it on first reading.
7 I think it's got some work to be done. I would like
8 to see us -- we met, the committee met here a few
9 weeks ago on some flag lot issues with some different
10 folks and they had some good ideas; not only on flag
11 lots but on different roads being built in the county.
12 And that's something I'd like this committee, the
13 Planning and Development Department and Standards to
14 reach out, let's have some discussion and get
15 something worked out that'll be great for our citizens
16 of Anderson County.

17 Most of the developers, especially local
18 developers in Anderson County want to take and take
19 care of the county and there's a fine line there of
20 making a profit and being good stewards of the county
21 and making sure something happens. And I think we can
22 get something in this worked out with us all sitting
23 down and talking and listening to both sides and
24 coming up with some things. I'll heel my time now and
25 go back if anyone else has anything. Mr. Sanders or
26 Mr. Davis?

27 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.

29 JIMMY DAVIS: You know, I want to
30 bring to the point, you know, one of the things that
31 we really are struggling with as a county is storm
32 water runoff. And as we continue to grow as a county,
33 we're continuing to see major problems with storm
34 water runoff. And it's no hidden fact that we as a
35 county are behind on what we need to do with all this
36 water that's running off asphalt and concrete. And
37 we've got some major hurdles. And I think this move
38 here would help us with having more green space in a
39 development that would reduce that storm water runoff.
40 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone
42 else?

43 CINDY WILSON: May I quickly point out

44 ---

45 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

46 CINDY WILSON: --- I failed to mention
47 that under the potential conservation subdivision a
48 developer can go down to six thousand square foot
49 lots, but it's tied to conservation and open space,
50 too. Thank you.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
2 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
3 opposed. Show the motion carries with Mr. Davis, Mr.
4 Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Wilson in favor. Mr. Wooten
5 and Ms. Floyd opposes.
6 Mr. Burns, -- go ahead.
7 BRETT SANDERS: This will go back
8 before the committee before we vote again; right?
9 TOMMY DUNN: We've got two more
10 times.
11 Ms. Wilson, did you have something?
12 CINDY WILSON: This concludes our
13 presentation for this meeting. Thank you.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
15 CINDY WILSON: We'll get together
16 again soon.
17 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns.
18 RUSTY BURNS: Sir?
19 TOMMY DUNN: And I know this is in
20 its committee and I know it's hard now with all this
21 we've got going on, but will you get with Ms. Hunter
22 and try to set a meeting up with this committee and
23 the people in the community?
24 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
25 TOMMY DUNN: Just the developer and
26 the public. And it might take three or four meetings
27 to get -- to have input to get back on this thing and
28 see that. And I've talked to Ms. Hunter and she's got
29 some good ideas, too, and her folks, too. Okay?
30 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
31 BRETT SANDERS: And some engineers
32 involved, too.
33 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.
34 GRACIE FLOYD: Also, Mr. ---
35 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
36 GRACIE FLOYD: --- Chairman, I would
37 like for somebody to give us some more information.
38 For example, deletion of some uses allowed under
39 special exceptions. Let's bring a copy of the special
40 exceptions to the group in zoned areas so we can see
41 what you're talking about. Okay. And the last one,
42 as well. Instead of telling us what you're going to
43 -- what you're going to do, help us understand what
44 you're going to do. Thank you.
45 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Keep in
46 mind a special exception is already in the code book.
47 It's defined out there.
48 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, give us page
49 numbers.
50 TOMMY DUNN: I'll get somebody to

1 give it to you if you don't have it. It's not that
2 new. It's been in there for ten years or better, but
3 we'll get that to you.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

5 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we're
6 going to take a five minute break. I've got to
7 regroup on this Public Safety Committee. Mr. Graham
8 ain't here. We won't be but five minutes and we'll be
9 back.

10 **BREAK**

11 CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion
12 that we go into executive session to discuss franchise
13 agreements ---

14 TOMMY DUNN: Not quite yet. We're
15 going to finish up a few things here on ---

16 CINDY WILSON: Okay.

17 TOMMY DUNN: --- EMS report if we
18 could.

19 CINDY WILSON: I'm sorry. I was
20 misinformed.

21 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we're at
22 item number 13. Call the council meeting back into
23 session. At this time report from the Public Safety
24 Committee meeting held on Thursday, August 14, 2020.

25 Approval of the minutes of the July 2nd meeting
26 will be put off until Mr. Graham is here.

27 Discussion of EMS billing fees will be put off
28 until Mr. Graham is able to attend.

29 We're going to go on to item number 6, QRVs in
30 outlying areas. I'm going to let Mr. Burns cover
31 that. Or Steve?

32 BRETT SANDERS: Was this meeting August
33 the 2nd? Are you sure it wasn't August instead of
34 July?

35 JIMMY DAVIS: It wasn't in July.

36 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. The meeting
37 was in August but the approval of Public Safety
38 minutes that was July 2nd.

39 BRETT SANDERS: Okay. I'm sorry.

40 TOMMY DUNN: I'm already crazy
41 enough. I don't need no help getting me there, now.

42 We're going to go now and we'll let our EMS
43 Director Steve Kelley and his assistant Don Cowan
44 discuss the QRVs in outlying areas. Then we're going
45 to have executive session. Go ahead.

46 STEVE KELLEY: I guess you're talking
47 about the Williford-Ebenezer?

48 TOMMY DUNN: Williford-Ebenezer,
49 yes, sir.

50 STEVE KELLEY: Williford-Ebenezer were

1 previously covered with MedShore Ambulance Service.
2 Still currently are. They gave us written notice that
3 they were wanting to move out of those stations.
4 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Kelley, you need to
5 get real close to that microphone because I can't hear
6 a word you're saying.
7 STEVE KELLEY: Sorry. We did receive
8 written notice from them that they would like to step
9 out of those contracts in order to utilize those units
10 in the city to provide better coverage. So we have
11 made plans now to replace those units with QRVs.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Anderson County?
13 STEVE KELLEY: Anderson County, yes,
14 sir.
15 TOMMY DUNN: Y'all are staffing
16 them?
17 STEVE KELLEY: Correct.
18 JIMMY DAVIS: And what is a QRV?
19 STEVE KELLEY: A normal ambulance is
20 going to be staffed with one paramedic and one EMT and
21 can transport. The QRV is going to be solely based
22 paramedic with all the same equipment.
23 TOMMY DUNN: And also -- I'm asking
24 now, this is -- my understanding coming from the
25 Public Safety Committee, at a cost -- it'll be the
26 same that we was paying. It don't be no more than
27 what we was paying.
28 STEVE KELLEY: It will be the same, if
29 not a little bit less than what we were contracted out
30 with the ambulances. Those QRVs in areas kind of we
31 refer to as covering dirt. They're in areas that we
32 want to improve the coverage of getting somebody on
33 the scene, but there's not really a high call volume.
34 TOMMY DUNN: And we're also going to
35 try this out, for better lack of term, temporary until
36 we see what the bigger picture is.
37 STEVE KELLEY: Correct. We're
38 expecting with national trends with the COVID stuff,
39 that EMS coverage, finances, everything like that is
40 going to start having a hard time over the next couple
41 of months. So temporarily we are replacing them with
42 QRVs, not ambulances, and we'll re-evaluate it, you
43 know, six, eight, ten months down the road.
44 TOMMY DUNN: And Mr. Burns or Mr.
45 Harmon, one, I'm assuming council's got to vote on
46 this, put this on the floor and vote on this?
47 Okay. Coming from the Public Safety Committee ---
48 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute. I have
49 questions.
50 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to have

1 discussion. We've got to get it on the floor if we're
2 going to have discussion. Believe me, everybody's
3 going to get a chance to talk. Promise you. We've
4 got to get it on the floor to be able to discuss it.
5 Coming from the Public Safety Committee, it doesn't
6 need a second. So, Ms. Floyd, you can start it off
7 and then Mr. Sanders.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. QRVs came up a
9 couple of years ago when we first got them in here.
10 It was a big fuss. Ebenezer wanted it and they were
11 going to put it somewhere else. And I think Ebenezer
12 got it; am I correct?

13 STEVE KELLEY: I didn't hear the last
14 part she said.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Years ago.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, why are
17 they trying to get rid of it now? Is that the point?
18 That's what you're making here?

19 STEVE KELLEY: We provide them seven
20 thousand five hundred dollars per month for that
21 ambulance. It probably costs plus of thirty thousand
22 dollars just to staff that ambulance twenty-four hours
23 a day. So they're massively losing money on it.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: But I thought that a
25 couple of years ago when it first -- the whole thing
26 was being done, I thought they said that they could
27 handle it and they wanted it, you know.

28 STEVE KELLEY: Then it is not as bad
29 as it is now with the COVID and the reimbursements and
30 everything like that.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: So are we going to have
32 to put more money in it? We're going to have to pay
33 more money now?

34 STEVE KELLEY: No. Currently with us
35 replacing with the QRVs, we're going to stay at the
36 same budget level or just a little bit below.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Explain to the
38 people what QRV -- we have some new folks up here and
39 they don't know anything at all about what I'm talking
40 about. But ---

41 STEVE KELLEY: QRV is just short talk
42 for us with a quick response vehicle.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: That's right. Yeah.

44 DON COWAN: Essentially ---

45 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Mr. Cowan.

46 DON COWAN: Essentially, Ms. Floyd,
47 what we're looking at is to -- the most important
48 thing for us is to get somebody on the scene that can
49 provide care. Transport is secondary. Get anybody
50 kind of tranquil, but I've got to get people there

1 that can provide medical care. So by getting the
2 paramedics there sooner and the quick response, we
3 have somebody that's there to initially start the care
4 on the patient. Then we can worry about the
5 transport.

6 Right now, across the United States, there is a
7 tremendous shortage of paramedics and EMTs. Services
8 are actually closing across the United States right
9 now because personnel are out due to COVID crisis or
10 they just don't want to do this kind of work any more.
11 So we're being forced to make some significant
12 decisions in providing good care to the county. And
13 one of those ways of doing that is putting quick
14 response vehicles out there that will allow a
15 paramedic to arrive on scene very quickly, provide the
16 care and then be backed up by one of the other
17 agencies, MedShore, one of the other squads, to do the
18 transports. And then our paramedic will essentially
19 ride with that patient to the hospital. That really
20 puts us in the step to assure that all we're concerned
21 about is the quality of patient care. Nothing else,
22 but just taking care of the patient.

23 This is going to be a short-term fix. But to be
24 honest with you, this may eventually be a long-term
25 fix. Because with the great shortage of paramedics
26 across the United States right now, and even EMTs,
27 we're going to have to make do with a lot less and
28 cover a lot more. That's essentially the concept
29 behind the QRV.

30 But a better way for everybody to accept it is if
31 you're having a heart attack the most important person
32 to be there right then is the paramedic who can give
33 you the lifesaving skills and the drugs and the
34 therapy to then get you transported.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: May I finish?

36 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That's Stone

38 over there; isn't it?

39 TOMMY DUNN: That's Steve Kelley.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Steve, I'm sorry, dear.

41 STEVE KELLEY: I answer to Stone, too.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Do what?

43 TOMMY DUNN: He said he can answer

44 to Stone. Go ahead.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I'm sorry about
46 that; okay? Steve, back to what I was saying. What I
47 don't understand now, I know you might have said it,
48 but like I said, the acoustics is bad in here. Would
49 you tell me again. My question is, it will not be --
50 it will be taken from Ebenezer? Are we saying that?

1 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am.
2 STEVE KELLEY: No. The ambulances
3 that are currently at Ebenezer and Williford, we'll
4 move out of those stations and move back to the city.
5 TOMMY DUNN: And be replaced ---
6 STEVE KELLEY: And be replaced with a
7 paramedic staffed quick response vehicle.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But what about
9 the QVR (verbatim)?
10 STEVE KELLEY: That's what we're going
11 to place back in there, is the quick response
12 vehicles.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Never mind. Yeah. We
14 have to talk later.
15 STEVE KELLEY: Okay.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Because I'm getting
17 information here that I've heard before, years ago.
18 And now it seems like everything is changing and I
19 want to know. Okay. So I will give you a call or you
20 call me tomorrow.
21 STEVE KELLEY: We can do that.
22 GRACIE FLOYD: After one-thirty.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.
24 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Kelley, I
25 think we were discussing, the QRVs, they're going to
26 be full time or the twelve-hour shifts? I can't
27 remember.
28 STEVE KELLEY: We kind of figured it
29 out. We started out on a fifty/fifty. We ended up
30 settling for more like forty-five-ish. It's going to
31 be shy of just one full time employee for each unit.
32 BRETT SANDERS: So they'll actually
33 have more QRV time down there than they were being
34 provided with prior?
35 STEVE KELLEY: Correct.
36 BRETT SANDERS: Okay. Thank you.
37 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair?
38 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis, go ahead.
39 JIMMY DAVIS: What we're going to end
40 up with is better coverage than we have now in those
41 areas than we currently have. We're going to have
42 better coverage with more qualified people and better
43 care to the citizens of Anderson County. The
44 transport will still be there if the transport is
45 needed. But the care from the paramedic side will be
46 better than what we currently have. Right, Don?
47 DON COWAN: Yes, sir.
48 JIMMY DAVIS: So we're going to have
49 better coverage, better care and the transport is
50 still available if needed for not any more money for

1 the taxpayer. And to me that's a win/win.

2 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. All in
4 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed.
5 Abstentions. Show the motion carries with Mr. Davis,
6 Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Wooten and Ms. Wilson in
7 favor. Ms. Floyd abstains.

8 Moving on to item number 7. Need a motion to go
9 into executive session to discuss franchise agreements
10 and contracts. And also, we're going to take out 14
11 while we're here, EMS contract discussion on Priority
12 One.

13 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. We
15 have a second by Mr. Sanders. All in favor of the
16 motion show of hands. Show the motion carries. We're
17 going to step right back here. Won't be gone long.

18 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

19 CINDY WILSON: ... come out of
20 executive session, having received information
21 regarding franchise agreements and contracts, with no
22 decisions made. Thank you.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
24 We have a motion to come out of executive session.
25 All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the
26 motion carries unanimously.

27 Show Ms. Floyd has left.

28 We're going to move on now. Going back -- this
29 coming from the Public Safety Committee meeting, so we
30 don't need a second on this. But I'll open up for
31 discussion of EMS, the billing fees. And this will
32 need a motion, too. Mr. Harmon, you want to put them
33 out for the record. This is for the insurance to help
34 our EMS providers. Go ahead.

35 LEON HARMON: Yes, it would be for
36 insurance and private pay. There would be rate
37 increases for ALS Emergencies that would go from the
38 current rate of nine hundred dollars to fifteen
39 hundred seventy-five dollars; for ALS 2 from one
40 thousand two hundred twelve dollars to two thousand
41 two hundred twelve dollars; ALS non-emergency from
42 eight hundred and forty dollars to one thousand four
43 hundred seventy dollars; BLS Emergency from seven
44 hundred dollars to one thousand two hundred twenty-
45 five dollars; BLS non-emergency from five hundred
46 forty dollars to nine hundred forty-five dollars;
47 mileage increase for ALS from twenty-two twenty to
48 thirty-eight eighty-five per mile; and BLS increase
49 from -- it would be the same increase, from twenty-two
50 twenty to thirty-eight eighty-five per mile.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have
2 a motion to move this forward?
3 JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.
4 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis;
6 second Ms. Wilson. Now discussion.
7 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.
9 JIMMY DAVIS: I just want to be
10 clear. What we're voting on here is increasing the
11 rates that the EMS providers can charge private
12 insurance companies. So this has no effect on
13 medicare or medicaid, but our EMS providers are -- in
14 essence some of them are starving to death largely due
15 to COVID-19 because a lot of people wouldn't go to the
16 hospital. So the EMS providers would show up and
17 treat somebody, but they wouldn't get the transport
18 because people wouldn't go. So we've got a -- because
19 of COVID-19, our wonderful EMS providers -- most of
20 them are wonderful -- have been starving to death. So
21 what this is going to do is it's going to allow the
22 carriers, the EMS providers, to be able to charge the
23 private insurance companies more and will be actually
24 more in line with some of our neighboring counties,
25 which we've always been on the lower end of the
26 spectrum, and so this is kind of getting us into
27 shape. And it will help those carriers stay afloat,
28 you know, basically, is what we're doing here.
29 But once again, this has no effect on medicare or
30 medicaid patients. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone
32 else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
33 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
34 unanimously.
35 Moving on, discussion concerning franchise
36 agreements. We hope to be voting on that next council
37 meeting. We've already got these agreements in place.
38 It's just tightening them up and putting fines in
39 place or what not. That will be something that will
40 be voted on. Hopefully have everything ready by next
41 council meeting.
42 Next is make the motion to place three QRVs in
43 Zone 9 to rapid response to emergency calls with
44 MedShore for -- to provide the cost of this --
45 MedShore will provide the cost for this service that
46 we discussed in executive session -- as we discussed
47 in executive session. It's not costing the county.
48 It's going to be -- and anybody else -- any other
49 district that we represent, you get the same deal if
50 you want it. See the gentleman right over there. Put

1 that in the form of a motion.
2 CINDY WILSON: Second.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson.
4 Open the floor up for discussion. All in favor of the
5 motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
6 motion carries unanimously. I want to thank the
7 Public Safety Committee for all their hard work.
8 Still got work to do.
9 Does anyone have any appointments?
10 Request by council members. Mr. Davis.
11 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
12 If I could I would make all three of these at one
13 time.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.
15 JIMMY DAVIS: From the District 6
16 recreation fund/special projects fund, I would like to
17 allocate CESA Tri-County Soccer six thousand dollars.
18 I would like to allocate PLAY, Powdersville League of
19 Youth, five thousand dollars. And the Distinguished
20 Young Women of Anderson County, three hundred dollars.
21 And I make that in the form of a motion.
22 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr.
23 Davis. Have a second?
24 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
25 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.
26 Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
27 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
28 carries unanimously.
29 Mr. Sanders.
30 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, if I could, I
31 would like to group two from my rec fund. I would
32 like to contribute three hundred dollars to the
33 Anderson Pregnancy Care -- I take that back, that was
34 five hundred for Anderson Pregnancy Care. And
35 Distinguished Young Women, I'd like to do three
36 hundred, please sir. Put that in the form of a
37 motion.
38 CINDY WILSON: Second.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr.
40 Sanders; second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in
41 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
42 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
43 Mr. Wooten.
44 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir. Before she
45 left, Ms. Floyd asked me to make an allocation for
46 her. She wanted to allocate eight hundred and twenty
47 dollars to the group The Zone Service for summer camp.
48 This is summer camp with three meals and field trips
49 and arts and crafts in her district. I put that in
50 the form of a motion.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr.
2 Wooten for District 2. Do we have a second?
3 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
4 CINDY WILSON: Second.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.
6 Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
7 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
8 carries unanimously.
9 Mr. Wooten.
10 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, for District 1, I
11 wanted to allocate five thousand dollars to the
12 Anderson Pregnancy Care. And then another group that
13 has requested -- it wasn't on the agenda, but I know
14 that we we've allocated to them in the past and that
15 we have all of their non-profit status on file. It's
16 Camp Proverbs. And so I want to do five thousand
17 dollars to Anderson Pregnancy Care and then one
18 thousand dollars to Camp Proverbs. Put that in the
19 form of a motion.
20 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr.
21 Wooten. Have a second?
22 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.
24 Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
25 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
26 carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Wooten.
27 CRAIG WOOTEN: I'm going to have to
28 leave a little bit early. I'm running up against a
29 work conflict, and so I'm just going to step out.
30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Appreciate
31 it.
32 Ms. Wilson.
33 CINDY WILSON: I'll do mine next
34 meeting. Thank you.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. District 5 would
36 like to appropriate out of its special account,
37 appropriation three hundred dollars for the
38 Distinguished Young Women and five hundred dollars for
39 the Anderson Pregnancy Care. Put that in the form of
40 a motion.
41 CINDY WILSON: Second.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
43 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
44 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
45 unanimously.
46 Moving on to the administrator's report.
47 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time,
48 Mr. Chairman.
49 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Now moving
50 on to citizens comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your

1 name, you have three minutes. Please state your name
2 and district for the record and address the chair.

3 Mr. Harmon.

4 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have
5 one citizen signed up, Bobby Simmons.

6 BOBBY SIMMONS: Bobby Simmons, District
7 2. Each time I come to the county council meeting, I
8 want to hear something about what we're doing for our
9 youth. I would like to hear that the county council
10 is doing things to help the youth.

11 I remember when I was growing out, each side of
12 town had baseball team that was supported by the Coca-
13 Cola Company, Pepsi Cola Company, and each team, they
14 played each other and they had a good time, and the
15 family come out and watched the team, so it was like a
16 family thing. I haven't seen that lately. And I
17 think that when the county council do their planning
18 maybe they would kind of save a little money or plan a
19 little bit for the youth. Remember, the youth is
20 going to be -- it's the future for us. And in what,
21 twelve years, fifteen years, they probably might be
22 sitting in your job. So it's time for us to do
23 something for the youth.

24 I feel like that we could have teams like tennis
25 team or golf team or bowling team sponsored by
26 companies and they could compete against one another
27 and be a good feeling for one another. And so that is
28 my request for the day is to ask the county council to
29 consider looking into things that they can do for the
30 youth. There are a lot of people that I believe would
31 volunteer to do these jobs. Some of them really don't
32 have to be really paid, but you need to initiate --
33 you need someone to initiate the job.

34 And I thank you for listening to me and I hope
35 that you can come to some conclusion that this is
36 something that we need, something that we need to do
37 while the youth -- not for our self but for our youth.
38 Thank you very much for your time.

39 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one
40 else is signed up.

41 TOMMY DUNN: At this time comments
42 from council members. Mr. Davis.

43 JIMMY DAVIS: Nothing, sir.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

45 BRETT SANDERS: Not at this time, sir.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson.

47 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr.

48 Chairman. Just wanted to quickly ask my fellow
49 Planning and Public Works Committee people if we could
50 possibly meet next Wednesday, September 2nd? Would

1 that work for y'all?
2 JIMMY DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.
3 CINDY WILSON: Middle of the day?
4 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis said yeah.
5 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.
6 We'll block that out.
7 JIMMY DAVIS: Are we talking about
8 noon?
9 CINDY WILSON: That would be good if
10 it's good for y'all.
11 JIMMY DAVIS: Okay.
12 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?
14 Mr. Burns, if you would try to get that meeting
15 set up I asked for development standards, developers
16 and all that with Ms. Wilson's committee.
17 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
18 TOMMY DUNN: And any other council
19 members that want to come. Appreciate it. And also
20 please keep in mind, thoughts and prayers, the
21 Garrison family.
22 Meeting adjourned.
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24 (MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:15 P.M.)