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County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
GRACIE FLOYD
RAY GRAHAM
BRETT SANDERS
JIMMY DAVIS
CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT

1 TOMMY DUNN: ... county
2 council meeting, our first meeting in October, regular
3 meeting, to order. I'd like to welcome each and every
4 one of you here tonight, or this afternoon, rather.
5 Appreciate y'all coming out and taking part in this.
6 We've got a full agenda today, so we're going to move
7 on quickly.

8 Mr. Davis called. He's running a little bit late.
9 We're going to get going. And Mr. Wooten is going to
10 be unable to attend today.

11 At this time I'd like to ask us all to rise,
12 please. We'll ask Councilman Sanders to lead us in the
13 invocation and pledge of allegiance.

14 **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY BRETT SANDERS**

15 TOMMY DUNN: Item number 3,
16 minutes approval. We have not received those yet from
17 the September 15th meeting. So we'll do that next
18 meeting, hopefully.

19 At this time we have citizens comments. Be on
20 agenda items only. You have three minutes. When Mr.
21 Harmon calls your name, please state your name for the
22 record and the district you live in and address the
23 chair, please. Again, you've got three minutes, agenda
24 items only.

25 Mr. Harmon.

26 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have
27 one citizen signed up; Elizabeth Fant.

28 ELIZABETH FANT: I'm talking on the
29 budget; number 7 and 8. As I said last time, we're in
30 a peculiar situation this year with the COVID and how
31 it has knocked out business, living arrangements,
32 basically since March. There are a lot of factors in
33 people's monetary lives right now despite the fact that
34 some people have gotten a stimulus check. It in no way
35 takes care of all the expenses that are being incurred
36 and will incur before the end of the year, including, I
37 think, high heating costs. There are already acorns
38 everywhere that tells me we're going to have a cold
39 winter. There are people that have been on delayed
40 eviction status because of the COVID, which is supposed
41 to run out, that caveat, the end of October. We're
42 going to have a lot of people that have nowhere to go.

43 We need to, this year, look at the budget as if it
44 was 2008 and cut, cut, cut, cut, delay, delay, delay
45 any expenses that are not necessary. Necessary
46 expenses would be things like the convenience centers,
47 if they need a way to compact the trash or if we have a
48 pump station that loses a motor. Those kind of things
49 we cannot delay. But every time I drive around town, I
50 see another vehicle, brand new vehicle, with an

1 Anderson County logo on it that wasn't here a month ago
2 or I haven't seen it. We're spending our money on
3 things that we cannot afford. We need to be taking
4 care of our citizens.

5 And those of you that are up there right now got
6 voted in, supposedly, because you were conservative
7 Republicans. I'm not seeing it.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else, Mr. Harmon?

9 LEON HARMON: No one else is signed
10 up, Mr. Chairman.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

12 Moving on to item number 5, comments from District
13 2. Seeing Ms. Floyd is not here, we'll be moving on to
14 item number 6, third reading, 2019-059, an ordinance to
15 amend the Agreement for the development of a Joint
16 County Industrial and Business Park (2010) of Anderson
17 and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park,
18 Project Cheney Mill.

19 Mr. Nelson, you got anything you want to say on
20 this before we go into a public hearing?

21 BURRISS NELSON: This is just to finish
22 up the multi-county park agreement and finish up. This
23 is the last piece of it. So thank you for your time,
24 sir.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Time to go into public
26 hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter,
27 please step forward, state your name and district for
28 the record, and address the chair, please. Anyone at
29 all? Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will
30 be closed. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

31 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.

32 CINDY WILSON: Second.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders and
34 second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of
35 the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries
36 unanimously.

37 Moving on to item number 6(b), 2020-017, an
38 ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a
39 Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Anderson
40 County, South Carolina and PRTR, LLC, a company
41 formerly known to the County as Project Westwind, with
42 respect to certain economic development property in the
43 County, whereby such property will be subject
44 to certain payments in Lieu of Taxes, including the
45 provision certain Special Source Revenue Credits,
46 Project Westwind.

47 This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to
48 speak to this matter, please step forward and state
49 your name and district again and address the chair,
50 please. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, the

1 public hearing will be closed.

2 Mr. Nelson, I don't want to cut you out. You got
3 anything to say?

4 BURRISS NELSON: Just thanks to Tom
5 Roose and Westwind for investing in Anderson County.
6 Fabulous building. Didn't cost us a dime.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a
8 motion to move this forward?

9 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.

10 CINDY WILSON: Second.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders,
12 second Mr. Graham. Now discussion. Hearing and seeing
13 none, all in favor of the motion show of hands.
14 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
15 unanimously.

16 Moving on to item number 7, report from the Finance
17 Committee meeting held on Monday, October 5th.
18 Chairman Sanders.

19 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. As you said,
20 Monday, October 5th, we had a Finance Committee
21 meeting. Registration and Election CTCL grant, which
22 is the center for Technical and Civil Life, a grant in
23 the amount of one hundred and sixteen thousand zero
24 forty-four. It's for the purpose of planning operation
25 of a safe election and administration. We were told
26 also that there's an excessive number of mail-in
27 ballots with over sixteen thousand dollars in postage;
28 that this will also go to help with that, help with
29 signage and safety for our poll workers. And it comes
30 before council as unanimous from the Finance Committee.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance
32 Committee, doesn't need a second. Any discussion on
33 this? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
34 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
35 unanimously.

36 Moving on to item number 4.

37 BRETT SANDERS: Number 4 was the Green
38 Pond SC DNR grant. It's a million dollar grant for the
39 construction of a three hundred and twenty foot
40 courtesy dock with a hundred foot T dock, also to be
41 used in construction with a new power source grid and a
42 trailer parking area. This grant has a match from our
43 accommodations tax of three hundred and thirty-three
44 thousand three hundred and thirty-four dollars. It
45 comes before council as unanimous approval from the
46 Finance Committee.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance
48 Committee, again, it doesn't need a second. Any
49 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion
50 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion

1 carries unanimously.

2 And let the record Mr. Davis has arrived.

3 Moving on to item number 5, Chairman Sanders.

4 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. This was a
5 grant for the Viva Recycling Update DHEC clean-up
6 grant. And it was close to two million dollars, 1.922
7 million, between Anderson County and S&ME, Inc., to
8 start immediately. The work will consist of a planned
9 development, a health and safety plan, a storm water
10 pollution prevention plan, coordination with the
11 petroleum company who has a right-of-way, project
12 mobilization set-up and site security, on-site clean-up
13 activities for tire removal, disposal of non-tire waste
14 and site stabilization. This also comes from the
15 Finance Committee to council as a unanimous vote.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance
17 Committee, again, doesn't need a second. Any
18 discussion? Hearing and seeing none, all in favor of
19 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
20 the motion carries unanimously.

21 Moving on, Mr. Chairman.

22 BRETT SANDERS: Discussion -- we had
23 discussion on the 2020-21 budget, and as was mentioned
24 earlier there is substantial cuts and decreases,
25 twenty-seven million overall, from the general fund,
26 along with ways to slow -- or hiring freeze to also
27 help protect the people that we have with us now.
28 There was some clarifications and clean-up points on
29 there that -- some mistakes that Ms. Wilson had notice,
30 and I think Ms. Pressley put them in there to make sure
31 we were paying attention. Pretty much we worked on
32 some things, went line-by-line down from the general
33 fund to capital projects, capital improvement, and
34 we've decided that we like what we see. And we will be
35 having another Finance Committee meeting prior to the
36 third reading on the budget.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
38 Appreciate the report. Appreciate the Finance
39 Committee's hard work.

40 Now moving on to item number 8(a), ordinance second
41 reading of the 2020 budget. Do we have a motion to put
42 on the floor?

43 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders.

45 Second Mr. Graham. Discussion.

46 BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman, again,
47 like I said there are substantial cuts. We are in a
48 state of uncertainty, waiting to determine our state
49 funding, our property taxes as they arrived. I think
50 we're being good stewards of the taxpayers' money. And

1 like I said previously, we will be having a committee
2 meeting, a Finance Committee meeting prior to third
3 reading to finalize and tweak and have it ready for
4 council before third reading.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, again, Mr.
6 Sanders. Any more discussion?

7 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

8 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

9 CINDY WILSON: It was noted by our
10 citizen who spoke a while ago that she saw new vehicles
11 out. I'm not sure which vehicle specifically she was
12 referring to, but most of the vehicles are on the last
13 year's lease purchase. It goes through a long process
14 from being approved after the Fleet Services Department
15 had -- works with the department on what the department
16 needs, and then it's ordered after going through the
17 process. And then it takes months sometimes for that
18 vehicle to come in and then another month or so to get
19 it checklisted from our Fleet Services Department.

20 So many of the new vehicles you might see right now
21 were already part of the previous budget and they were
22 already in process. So you couldn't very easily turn
23 it around.

24 Thank you.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

26 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

28 RAY GRAHAM: I just want to commend
29 the Administrator and also Finance Department for their
30 hard work as far as getting the report to us as far as
31 the budget for this coming year. There is still some
32 work that we're wanting to do. And as Chairman Sanders
33 mentioned, I mean we are going to have another meeting
34 before the third and final reading. So I mean we are
35 continuing to look and I assure you -- I think I can
36 speak for all council members, I think everyone is
37 truly looking long term, you know, what's the final
38 exposures and events that's going to take place from
39 the COVID and everything else that we've got looking at
40 us today. What is the true impact that's going to be
41 for next year, for this budget year that we're actually
42 working on and also for years to come. So we are
43 continuing to look at that. And I think we're truly
44 trying to be good stewards. At the end of the day we
45 do still have to operate the county. And I think all
46 of the department heads has been advised that we've got
47 to truly be good stewards, cut costs where we can. And
48 I think that's being done. And we're continually
49 working on that.

50 Hopefully by the third reading we will have a

1 budget in place that's going to truly be the best
2 budget for the county.
3 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.
5 Appreciate all the work all the council members are
6 doing on the budget and continue to do. It's a
7 situation even if we pass the budget, as I had
8 discussion the other day, as we get revenue projections
9 come in, there will probably be some more changes made
10 later on, or could be.
11 BRETT SANDERS: And there's no tax
12 increase in that budget.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, that's right. All
14 in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
15 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
16 Now we'll be moving on to item 8(b), 2020-021, an
17 ordinance to approve a template Lease Agreement for
18 Incubator/Soft Landing Economic Development Projects at
19 Anderson County's Facility at 1428 Pearman Dairy Road.
20 It's the old Ryobi building. Do we have a motion to
21 put this on the floor?
22 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.
23 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
24 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders;
25 second Ms. Wilson. Discussion? Mr. Nelson, do you
26 have anything?
27 BURRISS NELSON: No, sir. Just that we
28 still have two clients ready to move in as soon as we
29 get this worked out.
30 TOMMY DUNN: This is a second
31 reading. We talked about this on the first thing.
32 Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion show
33 of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
34 carries unanimously.
35 Moving on to 8(c), 2020-022, an ordinance to amend
36 section 2-38-(c)(4) of the Code of Ordinances,
37 Anderson, South Carolina, so as to establish that each
38 speaker will be allowed not more than three (3) minutes
39 to address the matter at a public hearing scheduled. I
40 put this forward in the form of a motion. Have a
41 second?
42 JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.
43 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second Mr. Davis.
44 Now any discussion? I just want to point out, this
45 ain't changing nothing. It's just on a public hearing
46 thing, it's putting a time thing on it. The intent of
47 this years ago when it was drawn up was no time limit
48 on a public hearing. If there's a hundred people shows
49 up, all hundred of them gets to talk. It's just you
50 can't talk on and on in time. It's take a little bit

1 out of the chair having to gavel somebody down. Any
2 more discussion?

3 CINDY WILSON: May I quickly point out,
4 please, ---

5 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

6 CINDY WILSON: --- that it does not
7 preclude a citizen requesting time on the agenda to
8 speak at the meeting with a lengthier amount of time
9 requested. And I think that it's important to note
10 that each of us when we have constituents who want to
11 speak regarding a certain matter, we can certainly
12 bring them back forward. But in the interest of many
13 people speaking and the meetings going late into the
14 night, there are concerns regarding that. Thank you.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. All in favor
16 of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show
17 the motion carries unanimously.

18 Moving on to item number 9(a), ordinance first
19 reading, 2020-023, an ordinance to amend an Agreement
20 for the development of a Joint County Industrial and
21 Business Park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville
22 Counties as to enlarge the park, Project Unity Gateway.
23 Mr. Nelson.

24 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Dunn.
25 This is just a reciprocal agreement with Greenville and
26 the city -- County of Greenville and the City for a
27 joint project that they're working in downtown
28 Greenville.

29 TOMMY DUNN: This is a Greenville
30 project; right?

31 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, Greenville.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Put a motion on the
33 floor?

34 BRENT SANDERS: So moved.

35 CINDY WILSON: Second.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders;
37 second Mr. Davis. Any discussion? All in favor of the
38 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
39 motion carries unanimously.

40 Moving on to item number 9(b), an ordinance to
41 amend the zoning map to rezone +/- 10.01 acres from C-2
42 (Highway Commercial) to R-MI (Mixed Residential) on
43 Highway 81 North and Scenic Road. Be Anderson tax map
44 number 146-00-08-003; 146-00-08-027; and a few more of
45 them. This will be a public hearing. Before we go --
46 Ms. Hunter, would you like to add anything to this
47 before we go into public hearing?

48 ALISIA HUNTER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
49 I don't have anything further to add to it. The
50 Planning Commission did review the application. We

1 sent out a hundred and twelve notifications. We did
2 receive seven phone call inquiries. We did not receive
3 any negative feedback from the public. And the
4 applicant is here to answer any questions that the
5 public may have.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thank you.

7 We'll go into public hearing. Anyone wishing to
8 step forward to speak to this matter, please step
9 forward and state your name and district for the record
10 and address the chair, please. Public hearing.
11 Anyone? Hearing and seeing none, the public hearing
12 will be closed. Do we have a motion to move this
13 forward?

14 BRENT SANDERS: So moved.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders.

16 CINDY WILSON: Second.

17 TOMMY DUNN: And second Ms. Wilson.

18 I believe this is in Mr. Sanders' district. Any
19 discussion?

20 BRENT SANDERS: I would just like to thank
21 Ms. Hunter's department for reaching out and keeping me
22 informed on what's going on. I appreciate the hard
23 work and the information.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Sanders.

25 All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
26 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

27 We're going to be moving on to item number 9(c),
28 2020-025, an ordinance authorizing, (1) pursuant to
29 Chapter 44 of Title 12, South Carolina Code of Laws,
30 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery of a Fee
31 Agreement by and between Anderson County, South
32 Carolina and BMW Manufacturing Company, LLC; and (2)
33 other matters relating thereto.

34 Mr. Nelson, would you like to add anything to this?

35 BURRISS NELSON: Nothing other than BMW
36 has been fabulous for Anderson County in putting tools
37 and actually fourteen of our companies last year BMW
38 paid 1.6 million dollars in property taxes. That
39 number will fluctuate from year to year, but this is a
40 renewal of that agreement with all of those companies.
41 And as they have model changes coming up, the
42 possibility that we'll be able to add additional
43 companies and additional income. Thank you, sir.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a
45 motion to move this forward?

46 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson;
48 second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion?

49 CINDY WILSON: May I very quickly point
50 ---

1 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

2 CINDY WILSON: --- out, please, there
3 are a number of companies in almost all of our
4 districts that supply BMW. I noted three companies in
5 my district. So it has a very good ripple effect for
6 local industry and jobs. Thank you.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. All in favor
8 of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show
9 the motion carries unanimously.

10 Moving on to item 9(d), 2020-026, an ordinance
11 authorizing (1) the conversion and transfer of property
12 subject to an existing Lease Agreement between Anderson
13 County, South Carolina (The "County") and Michelin
14 North America, Inc. (FKA Michelin Tire Corporation)
15 (The "Company"), to a Fee-in-Lieu of Property Taxes
16 arrangement under Title 12, Chapter 44 of the South
17 Carolina Code, as amended; (2) the execution and
18 delivery of such documents as may be necessary to
19 effect the intent of this ordinance; and (3) other
20 matters relating thereto. Mr. Nelson.

21 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, this is
22 simply the county taking the Sandy Springs plant's fee
23 agreement and turning it into a simplified fee. It
24 takes the county out of the chain of title. Michelin,
25 over the last twenty-five -- well, thirty-five years --
26 has invested 1.1 billion and has twelve hundred
27 employees with an annual payroll of forty-eight million
28 dollars. Last year they paid over six million dollars
29 in property taxes at all their facilities.

30 TOMMY DUNN: And while we're on this,
31 I believe the next two items is related to that.

32 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Cleaning it up?

34 BURRISS NELSON: The next one is simply
35 taking the super fee that was placed at the Starr plant
36 for the rubber facility there and converting it and
37 getting us out of that to a simplified fee and getting
38 us out of the chain of title.

39 And then the last one is taking those two
40 agreements, the '88 agreement and the '96 agreement and
41 any properties that were not captured placed by those
42 changes, will be placed in a multi-county park
43 agreement to continue with the same amount of property
44 tax as they've been paying.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a
46 motion to move this forward?

47 RAY GRAHAM: So moved.

48 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham;

50 second Ms. Wilson. Now discussion?

1 CINDY WILSON: May I?
2 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
3 CINDY WILSON: Very quickly, Michelin
4 was the first in our state to try to work around our
5 ten and a half percent industrial tax assessment ratio,
6 which is the highest in the nation. And our state was
7 languishing as we were losing -- beginning to lose
8 textile industries and the rural agricultural job
9 market was diminishing, so in spite of the need to
10 address our 1895 Constitution, this fee-in-lieu of
11 taxes multi-county park and the special revenue credits
12 have been a great help to both local family owned
13 industries and large global industries locating here.
14 And it's been a great help in our county to provide
15 good jobs to our citizens. Thank you.
16 BRENT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman.
17 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Yes, sir?
18 BRENT SANDERS: Is the motion to combine
19 all three of those?
20 TOMMY DUNN: No. Just one at a time?
21 BRENT SANDERS: Can we combine them?
22 Can I make a motion ---
23 TOMMY DUNN: Let's wait and get this
24 one cleaned up and we'll do the next two. All right?
25 BRENT SANDERS: I beg your pardon?
26 TOMMY DUNN: Let's go ahead and vote
27 on this and then we can do the next two combined if
28 y'all want to.
29 BRENT SANDERS: It's basically the same
30 thing?
31 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. Okay. All in
32 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
33 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
34 Now, we can move on. Now we can combine them now
35 if you want to, Mr. Sanders. You make the motion to
36 combine?
37 BRENT SANDERS: I make the motion to
38 combine the Michelin ordinances and adjustments on the
39 fee-in-lieu. It's basically the same thing, just
40 cleaning up some old and outdated material that's
41 moving it to a current structure.
42 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
43 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders make a
44 motion to combine (e) and (f) under number 9. Mr.
45 Graham seconds it. Now, any discussion? All in favor
46 of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show
47 the motion carries unanimously.
48 Moving on to item number 9(g), 2020-029, an
49 ordinance to authorize the execution and delivery of an
50 amended and reinstated Fee-in-Lieu of Tax Agreements by

1 and between Anderson County, South Carolina and COI
2 Anderson Industrial, LLC with respect to certain
3 economic development property in the County, whereby
4 such property will be subject to certain payments in
5 Lieu of Taxes, including the provision of certain
6 Special Revenue Credits; and matters related thereto.

7 Mr. Nelson.

8 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, this is
9 the Van Trust facility that they're spending their own
10 money to build a, right now, two hundred and twenty-
11 five thousand square foot facility that we actually
12 have clients who will be looking at it this week. I
13 meet with them Thursday, I believe. It's referred to
14 as Exchange Logistics Park at I-85. And this is an
15 extension of or adding on to their SSRC to allow them
16 to cover some unforeseen infrastructure costs that they
17 had. But it extends it by one year at the eighty
18 percent number -- eighty-three percent number.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a
20 motion to move this forward?

21 JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.

22 CINDY WILSON: Second.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis; second
24 Ms. Wilson. Now discussion? All in favor of the
25 motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
26 motion carries unanimously.

27 Moving on, item 9(h), 2020-030, an ordinance
28 authorizing the execution and delivery of an amendment
29 to a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement between
30 Anderson County, South Carolina and a Company known to
31 the County as Project Ammo to provide for an extension
32 of the investment period therein and grant of
33 additional Special Source Revenue Credits; authorizing
34 the execution and delivery of a purchase and sale
35 agreement to provide for the transfer of certain real
36 property located in the Alliance Industrial Park from
37 the County to Project Ammo; approving the inclusion of
38 the project in a Multi- County Business and Industrial
39 Park; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Nelson

40 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.
41 This is an expansion of an existing company. And 8.6
42 million in capital investment; sixteen new jobs at
43 sixteen seventy-two an hour average, as well as the
44 purchase of county-owned property at that facility.
45 And that will put the average salary for that sixteen
46 jobs, annual salary at five hundred and thirty-five
47 thousand, and our total first year's tax paid this
48 year, three hundred seven thousand eight hundred and
49 sixty-nine dollars. That comes to council as a
50 recommendation from the staff, as well as the Advisory

1 Council.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson;
3 thanks to your board. Do we have a motion to move this
4 forward?

5 BRENT SANDERS: So moved.

6 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders;
8 second Ms. Wilson. Now discussion?

9 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Burriss Nelson, on
10 the second page, I believe there's a typo there on the
11 hourly wage. You've got a hundred and sixteen dollars
12 and seventy-two cents.

13 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, that is a
14 typo.

15 TOMMY DUNN: You get that cleaned up
16 for next reading?

17 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, I will.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Any more
19 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
20 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
21 unanimously.

22 Now we're going to be moving on to number 9(i),
23 2020-031, an ordinance to amend Chapter 70, Article 5
24 of the Anderson Count Code of Ordinance, to include new
25 Zoning District Classifications and also to amend
26 Section 5:2 Residential Agricultural District Setback.
27 Ms. Wilson.

28 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
29 Going back to when zoning was first implemented in our
30 county, it was done by a precinct by precinct basis,
31 with great citizen input. And it's basically the
32 outcome of the County Comprehensive Land Use Map and
33 Plan and it's on a community-based meeting process, and
34 it goes through a process. But we've noted over the
35 years that the county ordinances only had a limited
36 number of zoning classifications, and many times those
37 classifications didn't accurately reflect what was on
38 the ground or what people intended for their property.

39 So these new zoning classifications will go into
40 the ordinance. They do not impact anything going on
41 except that if existing -- in existing zoned areas,
42 landowners choose to rezone they have more
43 classifications to choose from. And going forward in
44 the unzoned areas, precincts choosing to go through the
45 process to zone will have classifications to choose
46 from. And we will probably be coming up with some more
47 classifications for our industrial and commercial uses
48 of property in the future that are a little more
49 accurate to what's going on than just a blanket zoning.

50 So we're presenting this to our council and to our

1 public today based on a number of meetings that we've
2 had and a lot of research. And I'm going to try to
3 flip over without turning this over to give you the new
4 list. Goodness. Here we go.

5 The new zoning classifications that will be added
6 to our ordinance will involve residential agricultural
7 two-acre districts which we already have, but it's
8 flushed out in greater degree. Rural residential
9 district and the lot area would be a minimum of three
10 acres. They've already done this in Greenville County.
11 It's already in existence. This is just on paper for
12 us. Residential conservation district which will
13 provide the opportunity if a developer chooses to go
14 with a conservation development design, this is the
15 foundation from which they could work. And the forest
16 agriculture district where you've got a great deal of
17 timberland and a landowner could choose this and
18 minimum lot acreage there would be five acres. And
19 then finally the agriculture conservation district
20 which is basically based on more intensively farmed
21 areas and will have a greater soil designation there.

22 Anyway, I'm presenting this to all of our council
23 and the public for future use. And I put that in the
24 form of a motion.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Do we
26 have a second?

27 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Now
29 discussion? I plan on supporting this on first
30 reading, but I've got some questions and some
31 tightening up I'd like to see done before it gets to
32 final reading. I think all our zoning stuff and what
33 you call it, we've got committees working on things,
34 need to sort of go together. I think we got in a
35 little bit of trouble before over the county over the
36 years with piecemeal here and there. But like I said,
37 I'll support this today on first reading. Anyone else?
38 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed
39 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

40 Moving on to item (j), 9(j), 2020-032, an ordinance
41 to amend the Ordinance Number 2018-011 related to the
42 addition of Division 3 Titled Standards and Procedures
43 for Franchising of Private Ambulance Services so as to
44 add a new Section 30-87 Titled Operation within the
45 County without obtaining a Franchise and to
46 appropriately renumber succeeding sections; and other
47 matters related thereto. Mr. Burns or Mr. Harmon, do
48 you want to touch on this? Mr. Graham? I know y'all
49 have been working a lot on this.

50 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, I can

1 explain what this is intended to do. It is to add one
2 section to the franchise ordinance that we did some
3 time ago to put penalty provisions in, and then
4 renumber the remainder of the sections in the
5 ordinance. It's -- we've had some folks operating in
6 the county. We've asked them to submit applications.
7 Some have not. We have a couple of applications now.
8 So we believe this is an enhancement to the ordinance.
9 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. Do we have a
10 motion to move this forward?
11 RAY GRAHAM: So moved.
12 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham and
14 second Ms. Wilson. Now discussion?
15 BRENT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman.
16 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.
17 BRENT SANDERS: Does -- Mr. Harmon and
18 Mr. Burns, do we feel that the fine structure that we
19 had implemented is in accordance to what we're trying
20 to do here? I know we discussed different things. And
21 based on what was in there, it was slightly different.
22 That's all I was wanting to ask.
23 RUSTY BURNS: I think there was a
24 councilman that might have had different ideas on which
25 fee should be implemented. We passed this on the first
26 reading. They can talk about what they think would be
27 appropriate.
28 BRENT SANDERS: Okay. Thank you, sir.
29 TOMMY DUNN: I think we need to tweak
30 this and maybe Mr. Graham can put this in his committee
31 and go back and get something another. But we need to
32 get this moving forward. We've got a couple of
33 companies, I think, that's not heeding to our ordinance
34 and we don't have no teeth in our ordinance to enforce
35 something, what this boils down to, to get something
36 another, get something in the works.
37 Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion
38 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
39 carries unanimously.
40 Moving on to item number 10(a), resolutions. This
41 will be our R20-022, a resolution authorizing the
42 execution and delivery of an inducement agreement by
43 and between Anderson County, South Carolina and Project
44 Malibu, whereby, under certain conditions Anderson
45 County will execute a fee in lieu of tax special credit
46 agreement with respect to a project in the county
47 whereby the Project will be subject to payment of
48 certain fee in lieu of taxes, and whereby, Project
49 Malibu will be provided certain credits against fee
50 payments and reimbursements of investment and related

1 qualified infrastructure and providing for related
2 matters. Mr. Nelson.

3 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, this is a
4 really great project and there's not a typo on the
5 hourly wage rate of twenty-seven dollars and seventy-
6 one cents average, with an annual payroll for a hundred
7 and thirty-one employees of 7.2 million. Eighty
8 million capital investment on this project. First
9 year's property tax will be three hundred and twelve
10 thousand. And over a thirty year period, approaching
11 five million in property tax. The first year's impact
12 2.1 million. Twenty year impact two hundred and
13 eighty-five million. This is a great project. A
14 company that will bring a great opportunity to us.
15 Thank you for your time, sir.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a
17 motion to move this forward?

18 BRENT SANDERS: So moved.

19 CINDY WILSON: Second.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders;
21 second Ms. Wilson. Discussion? All in favor of the
22 motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
23 motion carries unanimously.

24 Moving on to item number 10(b), R-2020-023, a
25 resolution (1) inducing BMW Manufacturing Company, LLC,
26 the company, to make certain investments in Anderson
27 County, South Carolina, the county, authorizing under
28 certain conditions to enter into fee in lieu of tax
29 agreement by and between County and Company in the
30 event of certain Investments, and (3) authorizing other
31 matters related thereto. Mr. Nelson, this is just part
32 of a while ago?

33 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, this is
34 just a clean-up of the ordinance that we passed a
35 little bit earlier.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to
37 move this forward?

38 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

39 BRENT SANDERS: So moved.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr Sanders;
41 second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of
42 the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
43 motion carries unanimously.

44 Moving on to item number (c), R2020-024, a
45 resolution to authorize the County Administrator to
46 execute a lease agreement with the United States Army
47 Corps of Engineers for the Asbury Park site on Lake
48 Hartwell located at the end of Asbury Park Road for the
49 redevelopment of a private entity through sublease with
50 Anderson County; and matters related thereto. Keep in

1 mind, anything that comes back has to be approved my
2 County Council. Mr. Burns, do you have anything?
3 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, this is a
4 project we have been working with for over two years.
5 It's going to be called the Shores of Asbury. They
6 would like to be in operation by next spring. As soon
7 as we get council's approval on this, I think it will
8 take about two weeks to do some cleanup stuff and they
9 can actually begin. And they're chomping at the bits
10 to begin.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a
12 motion to move this forward?
13 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
14 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
15 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Ms. Wilson;
16 second Mr Graham. Now discussion? I think this will
17 be great for the community and great for Lake Hartwell.
18 And I know they had a community meeting -- a public
19 meeting about two or three weeks ago at the Civic
20 Center and it was well attended. All in favor of the
21 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
22 motion carries unanimously.
23 Moving onto item number 10(d), R20-025, a
24 resolution to authorize the County Administrator to
25 negotiate and execute the United States Army Corps of
26 Engineers long-term lease for River Forks Recreation
27 Area and the Weldon Island Day Use area, both located
28 on Lake Hartwell; and other matters related thereto.
29 Mr. Burns?
30 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, the Corps
31 of Engineers intends to abandon these parks, so we
32 would like a chance to negotiate with the Corps of
33 Engineers and possibly take over the management of
34 those. It's early into the project, but we would hate
35 to see those parks closed to the public. So this would
36 give us permission to negotiate with the Corps of
37 Engineers.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to
39 move this forward?
40 BRENT SANDERS: So moved.
41 CINDY WILSON: Second.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr Sanders;
43 second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of
44 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
45 the motion carries unanimously.
46 Moving on to item number 11, Norbert Lane
47 resurfacing approval. Do we have a motion to move this
48 forward?
49 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Wilson. Do we

1 have a second?

2 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Now

4 discussion? All in favor of the motion ---

5 CINDY WILSON: May I?

6 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry.

7 CINDY WILSON: Now this is the road

8 one?

9 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

10 CINDY WILSON: I'm having a hard time

11 hearing you.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. It's number

13 11.

14 CINDY WILSON: Okay. This is -- just

15 to point out this is an already existing county-owned

16 gravel road. In years past we've had developers who

17 would develop properties and tell the people buying

18 those properties that they would be provided a paved

19 road once three dwellings located on the road and they

20 would not be county owned roads; they would be

21 privately owned. So there's a difference here between

22 these two scenarios. Thank you.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

24 All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like

25 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

26 Moving on to item number 12, update from Planning

27 and Public Works Committee meeting held on Wednesday,

28 September 16th, 2020 and Land Use Ad Hoc Committee

29 meeting held on Thursday, October 1st, 2020. Ms.

30 Wilson.

31 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

32 And you and Mr. Sanders and Mr. Davis, please chime in.

33 We've had now two more informal meetings dealing

34 with land use and development standards type

35 situations. And we just passed an ordinance first

36 reading allowing for more zoning classifications to be

37 added to our Codes of Ordinances dealing with

38 agricultural type uses of property. There's been a

39 move to go to larger lots in unzoned areas where we're

40 getting slammed with tiny lots, houses. They're just

41 slapped up. And we've had a lot of people, our

42 citizens, very concerned about this.

43 As it stands right now, just in District 6, Council

44 District 6 alone, there are almost twelve hundred lots

45 permitted and recorded that have yet to be built on.

46 They're probably maybe another thousand or more that

47 are in the pipeline and we're understanding that

48 another three thousand are coming. There's got to be

49 some means of providing a little better quality than

50 what we're seeing now. The move to the fifteen

1 thousand square foot lots from the eight thousand
2 square foot lots where there is sewer in unzoned areas
3 may eventually be followed up in the zoned areas where
4 there's sewer, too. We've already provided for better
5 notification of all the surrounding landowners in
6 unzoned areas, but again the public is very concerned
7 about high density development in rural areas.

8 And we have the situation in our county now where
9 these type developments do not increase the tax base.
10 They increase the tax burden, because of putting that
11 many people in a small area in the middle of a rural
12 type community. The schools are already strapped.
13 District 1, for example, under Act 388 can only
14 increase taxes by a very small amount. They already
15 plan out five to ten years for a certain amount of
16 increase in population to cover for. They've already
17 put out a hundred and nine million dollar bond to build
18 new schools and add -- and upgrade their existing
19 schools. And they're already slammed when you've got
20 probably another two or three thousand homes.

21 Our roads are strapped. Our volunteer fire
22 departments are strapped. EMS strapped. So we've got
23 to try and come up with some methods that will be
24 better quality and allow the county and the various
25 required services to be able to accommodate the needs.

26 School District 1, for example, can put on an
27 impact fee and hopefully they will do that before too
28 long. The county, if we try to do that, it's a three-
29 year window and development takes one to two years to
30 get through permitting and starting in the ground. So
31 it would be very difficult to collect and spend the
32 money for the needs that are required.

33 So those are some of the factors that we're looking
34 at on going to a larger lot size. And also the storm
35 water runoff issues. When we look at going to more of
36 a conservation cluster design, it costs less for the
37 developer to cluster on a smaller area and leave more
38 space around it open and undeveloped. It cuts down in
39 storm water runoff, cuts down for the developer on site
40 prep and cost of running utilities and building roads.
41 So there are a lot of, a lot of things that make the
42 conservation development design more appealing and
43 should in the future.

44 We had a great meeting on the 16th of September and
45 then decided to make it a little more condensed with
46 expertise coming from the various districts and from
47 the different professionals in the community. It was
48 well attended and a lot of input gathered.

49 Would you like to add anything Mr. Davis, Mr.
50 Sanders?

1 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
2 I just want to say that I think we had a real
3 constructive meeting on last Thursday. I think we had
4 good input from those that attended. I welcome more
5 people to attend, especially those who have been
6 appointed to the committee. I was a little
7 disappointed that some did not attend, but I know
8 everybody can't make every meeting. But I hope -- and
9 I look forward to future input. We had a lot of good
10 ideas about conserving in rural areas, farmland and
11 other types of areas. So I look forward to meeting
12 with the committee and panel in the future and coming
13 up with a plan that's best for Anderson County so that
14 we can properly plan for the growth that's coming.
15 Thank you.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Moving on
17 now to appointments. Are there any appointments?
18 Seeing and hearing none, now will be request from
19 council members. Mr. Davis, District 6.

20 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
21 If I may, I'll combine these into one motion.

22 From the District 6 special projects fund, I would
23 like to allocate two hundred and fifty dollars to the
24 County Administrator's office on behalf of South Main
25 Chapel and Mercy Center for the Anderson Community
26 Resource Guide, that's two hundred and fifty dollars;
27 and to the YMCA of Powdersville, twenty-five hundred
28 dollars for their youth mentor program. And I make
29 that in the form of a motion.

30 CINDY WILSON: Second.

31 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Mr.
32 Davis. Do we have a second?

33 CINDY WILSON: Second.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
35 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
36 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
37 unanimously.

38 Let the record show Ms. Floyd has arrived.

39 Moving on now to Mr. Sanders.

40 BRENT SANDERS: Yes, sir. I'd like to
41 combine mine, as well. I would like to take two
42 hundred and fifty dollars from my special rec fund for
43 the Tiaras to Crowns and also for the South Main Chapel
44 and Mercy Center Community Resource Guild. And put
45 that in the form of a motion.

46 TOMMY DUNN: That's two hundred and
47 fifty dollars each?

48 BRENT SANDERS: Yes, sir.

49 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Mr.
50 Sanders. Have a second?

1 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any
3 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
4 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
5 unanimously.
6 Now moving on, Ms. Floyd.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Is this thing on? I
8 don't think so.
9 TOMMY DUNN: It's on.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Can you hear me? Thank
11 you very much.
12 Yeah, I have four that I'd like to do today. First
13 to the Calvary Children's Home on Simpson Road, two
14 thousand dollars. They're getting ready for Christmas
15 and we don't know what it's going to bring, so they
16 want to start early. To the Mercy Church, Chapel, on
17 South Fant Street, two thousand dollars. They are
18 looking to do the same things with the public that they
19 served. Lyndon Academy, two thousand five hundred.
20 This is something new coming to Anderson County where
21 they're going to teach drama, art -- what does the M
22 stand for? -- drama, art, something else, dance and
23 dance. This is going to be a very, very powerful place
24 for our children to take lessons almost free. Okay.
25 To the Welfare Baptist Church, two thousand dollars.
26 They are going to hire young people to help them unload
27 boxes. They brought in one thousand one hundred boxes
28 of food last Wednesday and they're doing the same thing
29 tomorrow. They need help. And the idea is to employ
30 the teenagers that can lift. And this is a little
31 penance that they're going to give those teenagers for
32 doing this. Also, here's one I can't even read,
33 Bulletin -- oh, yeah, this is for two hundred and fifty
34 dollars for the pamphlets that's going out with all the
35 telephone numbers on them. I'm hoping that you have
36 seen them. They have been revised. They're really
37 good. So for them two hundred and fifty dollars to
38 help with that ministry. And that's everything.
39 Mr. Leon, I'd like to see you as soon as the
40 meeting is over with; okay? I apologize for being
41 late, but I'm having issues. Not with COVID virus, but
42 I'm having issues. And I thank you so much.
43 TOMMY DUNN: We have motion by Ms.
44 Floyd. Do we have a second?
45 BRENT SANDERS: Second.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any
47 discussion? I'd just like to point out -- not throwing
48 a money wrench in nothing -- but the stipulation, all
49 this is good as long as it meets the legal smell of
50 church and state with Welfare Baptist Church. Don't

1 want to get into an issue with that.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: They're a 501(3)(c).
3 TOMMY DUNN: That's don't matter,
4 church and state, as long as you've got a thing.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: They have a 501(3)(c).
6 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the
7 motion show of hands.
8 Moving on, Mr. Graham.
9 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
10 I'd like to appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars
11 to the South Main Chapel and Mercy Center for the
12 community resource guides to be distributed.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else?
14 RAY GRAHAM: That'll be it.
15 CINDY WILSON: Second.
16 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Ms. Wilson.
17 Any discussion? All in favor of Mr. Graham's motion
18 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion
19 carries unanimously. Ms. Wilson.
20 CINDY WILSON: Well, until we pass a
21 budget, District 7 only has fifty bucks. Thank you.
22 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Out of District
23 5's special revenue account, I'd like to appropriate
24 two hundred and fifty dollars to the South Main Chapel
25 and two hundred and fifty dollars to Tiaras to Crowns.
26 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman?
27 TOMMY DUNN: Uh-huh (affirmative).
28 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Wooten requested two
29 hundred dollars to go to Diamonds and Tiaras and would
30 request a member of council to do that for him.
31 TOMMY DUNN: I'll do that as soon as
32 I finish mine up. I put that in the form of a motion.
33 Do I have a second?
34 CINDY WILSON: Second.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
36 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
37 All opposed like sign.
38 And I'll put in the form of a motion Mr. Wooten's
39 request to put two hundred dollars?
40 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
41 TOMMY DUNN: Two hundred?
42 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
43 TOMMY DUNN: To who?
44 RUSTY BURNS: Diamonds and Tiaras.
45 GRACIE FLOYD: I didn't hear that. To
46 who?
47 TOMMY DUNN: Diamonds and Tiaras and
48 Crowns.
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, okay.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Two hundred dollars, Mr.

1 Wooten, that's District 1. Any discussion? Do I have
2 a second?

3 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Now
5 any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
6 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
7 unanimously.

8 Moving on to item number 15, Administrator's
9 report. Mr. Burns?

10 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to citizens
12 comments. When Mr. Burns calls your name -- I mean,
13 I'm sorry, Mr. Harmon calls your name, please step
14 forward, state your name and district and address the
15 chair. You have three minutes.

16 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first
17 speaker is Elizabeth Fant.

18 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District
19 3. On the agenda it does say on here anybody needs an
20 auxiliary item should be given that. It's very hard
21 for me to hold my papers up here, look down, try to
22 talk in the mic instead of having a mic in my hand and
23 sitting down. It's very hard for me to get up to get
24 up here. I think that's really embarrassing that a mic
25 can't be handed to me.

26 The biggest thing I see on here other than the
27 budget is I am so happy to see that we're giving money
28 to the Mercy Chapel to do this pamphlet. If you've not
29 seen that pamphlet, it's excellent. It tells people
30 where they can go for resources of all sorts of things
31 that people are needing right now. I'm not sure that
32 the budget that they gave, a thousand dollars or
33 something, is enough to cover as many of these
34 pamphlets that we need. We need for them to be handed
35 out to all kinds of people in all different places.
36 I'm going to request more for me to take to Belton.

37 Second of all, the budget is now eighty-five
38 million dollars worth in the budget. No tax increase.
39 But those of you that keep up with the budget realize
40 that the budget revenue every year increases. I think
41 last year it was sixty-five million. I'll have to look
42 that up to be sure. Don't quote me on that. So we've
43 got twenty million dollars more coming in and we still
44 can't find a single dime to work on roads. It seems to
45 me that as fast as the money comes in somebody figures
46 out a way to spend it. That is not what government is
47 supposed to be about. Government is supposed to be
48 economic; not spend more than they need to, not keep
49 taking from the taxpayers. And that's what happens.

50 I also see as far as the vehicle goes, I have been

1 notified that there are some people driving those
2 vehicles that are not county employees. I don't think
3 that should be happening.

4 I think we can be encouraged by the possibility of
5 the Buc-ees Franchise coming out of 85. That should
6 really generate some money and it also is going to
7 generate traffic.

8 One last thing, when Mr. Allen was on the
9 committee, I'm not sure whatever happened to the end of
10 the discussion on employees holding back their vacation
11 pay and then when they cash out at retirement they have
12 a huge amount. Some people up to forty thousand
13 dollars that's left in benefits that the county has to
14 pay out. That should stop. We need to have everybody
15 use up their vacation days. If they're getting ready
16 to retire and they've got three weeks, the last three
17 weeks they need to take those as vacation days. We
18 should not be paying a cent. Most companies don't
19 allow that.

20 TOMMY DUNN: That'll be time. Mr.
21 Harmon.

22 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Bobby
23 Simmons.

24 BOBBY SIMMONS: Bobby Simmons, District
25 2. I hear that you're trying -- you're doing the '21
26 year budget. And I never did hear anything about
27 anything going south. In the several years that I've
28 been here, I'm been asking to try to bring business
29 down to South Main Street. But I haven't heard
30 anything. I heard 81, you're going to do something on
31 81, but not 29 and not Belton Highway or not South Main
32 Street. I think it's time that you try to do a little
33 something to help the south end of Anderson out because
34 we don't have very many businesses down there and we
35 always have to go up to Clemson Boulevard or wherever
36 to get some of the products that we want.

37 I realize that the bridge is the problem for trying
38 to get trucks down 29. But we've been talking about
39 that for a long period of time. And I think it's about
40 time we find out are they going to do it or not. Are
41 we going to have business on 29 or not. And I just
42 feel that we need to give people a little incentive to
43 come to 29 or Belton Highway.

44 And another thing I wanted to add is the markings
45 on the street. People might not think very much of it,
46 but the yellow markings on the streets on some of the
47 back roads is hard to see. So it's a possibility that
48 somebody could have a wreck just because they didn't
49 see the lane when another car is coming. So since
50 we're talking about the budget this year, I think they

1 should add that in there. I don't think it would cost
2 very much to paint the stripes on the road any more.

3 So I'm praying that what I'm saying talking about
4 the roads, talking about the business in the south end
5 of Anderson, that it don't fall on deaf ears, that
6 you'll really think about it and realize that people on
7 South Anderson, we're Anderson people, as well, and we
8 deserve something better than we have. Thank you very
9 much.

10 LEON HARMON: No one else is signed
11 up, Mr. Chairman.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

13 Now comments from council members. Mr. Davis?

14 JIMMY DAVIS: Nothing, sir.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis.

16 Mr. Sanders?

17 BRENT SANDERS: Yes, sir. I would just
18 like everyone to remember Greg Smith over our Solid
19 Waste Department. I think he's fell ill. I meant to
20 mention him in my prayer this morning. Just want him
21 to know he's in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Sanders.

23 Ms. Floyd?

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I have several.

25 First of all, I want to tell you about District 2.
26 Since we have been in this mess that we're in, I am so
27 proud of my District 2 people. I am -- would like to
28 report to you that we have had food drives. We have
29 one today that's going to be held over at the Welfare
30 Baptist Church. And we have one -- we had one last
31 Wednesday; one thousand one hundred boxes went out.
32 Not only to people but to churches, as well. We have
33 worked tireless on the Census when we found out that
34 the Homeland Park Area was -- I can't talk any louder
35 -- when we found out that the Homeland Park area was
36 low in the Census, we went to work. We went to work.
37 And we're not really, really high, but we're up there
38 now. When voting came around we did a lot of voting.
39 We opened up places and we did voting. Can you hear me
40 back there? Good. Thank you. I'm really proud of
41 them.

42 The thing I'm mostly proud of is our Senator and
43 our House of Representative member. When I put out the
44 call that I needed some help at Welfare Baptist Church
45 with the Census and the voting, you wouldn't believe
46 who showed up. All elected officials. The Senator was
47 there, the House of Representative member was there,
48 school board members were there, city council members
49 were there. You couldn't have asked for a better
50 group. Nobody showed but we did it. And the thing

1 that was so good about it, our Senator took advantage
2 of the situation for us and he talked to us all sitting
3 there. He talked of things. He told of things. You
4 don't see him all the time. But that was one of the
5 most pleasurable things that happened, doing that
6 voting thing. When you see or hear from our Senators,
7 thank them. Let them know how important that was and
8 how much we appreciated them.

9 I want to tell you about the truck stop. We just
10 mentioned the truck stop up there on Highway 29. And
11 if you want it, you can have it. Okay? It's not going
12 to bring nothing but traffic and a whole lot of other
13 things to the street. And I didn't know about it until
14 they started working on it.

15 There's something else going on that I'm very
16 unhappy with. At the last meeting that I attended I
17 made the statement that I don't like it when I start
18 talking people get up and walk, only to have my
19 chairman of the council make a comment about that's
20 what I do. You're right, I do it, because I have to.
21 I have to. I can't sit for long periods of time nor
22 can I walk. I get stiff when I sit. But I do my work.
23 I get my job done. More than some of these people that
24 have been sitting up here for ten or twenty years. I
25 get my job done. And I don't like that every time I
26 speak, every time I speak I have to listen to comments
27 that are made about what I have just said. Others can
28 speak and say what they want to. Nobody makes a
29 comment. But when I speak there are comments made.
30 Now, I'm not up here for a popularity contest. I'm up
31 here because I have work to do. There's work to be
32 done. That's why Gracie Floyd is here. If you don't
33 like me, tough, that's your problem, not mine. But I'm
34 going to speak. I'm going to say. And I'm going to do
35 what I have to do. I have no support. I have no
36 support. Not even the Administrator. That's not my
37 problem. My problem is District 2, doing what needs to
38 be done for them. And I thank you for listening.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?

40 RAY GRAHAM: Nothing at this time,
41 Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson?

43 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

44 Just to give an update on Highway 29, there have
45 been efforts going back twenty years to get the bridge
46 replaced and a lot of other measures done. A lot of
47 folks don't realize that Highway 29 was the prototype
48 for I-85. So all the mistakes they made on 29, they
49 didn't make on I-85.

50 But our Appalachian Council of Government has a

1 Transportation Committee and we're tasked with what is
2 called the Freight Mobility Study. And we had a
3 meeting about, I guess it's been four or five weeks
4 ago, and an update, and amazingly Highway 29 was
5 mislabeled and they left off a lot of information.

6 Well, your representatives, including a State
7 Senator, a House member and council members and all the
8 mayors on the east side of the county wrote and signed
9 a letter that went to ACOG requesting that 29 be a
10 major priority. We have a large cluster of industries
11 on the south side of town, including Michelin, First
12 Quality, Electrolux. Some of the largest employers in
13 the county. Yet their trucks can't get in and out of
14 29 for the most part. All the towns, Pelzer, West
15 Pelzer, Williamston, Belton and Honea Path are
16 inaccessible without going another way.

17 We do sincerely hope that we can get the road four-
18 laned all the way into town and connecting to those
19 industrial properties and making it easier for
20 residential and other economic development to take
21 place.

22 Right now the Cherokee Road bridge is to be
23 replaced next year. Construction starts, I believe,
24 April of '21. Our Secretary of Transportation for the
25 State, Christy Hall, made a personal trip up here to
26 look at the mess in front of Whitefield and the jockey
27 lot; Whitefield Baptist Church and the jockey lot. We
28 had a meeting with those landowners and people in the
29 community recently. Landowners came up with an even
30 better idea for the Department of Transportation that
31 would cut the cost and make it safer and more
32 efficient. They've got back at DOT to look at those
33 recommendations. Our own county DOT participated in
34 that meeting.

35 There are many, many efforts regarding 29 going on
36 right this minute. I think you will see the situation
37 in front of the jockey lot and Whitefield addressed
38 within the next twenty-four months and you will begin
39 to see construction at long last on the Cherokee Road
40 concern starting in April. They're already through
41 engineering and right-of-way acquisition. So it's
42 definitely been teamwork. Your representatives and the
43 communities most impacted have been really involved.
44 So we look forward to good things in the future.

45 Thank you.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

47 I'd just like to thank the Administrator and his
48 staff and Public Safety Committee for getting the QRVs
49 on the road. I think this will be a great asset to
50 Anderson County and a great public service for our

1 citizens to make Anderson County just a safer place.
2 Also want to remind people, back the first of
3 October, the ad hoc committee we had on the Planning.
4 I asked the committee members, they had some good
5 ideas, to write down their stuff and turn into the
6 Administrator. We're going to look over this and get
7 these back and then we'll have a meeting, the committee
8 will have a meeting to discuss them.
9 Appreciate everybody. Have a safe trip back home.
10 Meeting be adjourned.
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12 **(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:11 P.M.)**