

State of South Carolina)
County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
GRACIE FLOYD (via Zoom)
RAY GRAHAM
CRAIG WOOTEN
JIMMY DAVIS
BRETT SANDERS
M. CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to call
2 the regular Anderson County Council meeting of November
3 the 12th, 2020 to order. I'd like to welcome each and
4 every one of you here today, or this afternoon. Thank
5 y'all for coming and participating in your local
6 government. We'll have a few housekeeping
7 announcements here to make in a few minutes. But to
8 start, I'd ask us all to please keep your mask on,
9 observe social distancing the best we can and be
10 mindful of others and respectful. And at this time
11 I'll ask Councilman Jimmy Davis if he'll lead us in the
12 invocation and pledge of allegiance. Let's all rise,
13 please.

14 **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY JIMMY DAVIS**

15 TOMMY DUNN: First order of business on
16 the first reading, ordinances 12(b), it's 2020-033, has
17 been pulled from the agenda. Also item 12(e), 2020-
18 036, has been pulled from the agenda. Anyone else?
19 Anything else from anyone?

20 Moving on, before we go any further, we're going to
21 -- as y'all see, Ms. Floyd is unable to attend today.
22 She's doing a Zoom, supposed to be doing a Zoom thing
23 on the thing, she is. I've talked to the attorney in
24 length about this. Our ordinance clearly states to be
25 present to be voting. I didn't make the rules. That's
26 in our ordinance. Now, our council can make a motion
27 to waive this or change this. That's a little iffy in
28 my opinion because it says to amend the agenda in less
29 than twenty-four hours declares an emergency. So it's
30 debatable if this is an emergency or not. But I will
31 at this time ask council if there's a motion on the
32 floor to allow to participate in voting but not being
33 present or not. I open the floor.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: This is Gracie Floyd. You
37 are talking about something which I wasn't aware. And
38 when I talked to the attorney about this, he wasn't
39 aware of it either. And when we talked to the
40 administrator about this, he wasn't aware because this
41 is the first time I've ever heard this. But, but if
42 that's going to be a, if that's going to be a problem
43 with the council, I don't see a reason to vote on it.
44 I will just not, I will just not vote. I will sit here
45 and I will listen. I will comment. I will say what I
46 need to say. But I just won't vote. And that should
47 take care of it.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. And
49 just like I say that's in our Code of Ordinances. Been
50 there since I've been on council. I'm going on

1 thirteen years.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I've been here twenty-
3 two.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Then you should know that.
5 Moving on ---
6 GRACIE FLOYD: No.
7 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on ---
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, if this was
9 something that you knew before we started this program,
10 then you should have said something because you the
11 chair.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Ma'am, I didn't know none of
13 this was going to come up. We're not going to start
14 this meeting off like this.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, don't talk about it
16 then.
17 TOMMY DUNN: It's time for citizen
18 comments.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Don't say ---
20 TOMMY DUNN: At this time it'll be
21 citizens comments. When the attorney calls your name
22 you have three minutes. Please address your name and
23 district for the record. And all matters on agenda
24 items only on this first go around. Agenda items only.
25 Please address the chair. Mr. Harmon.
26 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, I think you've
27 got approval of minutes ---
28 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry.
29 LEON HARMON: --- before citizens comments.
30 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. Are there any
31 changes, corrections to be made to the September 15,
32 2020 council meeting?
33 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I make the
34 motion that we accept the minutes as presented for
35 September 15th.
36 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes the motion
37 we accept as presented. Do we have a second?
38 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Sanders. All
40 in favor of the motion show of hand. Show the motion
41 carries unanimously.
42 Be moving on now to the minutes of October 6th
43 council meeting of 2020. Any corrections to be made to
44 those? Do we have a motion?
45 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson to accept.
47 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
48 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Davis.
49 JIMMY DAVIS: I think it was Mr. Graham.
50 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. Mr. Graham. All

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

3 Now we'll be moving on to citizens comments.
4 Again, as I say, when Mr. Harmon, the attorney calls
5 your name, you have three minutes. Please address the
6 chair. Keep matters on agenda items only. And please
7 state your name for the record. Mr. Harmon.

8 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first
9 speaker is Clifford Shiflet.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Shiflet, if you
11 would step back on that. We're going to keep that
12 thing -- that's right. Everybody can hear you from
13 there.

14 CLIFFORD SHIFLET: Can they hear me now?

15 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

16 CLIFFORD SHIFLET: My name is Clifford
17 Shiflet. Mr. Chairman, members of council and fellow
18 residents, I appreciate the opportunity to speak this
19 afternoon. I'm speaking about the Confederate
20 monument. To explain my profile, my name is Clifford
21 Shiflet, 125 Carlin Drive, Anderson, South Carolina. I
22 was educated in the public schools here in Anderson. I
23 went to Anderson College and graduated from Clemson in
24 1980. I served my country for six years. My family
25 history came from Virginia to Georgia and then in about
26 1920 we immigrated across the Savannah River to
27 Anderson. So we've lived here roughly a hundred years.

28 I want my history, my heritage, that sits in the
29 downtown square of this town left alone. The Heritage
30 Act of South Carolina was put in place to protect
31 things like that, and I want them left alone. There's
32 some talk about a petition with thousands of
33 signatures. And if that's just a bunch of names on a
34 list, then I want a copy of the list and I want the
35 name and address, and I want to confirm every name on
36 there to see if they're an Anderson County resident or
37 property owner. I think if they want to make that a
38 public document, that I should get a copy if I want
39 one. And we shouldn't have nobody voting outside of
40 Anderson County or signing that petition. It shouldn't
41 mean anything. I've talked to people in Columbia; they
42 even signed.

43 I appreciate the time. There's some talk about a
44 statue for Mr. Boseman because he was from Anderson and
45 a famous actor. If they want a statue like that, fine.
46 Put one somewhere. You can hide it behind the
47 behavioral science building like you did the monument
48 for our veterans. Here we are stuck behind a building
49 over there and people can't even come to town to find
50 the thing. And so to take that Confederate monument

1 down and put Boseman's name there is wrong. It's
2 wrong. Thank you.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Next.

4 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Rossi
5 Meadows.

6 ROSSI MEADOWS: Hello. My name is Rossi
7 Meadows and I'm from Greenville, but I am a South
8 Carolina historian from the Revolution War up to about
9 World War II. So hello, my name is Rossi Meadows. I'm
10 a sixth generation South Carolinian and one of the
11 seventy million Americans descended from a Confederate
12 soldier. I'm a retired public school teacher and
13 football coach.

14 As a coach we studied film of our opponents to
15 figure out their game plan. I would recommend to
16 everyone to study Saul Alinsky's book, the Rules for
17 Radicals. He was a professor at the University of
18 Chicago and a believer in Karl Marx's push for
19 socialism. Rule number 13, pick a target, freeze it,
20 personalize it, and then polarize it. Karl Marx
21 believed that religion has to be destroyed before
22 socialism can take hold. Remember when we used to pray
23 before high school football games. Karl Marx said you
24 have to destroy the culture and the history of the
25 people before you can destroy their religion. These
26 neo Marxists who are attacking Confederate war
27 memorials are also attacking other American monuments
28 to destroy our history. These neo Marxists are just
29 puppets. Look deeper to see who the real puppet master
30 really is.

31 Folks, we've got their play book. We know what it
32 is. These Confederate war memorials are just the low
33 hanging fruit. People, folks, we Christians better get
34 ready. It's coming. Thank you for your time.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

36 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Ed
37 Dutton.

38 ED DUTTON: My name is Ed Dutton. I
39 live at 129 Sea Palms Drive.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me, Mr. Dutton.
41 Can y'all turn his mic up or something? We can't hear
42 him. Get just a little bit closer, Mr. Dutton, if you
43 can. Speak into it and see we can hear you.

44 ED DUTTON: I live at 129 Sea Palms
45 Drive in Cobbs Glen in Anderson County. And looking
46 over your agenda today, I see quite a lot of important
47 stuff. There's one item on your list, in my opinion,
48 that can save lives. And I'm here to encourage you to
49 pass an ordinance for face masks to mitigate the spread
50 of this virus. Just as the city has done. Some time

1 ago I talked with each of you about this subject and
2 you expressed -- five of you expressed a rejection of
3 doing so.

4 Now, upon reflection of these rejections, I think
5 your reasons fly in the face of one of the most
6 important health crises that we have in this country at
7 this time. And your position does not seem to support
8 your mission statement. Your mission statement states
9 that you will provide the highest public service for
10 safety of the county. Saving a life would be pretty
11 much in line with your mission statement.

12 Now, one of the reasons that people reject -- seem
13 to reject this is -- or one of the reasons you gave is
14 a common sense. Just let common sense prevail. Well,
15 common sense doesn't always work. And common sense to
16 one person is not common sense to another. Which leads
17 us to the need for a mandate for a mask. It is clear
18 that people transmit the virus. It is clear that masks
19 work to slow the spread. It is clear that we cannot
20 rely on everyone to use common sense. It is clear that
21 it will be some time before we have a vaccine. And
22 just like a seatbelt law, we need to mandate a mask.
23 It is past time to make a more aggressive move.

24 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

25 ED DUTTON: Sometimes common sense

26 needs a little encouragement. In a few moments ---

27 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

28 ED DUTTON: --- you will have a

29 presentation from AnMed ---

30 TOMMY DUNN: That's time. That's

31 three minutes. Appreciate it.

32 ED DUTTON: --- and they will add to

33 what I have said.

34 TOMMY DUNN: That's time. Mr.

35 Harmon, next.

36 **APPLAUSE**

37 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Michael

38 Vandiver.

39 MICHAEL VANDIVER: I'm Michael Vandiver. I

40 was born and raised here in Anderson, South Carolina.

41 I served as a United Methodist minister for my

42 professional career and I am now back in Anderson,

43 retired and living on Lake Hartwell, 5016 Cross Pointe,

44 Anderson, South Carolina.

45 I appreciate the opportunity to come and speak to

46 the item number 6, presentation of relocation of the

47 Confederate monument. During my years of growing up in

48 Anderson, I am sorry that I have to admit that I was

49 very racially prejudiced. It took quite a bit of

50 change in my life for me to come to the point where I

1 felt that I could no longer keep the vision, attitude
2 that I had held for people who had skin color different
3 from my own. When that did happen, I was deeply
4 grateful. And it moved me to spend the rest of my
5 life, I hope many people would say, trying to rectify
6 that view and to create a country, a state, a city,
7 where the views and beliefs and rights of all people
8 would be recognized.

9 I have looked at the monument in downtown Anderson
10 that we're thinking about relocating and I realize, not
11 only from my own personal change, but from the
12 statements of many of my brothers and sisters of all
13 different races and colors, that there's a different
14 way of looking at that monument than the one I held
15 early in my life.

16 I think that monument needs to be moved so that we
17 as Andersonians and those who would join us across the
18 state and nation might look forward to the day where we
19 could all feel that those things that find physical
20 representation in our community are not offensive to
21 some who now enjoy far more rights than they did when I
22 was growing up here in Anderson, but yet need to know
23 that we, in this day and time, want for anything that
24 appears as a physical monument in our city to represent
25 all of us and all of our rights.

26 Thank you very much.

27 **APPLAUSE**

28 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon, next,
29 please.

30 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Dyke
31 Spencer.

32 DYKE SPENCER: Thank you for this
33 opportunity to talk to the full council. You have
34 several items about ordinances change that are, I
35 think, pretty much all tied to growth in this county.
36 And I'm Executive Director of Powdersville Water, the
37 fastest growing area in this county. We know what
38 growth looks like up there. And we're probably having
39 to do some things that the rest of the county is not
40 having to do.

41 I want to commend the council for your forward
42 thinking and looking at the ordinances and looking at
43 things that need to change, because they do. And if
44 you don't believe that, drive to Powdersville and ride
45 around. Jimmy will tell you, it's on every corner.

46 At the same time I commend you, I caution you.
47 It's an all-inclusive process when you make changes
48 like we're proposing right now. I'm all behind what
49 you're doing; don't get me wrong. But you've got to
50 include everyone that's impacted by these decisions.

1 And I think that will fare very well for you if you do
2 that.

3 One of the requests that I want you to look at, and
4 I'm being told by the staff of the county that this is
5 an ordinance change that will require this, but let me
6 just describe a situation that we're dealing with in
7 the water system. Any given time we have ten to twelve
8 subdivisions under construction. They require a water
9 permit and a wastewater permit for all those houses to
10 be able to operate. I'm asking the building codes to
11 not issue building permits for houses so they can start
12 building before there is a water and wastewater permit
13 available for that subdivision. And I've got one, if
14 you want to look one up, Yorkshire is one that's
15 happening right now, it's got five or six houses going
16 up. And when this happens you create havoc for the
17 water systems out there because what's happening is
18 people are monkeying with the plumbing, they're causing
19 cross-connections with possibilities for contaminations
20 in the water system. They're stealing water from the
21 water utilities. It just creates chaos.

22 But I just ask that the council look at that. I
23 really need an answer on that fairly quickly. Because,
24 again, we have several of these subdivisions that are
25 underway right now.

26 But again, I commend you for what you're doing, the
27 way you're thinking. You've been very proactive about
28 growth and we need to do that in this county if we want
29 to preserve what we have here.

30 Thank y'all.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Harmon.

32 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Dean

33 Allen.

34 DEAN ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, Cindy,
35 gentlemen, thank you for the opportunity to be here and
36 speak to you. I do appreciate that. I'll start off by
37 briefly telling you I'm opposed to this face mask
38 wearing ordinance. I think it's unconstitutional.

39 But the reason I came down here this afternoon is
40 item 6 on your agenda. My great great grandpappy
41 fought for the Confederacy from Manassas to the day we
42 surrendered Vicksburg and he became a prisoner of war.
43 When he was paroled, he went back to Arkansas and
44 raised cotton and ten children, one of whom became my
45 great grandpappy. And three of his grandsons fought
46 for the United States of America in World War II, one
47 of them losing his life in defense of this nation.

48 That's what the monument in front of the courthouse
49 means to me. Now, twenty years ago when we took the
50 Confederate flag off the statehouse and put it at the

1 soldier's monument, they worked out a deal. They said,
 2 well, we're going to pass a law and say that we're not
 3 ever going to take down another flag or monument that
 4 represents the culture and heritage of the state
 5 anymore and we'll leave the status quo as it was once
 6 they moved that flag. It's against the state law,
 7 gentlemen, for y'all to move that monument. And I mean
 8 no disrespect, but if you do, I will sue you, and some
 9 of you are good friends of mine.

10 I thank you for hearing from me, and I'll leave it
 11 and talk to others. And I hope I get a chance to talk
 12 to some of you one on one. Thank you and God bless
 13 you.

14 **APPLAUSE**

15 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
 16 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Deborah
 17 Melz.
 18 TOMMY DUNN: Repeat that name, Mr.
 19 Harmon.
 20 LEON HARMON: Deborah Metz or Melz.
 21 TOMMY DUNN: Any Deborah signed up to
 22 speak? Move on.
 23 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Talin
 24 Keyfer.

25 TALIN KEYFER: Thank you for letting me
 26 speak. I'm here on behalf of my daughter who is
 27 fifteen years old and a sophomore at Hanna High School.
 28 My name is Talin Keyfer. I'm a resident of the city of
 29 Anderson.

30 After George Floyd's death, we were enjoying our
 31 downtown like we always do. But this time we went up
 32 to the Confederate monument and she read the plaque.
 33 She read it out loud and it was the first time either
 34 one of us had read it out loud. And the meaning meant
 35 something deeper than we ever realized after George
 36 Floyd's death. And I will read it to you now.

37 The Confederate monument which stands in the heart
 38 of downtown Anderson has been -- I'm sorry. Let's just
 39 read the subscription.

40 The world shall yet decide and truth's clear far
 41 off light, that the soldiers who wore the gray and died
 42 with Lee were in the right. And when she read it out
 43 loud, I asked her how she felt about that. And she
 44 said she felt sad and she felt that our city was living
 45 in the past and not including all the marvelous
 46 diversity that we have living here, residents, today.
 47 And then she said it made her more sad about how it
 48 would make her black brothers and sisters and students
 49 at her school. And I'm coming here today for her. She
 50 can't be here. And all the kids of the future can't be

1 here because they're in school. And we're making a
2 decision on how we want them to feel when they come
3 into our city. Their city. Their downtown. And I
4 think it's time to make a change that shows the
5 diversity, includes every resident of our great city.
6 It's time to move forward. Thank you very much.

7 **APPLAUSE**

8 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
9 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Wayne
10 Whitfield.

11 WAYNE WHITFIELD: Good afternoon, county
12 council. Thank you for letting me speak this
13 afternoon. Cindy, good to see you today. My name is
14 Wayne Whitfield. Again, I'm from Anderson County.
15 Lived in Anderson County all my life. I'm a retired
16 marine. I spent a year in Vietnam in a rifle company.
17 I've got a great great uncle who was captured after the
18 Battle of Gettysburg. And he was sent to a Yankee
19 prison up on the Jersey Shore. He died there about a
20 year later. And he's buried with three thousand
21 Confederate soldiers in a mass grave. We found out
22 this information because my uncle went to the New
23 Jersey Shore in an attempt to retrieve his remains.
24 And they said, that's impossible; said we can't get his
25 remains. He said, he's buried with three thousand men.

26 My point is this. These monuments were put up all
27 around the southeast in these towns for one reason
28 primarily, and that was to honor the men, Southern men,
29 who never came home. Most of them were buried in mass
30 graves on battlefields and never had the privilege of a
31 funeral back home. So these monuments represent those
32 men who never came home.

33 I think that monument is in the right place. I
34 hope to God it's never moved. Now, this is not a
35 perfect world we live in. We know that. And we're not
36 trying to create a utopia here. We can't do that
37 either because of our own condition. But I hope and
38 pray that that thing remains. If it was wrong to put
39 it up a hundred and twenty years ago, it would be wrong
40 now. It wasn't wrong to put it up then because they
41 put it up to honor those men that gave their lives for
42 this state and for the southeast.

43 I appreciate you letting me speak.

44 **APPLAUSE**

45 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
46 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Nelson
47 Waller.

48 NELSON WALLER: Good afternoon, ladies
49 and gentlemen. You know, I want to thank you for all
50 the good things that you do involved in running the

1 county. I know it's a huge job. And I know it's a
2 responsibility to become a councilman. However, if it
3 becomes a matter of your special agenda or somebody
4 else's special values or program that you're serving
5 instead of the public, something is radically wrong
6 there. And I fear that's what's going on here.

7 There is no such thing as a monument or a symbol
8 that represents everybody. Let me tell you something.
9 If you put up a statue of a TV star, any TV star of any
10 race, it is not going to represent me because I despise
11 modern TV and what it's doing in terms of public morals
12 and values. The content is decadent beyond belief.

13 (End of audio) ... to have here the agenda from your
14 website, may I ask why this meeting is not on it? It
15 says there's another one on the 17th. Is that the
16 case? Here we have a map of part of the town
17 containing Washington Street and Jefferson Avenue,
18 including the Jefferson Avenue Park. Are you prepared
19 to change the names of everything that existed before
20 the Civil Rights Era? Because that's where this
21 political correctness is going. If you change one, you
22 take the monument down, well then the rationale becomes
23 well, you did this for us, you have to do this to be
24 consistent here. Hey, we're offended. We're still
25 offended. This thing over here is racist. It's a
26 slipper slope. Please do not go anywhere near it.

27 Why do they want the monument down? Because they
28 call it racist. There is nothing racist about it. As
29 I've said before, it stands for Andersonians of every
30 color of the period of time who in any way fought
31 against the Yankee onslaught, which is comparable to
32 the communist invasion of Hungary in 1956. I have a
33 petition here for you. It is sealed and symbolically
34 representing our desire for you to keep this
35 information, be discreet with it. We don't need cancel
36 culture going after the signers. There aren't many
37 names on it. But it's what we had the resources to
38 collect. We passed over a thousand petitions out
39 amongst our fellow citizens. I wrote to each one of
40 you -- Mr. Graham did not receive his, but I brought it
41 today for him and gave it to Lacey -- asking your stand
42 on the monument issue. Is there a reason that none of
43 you replied? Until I do get a reply, I'm going to
44 assume that you, ---

45	LEON HARMON:	Time, Mr. Chair.
46	TOMMY DUNN:	That'll be time.
47	NELSON WALLER:	--- as well as the city
48	council and the ---	
49	TOMMY DUNN:	That's time.
50	NELSON WALLER:	--- legislators involved

1 are colluding against us.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Time.

3 **APPLAUSE**

4 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

5 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Paul

6 Harrison. Next speaker is Kristin White.

7 KRISTIN WHITE: Good afternoon. Thank
8 you for letting me speak today. I did not prepare for
9 this because I didn't know there was an opportunity to
10 speak.

11 Today I'm not coming to you with scare tactics or
12 propagating cancel culture. We have canceled much
13 culture in our history, black culture. I come to you
14 today because I have brown children. I came to
15 Anderson because I felt like this was a very
16 diversified county. I came here to help give my
17 children a chance to thrive and to grow, and for the
18 most part they have. They have experienced some things
19 in this county in the churches in the county and in the
20 county in general that have been racist. However,
21 we've not allowed that to dampen our spirits, our hope,
22 our projections for the future.

23 I have a job where I go into the courthouse on many
24 occasions. For about three years I frequented the
25 courthouse for work. I saw the statue and thought,
26 okay, interesting statue outside. Never thought much
27 about it until one day I had some time in between
28 hearings. And I walked over to that statue and what I
29 read on that statue broke my heart. Broke my heart for
30 my children and their children and my black brothers
31 and sisters that live in this town. There is no way
32 that anyone can tell me that it's okay to have a statue
33 in front of the county courthouse that is to stand for
34 liberty and justice for all of our people that says
35 that Lee was right and the south should have won. We
36 need to move. We need to grow. We do not have to
37 destroy things in order to do that. We have already
38 destroyed. It's time to rebuild. It's okay to change.
39 It's time to change.

40 If anyone wonders what the statue -- we talked
41 about what it says. Someone read for us what it says.
42 But I want to just briefly tell you that the likeness
43 of the image is William Wirk Humphreys. He did not die
44 in the war. He came back and lived a pretty much
45 prosperous life. But I want to share with you a quote
46 from Mr. Humphreys. He was a pastor in this area, I do
47 believe. For ages to come slavery as it now exists
48 must be profitable and beneficial in the cotton states.
49 Yet if not sooner the remaining slave states must unite
50 with us in a few years. And it is wise and proper to

1 devise means whereby we can make their union perpetual
2 and place a check upon the growth of abolition
3 sentiment in their borders. That is who we celebrate
4 in our town center. Thank you.

5 **APPLAUSE**

6 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

7 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Roy
8 Jeffcoat.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Roy Jeffcoat.

10 ROY JEFFCOAT: Mr. Chairman, I wanted
11 to speak on a zoning issue. I'm not here to speak on
12 this issue.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Zoning issue on this
14 agenda? Go ahead.

15 ROY JEFFCOAT: Are we ready to talk
16 about a zoning issue?

17 TOMMY DUNN: You can. This is a
18 public open thing. Anything on the agenda you've got
19 three minutes to talk about anything you want to.

20 ROY JEFFCOAT: It's on the agenda

21 later. May I speak when it's on the agenda?

22 TOMMY DUNN: Which item is it, Mr.
23 Jeffcoat?

24 ROY JEFFCOAT: 12.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Is it 12(a)?

26 ROY JEFFCOAT: Yes.

27 TOMMY DUNN: That's a public hearing.
28 You can talk then, yes, sir.

29 ROY JEFFCOAT: Pardon?

30 TOMMY DUNN: You can talk then if you
31 want to. That's a public hearing.

32 ROY JEFFCOAT: Thank you.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

34 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Wesley
35 White.

36 WESLEY WHITE: Thank you, Chairman,
37 council. I've been up here a couple of times the last
38 couple of meetings. This is more of the same reason.
39 Going through the agenda and noticed there's at least
40 seven; two of them have been pulled, thankfully. One
41 second reading, the rest are first readings of
42 ordinance changes. And this goes back to the concern
43 that I've had when we brought up changing the square
44 footage from eight thousand to fifteen thousand square
45 feet. Again, it's just a piecemeal way of going at
46 fixing issues that we do have in the county. The
47 biggest concern being that it doesn't address all the
48 issues. Now, I know we have an ad hoc committee
49 meeting tomorrow that my hope was that that committee
50 was going to kind of pull back and address all the

1 issues the Planning Department is having with
2 development in the county as a whole. I've already
3 mentioned in previous meetings some of those issues in
4 ways that can be addressed. I've yet to be, you know,
5 asked how to do that. Hopefully we'll have some
6 opportunity at the ad hoc committee meeting tomorrow.

7 But with the agenda items today, there's some
8 serious concerns with the preliminary plat process.
9 I've actually sat in on some of the meetings where
10 we've had to now have a meeting ahead of time with the
11 council member and the district representative for the
12 Planning Commission, then that's got to go to a
13 community meeting. The meetings have not been
14 extremely helpful, simply because there's no guidance
15 as to what the ultimate goal of those meetings is
16 supposed to be.

17 So before we go adding to requirements on
18 developers and making it more difficult for them to get
19 approval for people to develop their land, we need to
20 sit down and think through what that process is
21 actually supposed to accomplish.

22 Additionally, the requirement now to try to switch
23 summary plats from seven to four lots and in five
24 years, it's just another attack on the individual
25 property owner and what they can and can't do with
26 their property.

27 So that's just a couple of them. There's more in
28 here. Hopefully at some point we'll be able to have a
29 sit-down and address the entire development ordinance,
30 chapter 38 and 70, as opposed to this piecemeal
31 approach. Thank you.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

33 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Luciana
34 Strathem.

35 LUCIANA STRATHEM: Thank you, Mr. Dunn and
36 council, for allowing me speak today. I am Luciana
37 Strathem and I live at 2208 East North Avenue. And I'd
38 like to speak on item 6.

39 My fellow Andersonians, I have lived in Anderson
40 for most of my life and the Confederate monument
41 downtown has always embarrassed me. Most obviously
42 this monument is un-American. The Confederacy was a
43 legally separate nation from the United States and was
44 defeated in the American Civil War. The Confederate
45 dead memorialized in this monument are the defeated
46 enemies of the United States and to not be glorified as
47 heroes. For those who say that their heritage lies
48 with these men, I argue that this is a shameful
49 heritage. These men fought to keep the institution of
50 slavery, which is the deepest and most shameful aspect

1 of American history, an example of the worst inhumanity
2 in the history of the world. Slavery violates the God-
3 given dignity of every human person and has been a
4 source of intergenerational oppression and trauma in
5 our country for over four hundred years. The
6 preservation of this unchristian system is not
7 something that anyone should be proud to claim as their
8 heritage. And this monument to slavery defenders and
9 the enemies of our great nation is an embarrassment to
10 our country.

11 Among other economic issues the Confederacy fought
12 primarily to keep the institution of slavery in the
13 United States. The descendants of the people owned by
14 these Confederate dead continue to live in our country
15 today. The black population of Anderson should not be
16 further tormented with a monument glorifying the
17 oppressive masters of their ancestors. Additionally,
18 this monument was not erected until 1901, over thirty
19 years after the defeat of the Confederacy. Statues
20 like this one were often used to proclaim public
21 opposition to the Civil Rights Movement, which sought
22 equal opportunity and an interracial treatment for
23 African Americans.

24 Therefore, this monument was likely not erected as
25 a memorial to the family members of the Andersonians
26 who died fighting against the United States, but as a
27 symbol of white supremacy and opposition to equality
28 for black Americans in this town. For those who claim
29 this monument is a piece of history and should not be
30 removed, I argue that monuments themselves are symbols
31 of community values rather than sources of history.
32 Sources of history include community institutions such
33 as the Anderson County Library or the Anderson County
34 Museum, which themselves are both wonderful places to
35 which we can relocate this monument. Monuments and
36 statues are a symbol of what a community upholds as
37 most important to its citizens. In its place I
38 recommend erecting a statue to the many brave men and
39 women of Anderson who have fought to defend our
40 freedoms as Americans.

41 The veterans of Anderson County, including metal of
42 honor and purple heart recipient Freddie Stowers best
43 exemplify the ideals of patriotism and bravery that we
44 should all honor as Americans.

45 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

46 **APPLAUSE**

47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon?

48 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Matthew
49 Cogswell.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Repeat it one more time,

1 Mr. Harmon.
2 LEON HARMON: Matthew Cogswell.
3 MATTHEW COGSWELL: I'm speaking on the
4 agenda for item 6.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Item 6?
6 MATTHEW COGSWELL: Yeah. So should I wait
7 or continue?
8 TOMMY DUNN: You can speak now.
9 You've got three minutes.
10 MATTHEW COGSWELL: Okay. Well, thank you
11 guys so much for your time and consideration. My name
12 is Matthews Cogswell and my wife Sarah and I have been
13 residents of Anderson for about five years after I
14 accepted the position of Next Generation Pastor at Hope
15 Fellowship Church. And since moving here we have been
16 proud to call Anderson home. We have met some
17 incredible people we call family and love this small
18 town atmosphere filled with decent, hardworking people.
19 Sadly, when I walk downtown, I don't see that
20 reflected by the Confederate monument located in front
21 of the courthouse in the heart of this city. Instead
22 what's communicated to me and my family is that I am
23 less than because of the color of my skin. You might
24 ask how did I reach this conclusion? It's after
25 reading the inscription on the side of the statue that
26 says, the world shall yet decide in truth's far off
27 light that the soldiers who wore the gray and died with
28 Lee were in the right. Now, what right is that?
29 What's the main issue? We're talking about what
30 they're talking here. I look no further than Alexander
31 Stephens, the V.P. of the Confederacy, who wrote in
32 1861, after discussing why the old union would split
33 and why they would indeed fight, he said, quote, our
34 foundations are laid, its cornerstone rests upon the
35 great truth that the Negro is not equal to the white
36 man. That slavery subordination to the superior race
37 is his natural and normal condition. That's why I'm
38 proposing the relocation of this monument. I have no
39 political slant. I have no ax to grind against the men
40 who have fought and died, the sons, the fathers of the
41 gentlemen that were speaking earlier. I think they
42 should be remembered. I just don't believe that this
43 monument should be glorified in the center of my city.
44 I believe that there simply should be more to be --
45 reflect the beautiful, hardworking people of Anderson
46 that includes thirty-one percent of African-Americans
47 that also live here. With that I will pass it on to
48 Sam and Daniel Wagner, individuals I've been working
49 with as we've been championing this cause as he speaks
50 about this agenda. Thank you so much.

APPLAUSE

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2 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
3 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one
4 else is signed up at this point.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. We'll be moving
6 on then to item number ---
7 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
9 CINDY WILSON: May I have a point of
10 privilege, please?
11 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
12 CINDY WILSON: We've been hearing very
13 emotional pleas on a matter of a historical monument.
14 And as Mr. Wooten so articulately pointed out, you're
15 speaking to the wrong venue, the wrong level of
16 government. We have a State Heritage Act. If you want
17 to work together and come to a harmonious conclusion,
18 why don't we add some monuments downtown and maybe fill
19 out the history here. But taking a monument out is not
20 our choice. That's the state government and the state
21 law. And I'm just very concerned that we're spinning
22 our wheels and not accomplishing anything. I've
23 already offered to put up a little money if we want to
24 maybe do a monument to Dr. Beatrice Thompson who has
25 done more for human relations in this county and a lot
26 of other historical people living in the past. Why
27 don't we do that? You have very few obstacles to
28 putting more monuments downtown, but you have a massive
29 one to remove one. And I hope we can go forward and
30 work in that spirit and in that direction. Thank you.

APPLAUSE

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32 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to
33 resolutions, 5(a), R2020-026, Mr. Graham. Mr. Graham.
34 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
35 I bring this in forth of a motion, Resolution R2020-
36 026. This is a resolution to honor and recognize Kathy
37 Burgess for her dedication, professionalism and
38 contributions to Anderson County upon the occasion of
39 her retirement; and other matters related thereto.
40 WHEREAS, Kathy Burgess was born on October 7, 1955.
41 Kathy graduated from Belton-Honea Path High School in
42 1974; and,
43 WHEREAS, in 1984, Kathy began working as a
44 receptionist at the Chapman, King & Byrholdt Law Firm
45 until 1989; and,
46 WHEREAS, in 1992, Kathy attended Anderson College
47 and began working as a legal assistant for the Watkins,
48 Vandiver, Kirven, Gable and Gray Law Firm until 1998;
49 and,
50 WHEREAS, on July 16, 2000, Kathy began working at

1 the Anderson County Sheriffs Department. In 2003,
2 Kathy became the administrative assistant for the
3 Coroner's Office; and,

4 WHEREAS, after eighteen years of dedicated service
5 at the Anderson County Coroner's Office, Kathy Burgess
6 is retiring on October 31, 2020, to spend more time
7 with her family; and,

8 WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council, on behalf of
9 the employees and citizens of Anderson County,
10 expresses its sincerest gratitude to Ms. Kathy Burgess
11 for her many years of dedicated service to Anderson
12 County.

13 LET THIS BE RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled
14 this 12th day of November, 2020.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr.
16 Graham. Have a second?

17 CINDY WILSON: Second.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
19 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
20 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
21 unanimously. Mr. Graham, is she here?

22 RAY GRAHAM: She is not. I'm going
23 to be presenting this at a luncheon the coroner's
24 office is having for her later on this month.

25 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

27 Moving on to item number 5(b), R2020-027, Mr.
28 Graham.

29 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
30 This here is indeed an honor to recognize this
31 gentleman here. His staff has truly stepped up to the
32 plate during this pandemic here in Anderson County.
33 But even way before that. I mean, just has done an
34 exceptional job in leading that division. But I bring
35 this in the form of a motion, as well.

36 This is resolution R2020-027. This is a resolution
37 to honor Anderson County Emergency Services Director,
38 David Baker, upon his selection as Anderson County
39 Officer of the Year; and other matters related thereto.

40 Whereas, David Baker serves as Director of the
41 Emergency Management Division of the Anderson County
42 Sheriff's Office where he is in his fourth year of
43 service; and,

44 Whereas, Director Baker has more than twenty years
45 of law enforcement and incident command experience,
46 having previously served as Commander of the Sheriff's
47 Office's Narcotics Investigations Unit and Gang Task
48 Force as well as serving as Chief of Police for
49 the Town of Williamston; and,

50 Whereas, in his role as Director, Baker leads the

1 County's emergency readiness, response and recovery
2 efforts, working to ensure that all emergency
3 operations plans are up-to-date along with mutual aid
4 agreements with municipalities and neighboring
5 counties; and,

6 Whereas, Director Baker's relationships with
7 community, municipal, county, regional, and
8 state leaders allow our jurisdiction to achieve the
9 highest quality levels of coordinated emergency
10 response; and,

11 Whereas, in recent months Director Baker's
12 organizational talents and leadership skills have been
13 on full display as he has spearheaded our community's
14 response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

15 Whereas, in appreciation for his service above and
16 beyond the call of duty during the pandemic, Anderson
17 University's Command College of South Carolina recently
18 recognized Director David Baker as the Officer of the
19 Year for Anderson County as part of its 15th Annual
20 Anderson-Oconee-Pickens Law Enforcement Appreciation
21 Ceremony.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anderson
23 County Council hereby recognizes and honors Emergency
24 Management Director David Baker for all he has done and
25 all he continues to do to make our community safe and
26 prosperous. The residents of Anderson County sincerely
27 appreciate your commitment and are grateful that you
28 have chosen to serve in this community. We salute your
29 recent recognition and distinction as the Anderson
30 University Command College of South Carolina Officer of
31 the Year for Anderson County.

32 Mr. Chairman, I ask that this be resolved in
33 meeting duly assembled this 12th day of November, 2020.

34 CINDY WILSON: Second.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Graham;
36 second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

37 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?

38 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

39 RAY GRAHAM: After we vote, I would
40 like for the sheriff, and I see that some of the other
41 members of the agency is here, to come up and allow us
42 to present this to Director Baker.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Any one else? I'd just
44 like to say ---

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Yes.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I would also
48 like to commend Mr. Baker. I know him as a
49 hardworking, I will help you out, kind of man. I want
50 to publicly thank him for the help he has given me in

1 all of my endeavors. I want to thank him for being a
2 person who greets me and treats me as someone of --
3 someone that's working hard trying to do what's best
4 and trying to do what's right for Anderson County.

5 Mr. Director, I salute you. I'm very proud of you.
6 Thank you.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

8 Lieutenant Baker, I just want to say we appreciate
9 the job you've done for Anderson County since you took
10 over as Emergency Preparedness Director. Never had a
11 doubt and you've never let us down. Done an
12 outstanding job. We appreciate you continuing to serve
13 Anderson County, and the citizens of Anderson County
14 and are very fortunate to have you as our director.
15 Thank you very much.

16 All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed
17 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

18 Mr. Graham.

19 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, can we ask
20 Director Baker and the sheriff and your other
21 colleagues if y'all could come up and assist us in
22 presenting this?

23 **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION**

24 **APPLAUSE**

25 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.

27 Moving on to item number 6, presentation on
28 relocation of the Confederate monument. Mr. Brooks.

29 SAMUEL BROOKS: Thank you so much,
30 county council, for allowing me ---

31 TOMMY DUNN: Hold on a minute. Turn it up
32 a little bit. Try it now.

33 SAMUEL BROOKS: Test. Thank you, guys.
34 Thank you so much, County Council, for allowing me to
35 come and talk to you today. I really do appreciate it.
36 My name is Sam Brooks. I am a lifelong Andersonian.
37 Born here. Concord, McCants, T.L. Hanna. And I've
38 grown up loving Anderson County. And I've been working
39 over the past few months with the conversation around
40 the Confederate monument in downtown Anderson.

41 The monument itself is made in the likeness of
42 William Wirk Humphreys, which you guys have heard
43 everyone come up here and talk. But the original
44 destination for this monument was not in front of the
45 courthouse in downtown Anderson. This can be found on
46 the Anderson Observer. This monument was made for Old
47 Silverbrook Cemetery and then after the money was
48 raised and everything for it, it was changed to the
49 heart of downtown Anderson. And on that monument it
50 says the world shall yet decide in truth's clear far

1 off light, that the soldiers who wore the gray and died
2 with Lee were in the right.

3 What I would like to say today is that monument,
4 that quote itself, does not -- is not history. That is
5 opinion. That is an opinion of what the Confederacy
6 stood for and whether they were right or wrong. And
7 that opinion that is located on that monument actively
8 oppresses African-Americans in our community. You've
9 heard stories from Matthew. You've heard stories from
10 other people here. But that monument and what says is
11 telling them that they are less than.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).
13 Uh-huh (affirmative).

14 SAM BROOKS: And with that monument
15 there in the heart of our city, I want us to also
16 consider the future economic impacts that could have
17 for our community. Right now we haven't had a business
18 say, hey, I'm not going to come here because you guys
19 are supporting this idea and this ideology in front of
20 your courthouse in the heart of downtown. But I
21 believe that day is coming. We have seen that before
22 where businesses have chose not to come to places
23 because of views like that. So I would like us to
24 consider that.

25 And then also I have two petitions that I have
26 available to you guys. I did not print them out.
27 Didn't want to waste the paper. It's a lot of paper.
28 But I can make that available. And on those petitions
29 you can see area codes for all the people from where
30 they signed it. Our first petition had over thirty-
31 three thousand signatures. And I can verify five
32 thousand being directly in Anderson, along with a lot
33 that aren't from and then people who didn't put their
34 area code. And then I have one of three hundred and
35 thirty thousand signatures, again, asking for the
36 relocation of the monument. That one I don't have an
37 exact number just because it's so big the file wasn't
38 able to sort that for me. But with time I can be able
39 to do that.

40 And so today I would like to say that as a white
41 man in South Carolina who has grown up in this
42 wonderful city, there's been a lot of times in my life
43 where I can look back and know that there were things
44 that I did not speak up about when it comes to racial
45 injustices in my own town. And the time of that when
46 we can turn a blind eye is gone. It is time for us to
47 step forward and take these issues on head on.

48 And I know the councilwoman mentioned the Heritage
49 Act earlier, that -- and you say that you don't have
50 any power. And I understand what you're saying. But

1 this committee, this council, does have the power to
2 submit to the S.C. Legislature to have that monument
3 relocated.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

5 SAM BROOKS: And so what I would ask
6 is that you would submit that monument for relocation.
7 I'm asking you to make a decision for the unity of
8 Anderson. I'm asking you to make a decision to fight
9 oppression of African-Americans in our own hometown.
10 And I'm asking you to decide if those that fought for
11 Robert E. Lee, those who fought for slavery, were in
12 the right. Because if they're right, Ms. Gracie should
13 not be on y'all's council. If that's true, if that's
14 what we believe, then Mayor Roberts should not be our
15 mayor. If that's true, then Matthew shouldn't be able
16 to be a pastor in our community.

17 And so as the town of Anderson, is that the ideals
18 that we want to lift up and say we believe in? That we
19 want to say we'll stand behind this; we don't want it
20 going anywhere. If it's a financial issue -- I know
21 that relocation is not a cheap thing, I would ask that
22 you allow me to get the funds necessary to do that.
23 Allow me to work with my committee to do that. And as
24 far as a place for relocation, that part, the old
25 Silverbrook Cemetery, as much as it was destined for
26 that place, I don't necessarily believe it's the best
27 place for it. I would love to put it in the old
28 Confederate Battlegrounds in Anderson; a place where it
29 can be properly contextualized and put in the right
30 place. Because right now it's sitting in front of a
31 courthouse that's supposed to stand for freedom and
32 liberty for all. And that does not stand for freedom
33 and liberty for all.

34 So as I conclude, I want to thank you guys so much
35 for allowing me to speak. I'm asking you to be bold
36 and I'm asking you to do what's right. But I'm asking
37 you to be accountable for your decision. If it's going
38 to be a no, then we deserve to know why and why that's
39 what we want to hold up. And if anyone here -- I know
40 there's a lot of people talking back and forth. If you
41 have an issue with anything like this, please come talk
42 to me. Don't bother anyone else here that came up and
43 spoke. We can have a peaceful conversation about it.
44 I would love to talk to you. And thank you so much for
45 your time, again, today. Thank y'all.

46 **APPLAUSE**

47 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to
48 presentation on issues of George Brock Road. Ms.
49 Murdock.

50 JUDY MURDOCK: I'm sorry. I had made a

1 -- I put these on screen because I know it's hard to
2 look at print. I gave y'all an orange folder. I'm
3 presenting a couple of documents, so I want you to be
4 able to see them with your eyes, but I have them there
5 if that's helpful. Are we good?

6 TOMMY DUNN: I'm good.

7 JUDY MURDOCK: All right. Thank you.

8 I'm Judy Murdock, and my husband Brett and I run the
9 U.S. Seedless Plant Breeding and Research Station at
10 the corner of Trail Road and George Brock Road. I
11 wanted to present a few points that the council maybe
12 needed to have considered before they voted to keep
13 George Brock Road under county maintenance.

14 Closer? Can y'all hear? Is that better?

15 TOMMY DUNN: That's better.

16 JUDY MURDOCK: Good. If you refer in
17 your packet to -- I've not labeled the things --
18 there's number 1, some letters, the Anderson County
19 Fire Chief had asserted that George Brock Road is a
20 shortcut needed for emergency response. The fact is,
21 George Brock Road is one of three roads that are
22 available for emergency response to those points. The
23 fire department, however, has not given any numerical
24 or statistical data to substantiate that claim.

25 If you look at handout number one, it's a letter to
26 the Anderson County Fire Chief from the county
27 delegation which states, and I'll quote it, and it's up
28 there, we the delegation are asking if you could please
29 provide us with data as far as times and route
30 distances and the number of calls in that area for the
31 need of using the George Brock Road shortcut. Also, if
32 you would provide data showing time added or saved by
33 closing George Brock Road, plus the number of times you
34 have used George Brock Road shortcut to answer fire
35 calls on the other side, unquote.

36 So the fire chief never responded with any actual
37 data whatsoever to the county delegation on that point.
38 Why can't the fire department provide real data to
39 prove that George Brock Road is necessary or that it
40 increases response time if it's a shortcut? I think
41 it's because there isn't data to support that.

42 If you'll look at handout number two, it's the
43 colorful one. I like pictures. I want to introduce
44 you to a company called Enza Zaden. Enza Zaden is a
45 Fortune 500 vegetable breeding company that develops
46 and sells new vegetable varieties around the world.
47 Their breeding activities are non-GeoMode. They are
48 environmentally responsible.

49 They have -- if you would move on to the third
50 slide. They have over two thousand employees in

1 twenty-five countries and they represent forty
2 nationalities. Now, two years ago, Enza Zaden began a
3 scientific collaboration with our research station,
4 which is called U.S. Seedless, like I said, and we're
5 located right around George Brock Road and near Trail
6 Road. Nine representatives from Enza Zaden have
7 visited our research station in the last two years.

8 So if you'll look at slide four. I'm sorry. We're
9 a little bit behind there. And maybe even move on to
10 the next one. You can see, Enza Zaden is not Monsanto.
11 They're an independent family-owned company, but they
12 are pouring seventy-five million euros into research
13 annually. That's eighty-eight million dollars.

14 If you'll point to the next letter, the next --
15 thank you. If you'll look at your handout number
16 three, it's a letter from one of Enza Zaden's breeding
17 research managers, and he says -- his name is Robert
18 Barham. And I'll quote something he wrote in the
19 letter. He says at this time we are negotiating to
20 extend the Enza U.S. Seedless collaboration for at
21 least three more years. Hopefully more. We're
22 impressed with the dedication and output of the U.S.
23 Seedless professional and support staff. It's pleasing
24 to see U.S. Seedless be a force of good for the local
25 youth in providing summer and extended jobs and
26 training in horticulture and agriculture, unquote. So
27 over the next three years Enza Zaden is looking to pour
28 maybe a million dollar investment into the research
29 activities in the community right down where our
30 research station is at.

31 Now, if you'll still refer -- can you flip to the
32 next one. The next portion of his letter I highlighted
33 in green on your sheets there. And I quote Mr. Barham
34 again. At Enza Zaden we always take stringent
35 measures, and this is the point I want to get to, to
36 protect our proprietary resources. I cannot overstate
37 the importance of security for a plant breeding
38 research station. I urge the governing bodies of South
39 Carolina to consider the unique security requirements
40 of agricultural genetic research and lend their aid and
41 protection to the U.S. Seedless in their efforts to
42 secure safe fields for their research and for Enza
43 Zaden's consideration of the potential to establish a
44 presence in South Carolina, unquote. Which is being
45 done as we speak.

46 If you'll refer now to item number four in your
47 little packet. It's a letter from Dr. Gilbert Miller
48 from Clemson University, and that's slide seven there.
49 Thank you. And I'll quote him, as a vegetable
50 researcher at Clemson's Edisto Research and Education

1 Center in Blackville, South Carolina, I understand how
2 detrimental the consequence of theft, invasion and
3 vandalism of my research fields could be. EREC
4 comprises over two thousand five hundred acres of
5 fields where research is conducted on a wide assortment
6 of vegetable, cotton, corn, soybean, peanut and other
7 crops. There are several county roads which cross the
8 research station. Fortunately, we have been allowed to
9 gate these roads and access is limited to EREC
10 personnel. The entire parameter of the station is
11 fenced and gated, unquote. Okay. Well, U.S. Seedless
12 owns a one hundred fifty acre research field that is
13 completely bisected by George Brock Road. It cuts it
14 right in half and runs local traffic right through the
15 middle of some of our most valuable and sensitive
16 research material.

17 Now, we experience repeated vandalism and
18 destruction of our breeding material because the
19 isolation of George Brock Road and the easy access
20 provides, you know, just an easy in and out for
21 intruders. Nobody sees them because nobody lives down
22 there. Vandals profit from the isolation of the road
23 to break through our security barriers. Unlike
24 soybeans or grain crops, watermelon makes an especially
25 vulnerable target. The road also increases the hazard
26 to the young people who work for us. Over twenty-five
27 years, we've employed and mentored more than two
28 hundred young people from all over South Carolina.
29 These young people get to work in plant breeding,
30 horticulture, crop production, green management --
31 greenhouse management and life experience. And we've
32 got crews of five to twenty-five kids working most days
33 in the summertime.

34 If you'll go to the next. That's it. Thank you.
35 If you'll look at your handout number five, it's a
36 letter from Dr. Timothy Cowan. He's the President of
37 the South Carolina Governor's School for Agriculture at
38 John de la Howe. I'll just make a note of some things
39 that he wrote in the letter. Says over my lifetime
40 there have been several people that had a huge impact
41 on my love and passion for agriculture. My dad, my
42 high school ag teachers, my Clemson agriculture
43 profession and Dr. Murdock, which is my husband. I can
44 still recall when I first met him as a twelve year old
45 child and listened intently about his plant breeding
46 research. Now, as an adult, I realize the impact he
47 unknowingly had on my career path. Whether privately
48 and publicly funded, the research conducted at farms
49 like Dr. Murdock's ensures that mankind has a viable
50 plan to feed and clothe our rapidly growing world

1 population. A dollar amount cannot be placed upon the
2 value of their developments and for engaging and
3 exposing our youth to the science of agriculture, end
4 of quote there.

5 Just let me restate what he said. A dollar amount
6 can't be placed on the value of their developments in
7 engaging youth to the science of agriculture. This is
8 important, what we're trying to do. I submit George
9 Brock Road cutting right through the heart of our
10 research field creates a real and present danger to
11 both or highly valued scientific research and to the
12 safety of our student workers, of which there are many.
13 This is a serious consideration and should not be
14 disregarded without supporting data.

15 The council should reconsider these concerns and
16 demand that the fire department allies which are
17 informing the council, rightly so, should justify with
18 hard data, the veracity of any opinions or assertions
19 they may have made about the necessity of George Brock
20 Road. There should be data for this.

21 If you'll go to the last one here. This statement
22 came to me yesterday in an email from our
23 representative at Duke Energy that's wanting to put a
24 battery collection site out in our area. And he says,
25 quote, Duke is in favor of the road closure and lends
26 our support. We have plans for the battery site and
27 closing the road would help us keep the site more
28 secure, unquote.

29 Well, I just ask you, why would the county not have
30 wanted to help a science station protect their research
31 from vandalism? Why would the county not have wanted
32 to support a science research station that's educating
33 youth and doesn't cost the taxpayers anything? Why
34 would the county have ignored the professional
35 recommendations of Clemson University and other
36 research professionals to secure scientific research
37 that has a global impact? Why would the county have
38 ignored the state's precedent of closing roads in other
39 areas to protect scientific research. Why was the
40 county eager to maintain a road that is one of three --
41 three -- emergency response routes available to that
42 area? Why, with so many county roads demanding
43 taxpayer upkeep, would the county want to maintain a
44 redundant road with so many other reasons why closure
45 would be beneficial? And finally, why would the county
46 not want to support the security needs of Duke Energy's
47 battery site? Unlike the one that's out here near the
48 Civic Center, it's not sitting very close to the
49 watchful eye of the sheriff's department. The same
50 security problems that plague our business on George

1 Brock Road will be an ongoing plague to Duke Energy's
2 battery site, as well.

3 I just wanted to bring that out. Thank you very
4 much. I appreciate it.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

6 Moving on to item number 8, presentation on face
7 masks and the coronavirus, Ms. Floyd. Ms. Floyd.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr.
9 Chairperson, before I start, may I have a point of
10 privilege, please?

11 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. You did say
13 yes; right?

14 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. First,
16 before I get started on my time, I cannot do this and I
17 can't go any further in this process until I have
18 thanked the people that were responsible. This is the
19 first time I have ever done anything like this in my
20 whole lifetime. I'm excited to learn this, but I'm
21 doing it. But it came about because of people that we
22 have on our county staff that we couldn't do without.
23 I want to say thank you to Graham. I don't know
24 Graham's name, but I call him our I.T. guru. I thank
25 him for his help that he has given me to make this --
26 to make this happen. I also thank the staff at the
27 Civic Center, Clarence and Chris and Jamie. I heard
28 you guys talking as you were putting things together,
29 and I was sitting there saying a special prayer for you
30 and I thank you. To our administrator and Teresa
31 Bannister, Teresa is a person that will do anything for
32 anybody. She was my go-between between the
33 administrator and me trying to get this to happen.
34 Thank you, Teresa. She's been there for everything I
35 have ever asked her to do for me in the past twenty-two
36 years. Okay. And also I want to say that I know, I
37 know that it took work to get this done. And I am not
38 taking it for granted. I think this is something good.
39 It can be done. I think that we need to incorporate
40 this type technology in our work every day because what
41 we're going through today is just almost impossible.
42 But I thank you. And I thank you, Mr. Chair.

43 Okay. Now it's time for me to speak on the
44 presentation of a face mask. All right. This morning,
45 first of all, I'm a news freak because I don't want to
46 miss anything. And I watched the news, all of it, from
47 six thirty until twelve thirty. At twelve o'clock I
48 turned to channel -- another channel so I can get my
49 local news. And then I'm finished with it, I'm done
50 for the rest of the day. But this morning they told me

1 that there were a hundred and forty-eight thousand new
2 cases. One hundred and forty-eight (verbatim) new
3 cases of the coronavirus. And there were two hundred
4 and forty-two thousand deaths because of it. What's
5 going on? Okay. And yesterday, sixteen thousand four
6 hundred and seventy-six people died.

7 We need to do something. We need to do something.
8 I listened to the man who said that he would sue if we
9 did this because it's unconstitutional. Well, so are
10 seatbelts, but you wear one. So are seatbelts for
11 babies, but you put him in one. You have to pay your
12 taxes. Now if you're going to go down and say that
13 paying taxes is unconstitutional, I'll go with you
14 because I pay more than seven hundred dollars. Driving
15 on the street, it tells me that there's a light there
16 that says if it's red I have to stop. I am not going
17 to leave this to my understanding. I'm going to ask
18 some people in the audience, the Anderson Hospital
19 staff, headed by Michael Cunningham. Are you there?
20 Are they there?

21 MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM: Yes.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I'm going to
23 ask these people to come up, and I want them to tell
24 you what they have told me about this pandemic. Let me
25 tell you this. I am home today. I do not have the
26 virus. God, please. I do not have the virus. But I
27 have been exposed to someone with it who called me and
28 told me the problem. So I am home. I will not come
29 out there among you because I don't want to be the one
30 to make you sick, to make your family sick, or to make
31 your seat at the dinner table empty. So I chose to
32 stay home and get this done with Graham and the other
33 help that I received to get it done that way. But I
34 wanted to be here.

35 Mr. Cunningham, would you please introduce your
36 guests and tell us what they're going to -- and let
37 them say what needs to be said, but help me -- Lord
38 Jesus, help me to tell me these people what danger we
39 are in. Thank you.

40 MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM: Good afternoon, Mr.
41 Chairman, and ladies and gentlemen of county council.
42 I am Michael Cunningham with AnMed Health.

43 First of all, I'd like to introduce my two
44 colleagues. Well, not really colleagues, but certainly
45 two health professionals. The first is Dr. Brad Mock
46 who serves as the Chief Medical Officer here at AnMed
47 Health. And the second is Jean Tillotson, who among
48 her many duties, also helps head up our infection
49 prevention area for AnMed Health. I will tell you that
50 these two are rookies to county council meetings, so

1 this is their first county council meeting. I am not a
2 rookie. But you've done a good job of informing them
3 about how our county government works.

4 So with that I'm going to step out of the way. I
5 do have handouts that will cover the information that
6 Dr. Mock will be sharing with you. So to respect the
7 barriers, I'm sure there's someone I could hand that
8 over to that will -- and if you'll just reference these
9 as Dr. Mock is speaking. And I think I made enough for
10 everybody there, along with the county attorney and
11 county administrator.

12 So, again, thank you for this opportunity to share
13 with you kind of an overview of what we're seeing
14 worldwide, nationally, and then in the state of South
15 Carolina and then in Anderson and then also with our
16 hospital system to give you an idea of what we're
17 seeing as relates to COVID-19; its spread and its
18 impact on our community. So thank you for the
19 opportunity.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

21 BRAD MOCK: Thank you, council
22 members, for the opportunity to come speak to you. As
23 Michael said, my name is Brad Mock. I'm the Chief
24 Medical Officer at AnMed Health. And thank you, Ms.
25 Floyd, for the invitation.

26 JIMMY DAVIS: Sir, I can't hear you.
27 You're going to have to speak up.

28 BRAD MOCK: Sorry. Thank you,
29 again, for the invitation. We were asked by Ms. Floyd
30 to give some information on how the coronavirus is --
31 what we've seen at AnMed Health and what our numbers
32 have been like. When we first started preparing for
33 this, we looked at what was happening in Europe as we
34 were preparing for the coronavirus because we figured
35 that would -- the data coming out of there was
36 reliable. And we saw significant surges there and then
37 we saw a retrenchment of the cases there as they
38 started to escalate in the United States. Europe is
39 experiencing another surge today. They're having
40 significantly more cases, actually, than they had in
41 the surge one. They are seeing fewer deaths associated
42 with that, but significant numbers of hospitalizations.

43 If you'll look at major cities in the U.S., they're
44 experiencing something very similar now. And if you'll
45 look at -- as far as AnMed itself, if you'll look at
46 that first graph -- and I'm sorry, Ms. Floyd, that you
47 don't have this -- you'll see where we peaked in late
48 July, early August, and saw a significant drop in the
49 number of cases, with the nadir being about the last
50 week in October. And we have since started seeing our

1 cases go back up. We reached a low of about twenty-
2 five inpatients at AnMed Health who were COVID position
3 and we are in the mid-forties today. And that trend
4 has been continuing.

5 The next couple of pages of what you have just talk
6 about some of the things that have impacted our
7 numbers. We believe at AnMed Health after the city
8 council mask ordinance, we did see a decrease in the
9 number of cases. There's always a lag between any
10 intervention that people take and the results that
11 follow that. We have seen an increase in cases after
12 most of the holidays when people spend more time
13 together, frequently in larger crowds. We've also seen
14 a significant increase in the number of positive cases
15 in our testing over the last three to four weeks. So
16 where we were running ten percent six weeks ago, we're
17 now running better than fifteen percent. And what's
18 generally considered to be under control is less than
19 five percent by the epidemiologists. We have had
20 significant numbers of staff out of work. Most of
21 those, as many other employers in the county are
22 seeing, are community exposures rather than work
23 related exposures.

24 And if you'll turn to the next page, one of the
25 things that challenges us as a healthcare facility is
26 that many of these patients are there for quite a bit
27 longer than our typical patient. The typical length of
28 stay for a COVID positive patient is almost twice what
29 it is for a regular patient. So as a result, when
30 those numbers go up, those patients stay in the
31 hospital longer and it creates a census problem for us
32 in terms of trying to care for all the patients. We
33 have created additional ICUs. When we had our first
34 surge, we added twenty-one additional ICU beds in
35 multiple locations to be able to accommodate the sick
36 patients that were both COVID and non-COVID. So we've
37 had to do substantial work as a result of that.

38 And if you'll turn to the next page, you'll sort of
39 see some of our average numbers in terms of census of
40 COVID. We hit a peak in late July or early August of
41 about eighty-five patients who were COVID positive.
42 And again, we got as low as twenty-five patients in the
43 last few weeks before we started back up.

44 If you'll go to the next page, there's some great
45 information, of course, from the DHEC website. I'm
46 sure y'all are used to looking at that. The graph that
47 has the mountainous green line there is the percent --
48 it's the seven-day moving average of a percent positive
49 for COVID-19 tests in South Carolina. And again, you
50 can see where we peaked around July 14th and a slow

1 trend down, but that trend has reversed and started
2 back up. And again, I think yesterday's number was
3 sixteen percent positive of all the tests that were
4 done in the state of South Carolina.

5 On the next page you'll see, again, the peak that
6 we experienced in mid-summer. And again, if you look
7 at those two lines, the red and the blue that are
8 trending back up are the upstate and midlands. The low
9 country, which actually had one of the highest peaks in
10 the mid-summer is trailing behind there. But we see
11 significant trend in the wrong direction in terms of
12 number of positive cases in this area.

13 And the last page is Anderson County. So on that
14 DHEC website, you can select county-specific data. And
15 this is Anderson County up through November 1st. And
16 again, you can see a significant jump in the number of
17 cases over the last few weeks.

18 Typically, as far as the hospital is concerned, the
19 positive cases don't necessarily result directly in
20 hospitalization. But two to four weeks later we will
21 see our numbers go up significantly, as well. And I
22 think that's what we're starting to experience from
23 late October to early November. Our numbers are going
24 up now.

25 We do support a mask ordinance for the county. We
26 believe it helps in terms of reducing the spread of
27 coronavirus. We believe in social distancing, masking,
28 and we would absolutely support the council to pass
29 that measure.

30 I'll be happy to take any questions if you have
31 them.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have any
33 questions?

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. But Mr. Chairman,
35 I will wait to the end and ask my questions then. And
36 I would like for them to stay near the mic when they
37 finish their presentation. Thank you.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.

39 CRAIG WOOTEN: Do you have any
40 experience or -- you brought us data saying there's a
41 problem. I think everybody in the room knows there's a
42 problem. So then the question becomes the solution.
43 And for us, you're wanting us to take data and create
44 public policy. The problem with that is how do you
45 create public policy that achieves the desired result?
46 It's easy to say mask ordinance. What's hard is
47 enforcing it. What's hard is communicating it to
48 people. What's hard is making people social distance.
49 And so that's the realities we have to operate in. As
50 we've seen other topics here, people are passionate

1 about a whole host of things. We have to take that
2 passion and then put it into something that can
3 actually be implemented and executed.

4 So outside of just, hey, we want a mask ordinance;
5 hey, we want social distancing, can you point to things
6 that we can critically do, because I do believe there's
7 a problem. I voted for the mask ordinance. I took
8 flack for the next two weeks on Facebook, personal text
9 messages, phone calls. People confronted me in public
10 about it. So I get that there's a problem. But I
11 think what's getting lost on us is actually finding a
12 solution. And so I put that back on you as a medical
13 professional, tell us things that are working in other
14 places, because right now the amendment I see, or the
15 ordinance I see is title only. So that means there's
16 no meat to it. It's just pass it and we'll figure it
17 out later. That's troublesome because I'm going to
18 have to go explain to the public what it's all about.
19 So do you have examples of fundamentally how we can
20 implement things so that if it is considered -- and
21 right now my fellow supporter is, by ordinance, not
22 going to be able to vote today. So just sheer numbers,
23 you know, show us a path forward.

24 BRAD MOCK: I wish I had more
25 information for you on how to carry that out in a way
26 that would be more effective. Public policy is not my
27 forte. But I do see the challenge that you're
28 referring to. But unfortunately there's not a lot of
29 other activities that any community has found other
30 than the lockdowns, which again, that's -- my vote for
31 the mask ordinance and social distancing is to avoid
32 creating lockdowns because it's very damaging to the --
33 we've had patients who did not come seek care that they
34 needed because they were scared to come out and come to
35 the hospital. So we support people trying to function
36 in society as best we can by trying to follow those
37 rules. To my knowledge there are no other significant
38 advances beyond a vaccine. And while there is some
39 promise it was released in the last day or two with
40 that, it still would be months before we would see the
41 effect of that.

42 CRAIG WOOTEN: And that's a key
43 differentiation I want the public to hear is the county
44 is different than the city. The city actually issues
45 business licenses. The city actually does things that
46 connect it to the businesses that allow enforcement.
47 This is a two hundred thousand person county, which is
48 one of the largest counties in the state. It's a
49 mixture of rural areas, population areas, too. I guess
50 what I'm pointing out is I agree with you that I

1 believe masks work or at least everything I've heard.
2 I don't have the credentials you have. But
3 fundamentally putting it into place is easier said than
4 done. And well after everybody leaves here, we'll be
5 the ones at the public safety meeting at eight in the
6 morning. We'll be the ones on the phone at night
7 having to figure out a true solution.

8 JEAN TILLOTSON: You referenced, you
9 know, the fact that we are not used to this format.
10 But what we are used to is creating policies and
11 procedures within healthcare organizations. The reason
12 that we do that is to protect our employees. And as
13 Dr. Mock referenced, the greater number of exposures
14 that we have had from COVID-19 has been from community
15 exposure. So while we can't speak to how to create a
16 county-level policy, our plan has been to protect every
17 staff member when they are within six feet of another
18 human being, whether it be a patient or a fellow
19 employee. And we have more stringent guidelines that
20 we put in place when they do come in contact with
21 patients. And it is on that basic principal of we are
22 protecting each other.

23 I know that does not speak to how to create your
24 policy, but that is what our policy states. And all we
25 can do is encourage people to do that. Because we are
26 a community, and that is what we want, is for us to
27 protect each other.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all. Any more
29 questions?

30 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

32 BRETT SANDERS: I was looking at -- on
33 your handout, and you stated in here that following the
34 city council's mask ordinance there was a decline by
35 thirty percent. And then you look at the data that you
36 provided me, there really wasn't a decline. I mean
37 we're following a trend with PeeDee, the midlands, the
38 upstate, the low country. I know the population in the
39 low country may be less or more, but I understand we're
40 here to promote a mask ordinance -- or you're here to
41 promote it -- but the data you showed me doesn't show
42 anything of how it helped to do anything. You just
43 stated that there was a decrease by thirty percent in
44 the city. And then you go back and look, well, in the
45 last eight weeks -- the last three weeks, we're fifteen
46 percent positive. And I'm not -- my question, I guess
47 is, how did you come up with the thirty percent?
48 Because the city had a mask ordinance, did they check
49 everyone in the city and say, well, they're thirty
50 percent less? I mean, I like the presentation. I

1 appreciate what you've put together. But the first
2 line that you put in there doesn't even flow with what
3 you presented to me.

4 BRAD MOCK: So that representation
5 was for the whole county, the thirty percent, in terms
6 of the number of cases that showed up in the next sixty
7 days.

8 BRETT SANDERS: So we don't know if the
9 mask that the city done had any effect on this; is that
10 correct?

11 BRAD MOCK: Yes. Most of those
12 relationships to those time periods on there were put
13 on there for the benefit of -- to see what impact, if
14 any.

15 BRETT SANDERS: Okay. Thank you.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Doctor, are you
20 through with your presentation?

21 BRAD MOCK: Yes.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. First of all, you
23 may be seated right where you are because I might be
24 calling you back. Okay? So please have a seat where
25 you are, if you're through. Okay. Thank you.

26 All right. Council members, I have a lot to tell
27 you and a lot to try to explain to you. First of all,
28 I don't know how much time I have left, but I'm sure
29 that Mr. Leon will tell me. And thank you for your
30 help. Our house attorney.

31 First of all, I want to turn your attention to our
32 Mission Statement for Anderson County. Let's start
33 there. The Mission Statement says Anderson County is
34 honored and privileged to serve its residents, workers
35 and visitors with the highest quality public safety,
36 with the highest quality public safety. It didn't say
37 what most of the people want or it didn't say what the
38 least of the people want. It said that we were going
39 to serve our people with the highest quality. Right
40 now our highest quality of public safety have been told
41 to us by people in this profession and they said, wash
42 your hands, practice social distancing and wear a mask.
43 Wear a mask.

44 Now, in the past recently we have two ideas here.
45 We have one idea with people that said to wear it and
46 the other one says to don't wear it. We have that
47 because in our nation no one stood up and said it was
48 bad. Maybe I didn't say that right. No one stood up
49 and said it was a good thing to do it. We had one side
50 doing it, but we had the leader of our nation telling

1 us that you didn't have to do it; it didn't work; and
2 this and that. And you have half the people following
3 that and other half doing that. You have said things
4 like, well, you can't tell people what to do. Now, you
5 know better than that because we do it twice a month.
6 We tell people what to do. We tell people to wear
7 seatbelts. And not only them, your kids got to wear
8 seatbelts, too. And they did it. They do it
9 nationally. They do it. Nobody stood up and said,
10 well, you're a sissy. You're not a man if you have to
11 wear a seatbelt. Nobody can tell -- I'm going to sue
12 you if I have to wear my seatbelt. We were told to do
13 it. We were told that it was going to be a law of the
14 land and we did it.

15 During that time two hundred and forty-two thousand
16 nine hundred and fifty-four did not die because they
17 didn't wear their seatbelt. So don't tell me that you
18 can't, you can't make people do things. You can't tell
19 people what to do. I don't want to hear that. And
20 whoever else said that I just don't like to tell people
21 what to do. I mean that's ludicrous. That ludicrous.

22 Okay. Somebody mentioned that we have two hundred
23 thousand people in the county.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, ---

25 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm not through.

26 TOMMY DUNN: --- that'll be time.

27 Your time is out. That's twenty minutes. Over twenty.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But I've got

29 another twenty minutes coming, so let's do it.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item number

31 9, report from the Finance Committee meeting held on

32 November 5th. Chairman Sanders.

33 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.

34 On November the 5th we had a Finance Committee meeting.

35 Number 4 on 9 ---

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, Mr.

37 Chairman, point of order.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: I was told this morning
40 or yesterday that both my items would be together on
41 the agenda. So that's 11 on ordinance -- let's see,
42 that was the second reading or was it the first reading
43 of my next ordinance, which was the -- I don't know --
44 Mr. Leon, I need your help. I have two things on the
45 agenda. I didn't know it was going to be presented
46 that way until today or yesterday when I talked with
47 Teresa Bannister and she said she talked with Mr. Burns
48 and Mr. Burns said both my items would be put together.
49 8 was presentation of face masks and the other one was
50 -- I can't seem to find it real quick because we've got

1 so much ---
2 TOMMY DUNN: First readings are at
3 the end.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Somebody knows what I'm
5 talking about.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Ma'am, if you'll give me
7 just a second here I'll explain it. Okay? That'll be
8 first reading, ordinance's first reading under (n), and
9 Mr. Burns did call me yesterday and said you'd like to
10 get this done where you could leave. So you not being
11 here, not having to leave, I didn't look at the thing.
12 But I'll ask the council to give -- if we can dispose
13 of this item. If there's no objection, we'll move the
14 item first reading (n). Is there any objection to
15 that, to go ahead and dispose of this? No objection?
16 No objection?
17 Now, my question is this, Mr. Harmon, this is a
18 Robert's Rules question and an ordinance question. If
19 a council member can't vote can they introduce an
20 ordinance?
21 LEON HARMON: If it's a
22 reconsideration, it has to be brought back up.
23 TOMMY DUNN: I know. If a council
24 member is not here to be able to vote, can they bring
25 up an ordinance?
26 LEON HARMON: No. I do not ---
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I'm not
28 going to bring up an ordinance.
29 LEON HARMON: I do not think they
30 would be able to.
31 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But I'm not
33 bringing up an ordinance.
34 TOMMY DUNN: You're not? I'm sorry.
35 Where are you at? I was going under first reading of
36 (n), which is an ordinance. So where are you at?
37 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm on -- I want to move
38 to (n) now. I want to present the ordinance, but I
39 don't want to vote on it. I don't want it voted on.
40 BRETT SANDERS: Well, why would we
41 present?
42 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Whoever asked that, if
44 you'll listen I'll tell you. Whoever asked that
45 question I will tell you.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Start the clock, Mr.
47 Harmon.
48 GRACIE FLOYD: I will tell you now, I'm
49 going to finish my statement. I'm going to finish my
50 statement. I don't know what you guys or lady have

1 against a face mask ordinance. I do not understand.
2 And other people can't understand it either. And it's
3 this thing about common sense. You let people use
4 their common sense. To me it's common sense to have a
5 mask face ordinance.

6 The ordinance that I wanted to present today would
7 not be presented today because of something that went
8 wrong with it not being prepared. Mr. Attorney Leon
9 got up today and worked on it so that we could have it.
10 But it's not in the form. What I want you to do with
11 the one that you have is to take it home, read it,
12 study it, talk to your people whoever you're talking
13 to, talk to your people and see what they say. Talk to
14 people whose grandmama and granddaddy have died or
15 their mama or sister or cousin has died because of this
16 virus. Talk to people who have no way to control it
17 themselves. We can control it and we can control it
18 with wearing the mask, washing your hands and social
19 distancing. People aren't doing that any more and it
20 is growing. It is growing. You talk about two hundred
21 thousand people in Anderson County. We've got two
22 hundred and forty-two people nine hundred and fifty-
23 four dead. Some of them in Anderson County.

24 People, don't play with this. Let's do what our
25 mission says. The highest quality of public safety.
26 What is the highest now? The mask. And we promised
27 these people that we are going to serve them, our
28 workers and our visitors, with the highest quality of
29 public safety. Public safety already told you what to
30 do. Now let's just do it. Thank you.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Cunningham, I want
32 to appreciate you and your team for coming here and
33 taking time out of y'all's busy schedule, all that
34 going on, coming here today. Appreciate it very much.

35 Y'all got anything else y'all would like to say?
36 MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I
37 just wanted to say thank you for the opportunity to be
38 here and share information. This is a difficult
39 subject.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Can't hear. Can't hear.

41 MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM: And as you are
42 discussing it, we'll be happy to share with you the
43 data that we look at every single day. And we do
44 understand the challenges of implementing policies.
45 And we've had to do it internally as an organization
46 and we stand ready to share with you information,
47 hopefully, that will allow you to reach a good
48 conclusion about how you can continue to serve the
49 people of this county. And we want to be a part of
50 that.

1 TOMMY DUNN: We thank y'all very much
2 and may God keep y'all safe. Thank y'all.
3 MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM: We appreciate it.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I'm asking
5 that the completed new ordinance concerning face masks
6 be placed on the next -- at the next county council
7 meeting for consideration.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item number
9 9 ---
10 CRAIG WOOTEN: I'm sorry. We're at the
11 two-hour mark. Could we take a five-minute break?
12 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry?
13 CRAIG WOOTEN: We're at the two-hour
14 mark. Can we take a five-minute break to go to the
15 restroom?
16 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. We've got to vote
17 on nothing in two hours. Thank y'all. We're going to
18 take a five-minute break.
19 **BREAK**
20 TOMMY DUNN: ... council meeting back
21 in session.
22 We're going to move on to item number 9, report
23 from the Finance Committee meeting held on November
24 5th. Chairman Sanders. Chairman Sanders.
25 BRETT SANDERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
26 Number 4 under 9 is bid number 21-012, was a bid to
27 reroof the Clyde Stone building. There were three bids
28 turned in. The Finance Committee recommends J.M. Cope
29 for the amount of two hundred forty-five thousand nine
30 hundred. I did talk to Mr. Richardson last night and
31 went over some things. It's not just a shingle job. I
32 mean it's very detailed, basically rebuilding the whole
33 roof. So that come as a unanimous approval from the
34 Finance Committee. Put that in the form of a motion.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance
36 Committee, doesn't need a second. Are there any
37 discussion? Hearing and seeing none, all in favor of
38 the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
39 motion carries unanimously.
40 Moving on, Mr. Chairman.
41 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. Also we went
42 through the ATAX recommendations. We had one we pulled
43 out for the equine for Ms. Wilson, she has an interest
44 there. All the ones that we had submitted to us,
45 pulling that one out, was unanimous from the Finance
46 Committee.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance
48 Committee, it doesn't need a second. Any discussion?
49 All in favor of the motion show of hands.
50 CINDY WILSON: Show I'm recusing

1 myself. I'm a volunteer contributor and board member
2 of that organization, so I'll step aside.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, if you
4 would, now we'll do the equine.

5 BRETT SANDERS: All right. Ms. Wilson
6 has recused. The other was an ATAX recommendation for
7 equine, came to two to zero vote. Mr. Graham and I
8 voted on it. Ms. Wilson abstained. So bring before
9 council.

10 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion.
11 Again, coming from the Finance Committee doesn't need a
12 second. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion
13 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion
14 carries unanimously with Ms. Wilson abstaining -- or
15 leaving. Ms. Wilson, you can come back in the building
16 now.

17 Moving on, Mr. Chairman.

18 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. And if I
19 could, these grants ---

20 TOMMY DUNN: Next will be number 6, I
21 believe.

22 BRETT SANDERS: Number 6. Oh, yes. I'm
23 sorry. I had moved one ahead. There was a request to
24 donate a vehicle to the Honea Path Fire Department. It
25 was a two hundred and fifty thousand mile '06 F150 with
26 a value of four grand. The Finance Committee voted
27 unanimously to donate the vehicle.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance
29 Committee, again, doesn't need a second. Any
30 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
31 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
32 unanimously. And I'm sure, if y'all can, Mr. Burns,
33 make sure y'all fill it up with gas for Doc Smith. I
34 don't want them to be broke.

35 Moving on, Mr. Chairman.

36 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. Okay. Item
37 number 7, (a) through (i), I'd like to combine. If
38 there's any individual questions I'll be glad to go
39 over them.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, you're
41 asking to combine (a) through what?

42 BRETT SANDERS: (a) through (l).

43 TOMMY DUNN: (a) through (l). Is
44 there any objection to combining (a) through (l)? Go
45 ahead, Mr. Chairman.

46 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. First and
47 foremost, I'd like to thank our grant writers with the
48 different departments. There's over one million
49 dollars worth of grants for different departments. The
50 ones that had a match were only two. One was twenty

1 percent and one was -- or fifty percent and one was
2 ten. The monies come from their department's emergency
3 management salaries. Goes from everything from
4 computers to laptops, vests, SWAT team materials, as
5 well. It came unanimously -- or voted on unanimously
6 through the Finance Committee.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from Finance
8 don't need a second. Any discussion? All in favor of
9 the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
10 motion carries unanimously. Mr. Chairman.

11 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. We continued
12 discussion on the budget, which if I could, we'll take
13 that up in number 10.

14 I'm moving now to transfers. There were a list of
15 transfers that came before us. The majority of it was
16 insurance.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Hang on, Mr. Chairman.
18 Did I miss something? Have we done (g), (h), (i), (j),
19 (k), (l)?

20 BRETT SANDERS: I can't hear you, sir.

21 TOMMY DUNN: We've done them? I'm
22 sorry. I thought we were doing (a) through (f).

23 BRETT SANDERS: (a) through (l); I'm
24 sorry.

25 TOMMY DUNN: (a) through (l).

26 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Let the record show that
28 was (a) through (l). Okay. Just for clarification,
29 let's make sure the motion was to vote -- the vote on
30 (a) through (l) with no objections. Take them all at
31 one time. Let's do that vote again. Coming from the
32 Finance Committee, it doesn't need a second. All in
33 favor of the motion to take (a) through (l) show of
34 hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.

35 Now, Mr. Chairman. I apologize for that.

36 BRETT SANDERS: That's all right, sir.

37 The next one is 9(8) and that actually we'll cover
38 under 10(a) under ordinance third reading. 9(9) was a
39 list of transfers. The majority of the transfers was
40 insurance. Higher than expected RX fees. But we went
41 through each one individually. There's a list of them.
42 If anyone has any questions on them feel free to speak
43 up. And it came unanimously from the Finance
44 Committee.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from Finance,
46 these transfers doesn't need a second. Any discussion?
47 All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
48 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

49 Anything else, Mr. Chairman?

50 BRETT SANDERS: No, sir, not at this

1 time. Thank you.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item number
3 10(a), be ordinance third reading to adopt our budget
4 for this year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending in June
5 30, 2021. This will be a public hearing. Anyone
6 wishing to speak to this matter please step forward and
7 state your name and district and address the chair,
8 please. We're in a public hearing. Anyone at all?
9 Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will be
10 closed. Do we have a motion to put this on the floor?

11 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Motion from the Finance
13 Committee Chairman to put it on the floor for a motion.
14 Ms. Wilson seconds it. Now discussion. Hearing and
15 seeing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands.
16 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
17 unanimously.

18 I want to take a quick second to take this time to
19 appreciate the hard work the Finance Committee and
20 staff done on this trying year and times to get this
21 done.

22 We're moving on now to ordinance 10(b), 2020-021,
23 an ordinance to approve a template Lease Agreement for
24 Incubator/Soft Landing Economic Development Projects at
25 Anderson County's Facility at 1428 Pearman Dairy Road.
26 Before we -- this is a public hearing. Before we go
27 into that, Mr. Nelson, would you like to say a few
28 words before we go into a public hearing?

29 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.
30 I certainly appreciate the opportunity of you and
31 members of council. This has worked out to be a really
32 great opportunity for us for incubator and for soft
33 landing. We have all one hundred and thirty thousand
34 square feet right now taken by several projects; a
35 couple of incubator projects. We should have
36 announcements on those shortly. And we have committed
37 the other space to several other projects that we'll
38 have on council floor shortly. So right now we have
39 great utilization of the property. And certainly
40 appreciate council's efforts in helping us make all
41 that happen.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Now we'll be going into
43 a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this
44 matter, please step forward and state your name and
45 district and address the chair, please. Anyone at all?
46 Anyone? Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing
47 will be closed. Do we have a motion to move this
48 forward?

49 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do

1 we have a second?
2 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Now
4 any discussion?
5 CINDY WILSON: Just a quick point to
6 uphold Mr. Nelson. This does make it possible for more
7 business proposals to have an opportunity to see if
8 they can make it work. So that's a wonderful addition
9 to our county.
10 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
11 All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
12 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
13 Moving on to item number 10(c), 2020-022, an
14 ordinance to amend section 2-38-(c)(4) of the Code of
15 Ordinances of Anderson, South Carolina so as to
16 establish that each speaker will be allowed no more
17 than three minutes to address the matter for which a
18 public hearing has been scheduled. This will be a
19 public hearing.
20 And again, this is not changing really nothing in
21 the concepts of what we've done in the past. The
22 exception is to not have a time limit. All of our
23 agenda items, you'll see a time limit by them. On
24 public hearings there's no time limit. The gist of
25 this was, no time limit means you can't -- if there's a
26 hundred people here, a hundred people should be able to
27 speak, and they should. It's just making that point
28 blank -- a little bit more clear. So at this time
29 we'll go into a public hearing. Anyone wishing to
30 speak to this matter please step forward, state your
31 name and district and address the chair, please.
32 Seeing and hearing none, I put that in the form of a
33 motion. Do I have a second?
34 JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Now
36 any discussion?
37 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am, Ms. Floyd.
39 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I heard you
40 explain the thing just now, but -- I heard you, but I
41 didn't understand you. Now, our public hearings now
42 allows each person to stand up and say what they want
43 to say with no time limit. That's a fact. Now. But
44 what you're saying is that three minutes will be
45 attached to every speech or everything that is said
46 when a person come up to the mic? Is that what you're
47 saying?
48 TOMMY DUNN: Ma'am, what I'm saying
49 is any time we have something now before the meeting
50 and after the meeting, you have three minutes to talk.

1 That's the rule now. Always been that way since I've
2 been on council. What I'm proposing is on public
3 hearings you only have three minutes to spell it out.
4 That's really what it is. The thing, there's no time
5 limit on a public hearing. Say if there's a hundred
6 people here, all hundred people gets to talk. You've
7 got to use a little common sense. If there's a hundred
8 people here wanting to talk and there's no time on it,
9 somebody could take two hours and take all the time or
10 something another.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: They've done that. But
12 what are you saying now? You're going to put three
13 minutes on everybody; yes or no?

14 TOMMY DUNN: Public hearings, ma'am.
15 Public hearings.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Public hearings
17 will have three minutes on everybody who gets up to
18 speak? Is that the skinny of it?

19 TOMMY DUNN: That's right. Yes,
20 ma'am.

21 JIMMY DAVIS: It's three minutes per
22 person; right?

23 TOMMY DUNN: Per person; that's
24 right.

25 BRETT SANDERS: And we have the right to
26 extend it if we vote.

27 TOMMY DUNN: And they've got the
28 right -- council has the right to extend it.

29 BRETT SANDERS: Right.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: But the person, if
31 they're not finished, just like you just cut everybody
32 off, slap down, shut up, sit down, that would be the
33 same thing; right?

34 TOMMY DUNN: Just like it is now on
35 other issues; yes, ma'am.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't agree with that.
37 We are the only place that a person can come to to say
38 what they think. We are the only place. If something
39 goes wrong in the county that they don't agree with,
40 we're the only place that they can come. Now, if you
41 wanted to shorten it because of time, I could see maybe
42 a five minutes. Because I have sat through a public
43 hearing when the lady spoke for one solid hour. So I
44 have been there. But if we're going to shorten it,
45 let's not take away the people's time to speak, to
46 vent, to say what they have to say. Let's not do that
47 to the people. Where else can they go to talk about
48 the things that are bothering them? Where else can
49 they go? Your office? Your telephone?

50 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. I take

1 telephone calls. Yes, ma'am. They sure can call me
2 any time.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: But how do they call all
4 of us at one time so that we can all hear everything?
5 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have anything
6 else?

7 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?
8 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair?
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me. I didn't get
10 an answer, and I wasn't finished. You cut me off, sir.
11 I wasn't finished. My question was, how can they call
12 all of us at one time so they can all hear the same
13 thing as they do in a public hearing?

14 TOMMY DUNN: I heard you.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
16 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.
17 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
18 think that what we're trying to do here is making it
19 consistent across the board. And what we have to
20 remember is if somebody is up there and their time
21 expires, it's up to council and the respective council
22 person can request more time. And I doubt any of us up
23 here would deny that request. But I think we need to
24 have some consistency across the board, because we have
25 it limited to three minutes on agenda items only. And
26 at the end of each council agenda we have that, as
27 well. So I think it's good to have it consistent
28 across the board. We have a motion on the floor.
29 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me. I'm still
32 not through. Now I have the floor. I'm still not
33 through because we can't just -- we're talking about
34 the people here. We're talking about their rights.

35 TOMMY DUNN: One second, Ms. Floyd.
36 I'm going to check to see how much time we've got. How
37 much time is left on this, Mr. Harmon?

38 LEON HARMON: Twenty seconds.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Ms. Floyd.
40 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I've got twenty
41 seconds. I do think that we need to give them more
42 time, because if it's a public hearing then they have a
43 concern. They have a concern that they need more time
44 to express. So I just think that we need more time.
45 Three minutes is not enough.

46 TOMMY DUNN: That'll be time. Call
47 for the question. All in favor of the motion show of
48 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
49 unanimously.

50 Moving on to ordinance number 11(a), second

1 reading, 2020-023, an ordinance to amend an Agreement
2 for the development of a Joint County Industrial and
3 Business Park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville
4 Counties as to enlarge the park. Project Unity
5 Gateway. Do we have a motion to move this forward?
6 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
7 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
8 we have a second?
9 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
10 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham.
11 Discussion? Mr. Burriss, you got anything you want to
12 add?
13 BURRISS NELSON: Nothing other than this
14 is Greenville County wanting to add a project to this.
15 This is actually the city of Greenville and Greenville
16 County moving forward with the redevelopment of their
17 county offices and that whole complex after they sold
18 county offices at old Bell Tower.
19 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the
20 motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
21 motion carries unanimously.
22 Moving on to item number 11(b), 2020-024, an
23 ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone +/- 10.01
24 acres from C-2 (Highway Commercial) to R-M1 (mixed
25 Residential) on Highway 81 North and 235 Scenic Road,
26 Anderson. This will be District 4. Do we have -- Ms.
27 Hunter, do you have anything you want to say?
28 ALISIA HUNTER: No, sir, Mr. Chairman, I
29 don't have anything further to add. If you have any
30 questions.
31 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.
32 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. I looked
33 through what we got sent to us. The property around it
34 is basically mixed residential, as well. I have not
35 had a single call about this, either for it nor against
36 it, so I'm going to support it today.
37 TOMMY DUNN: You make the motion to
38 move this forward?
39 BRETT SANDERS: I make a motion to move
40 it forward, sir.
41 CINDY WILSON: Second.
42 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion from
43 Mr. Sanders to move forward and second by -- who
44 seconded that?
45 CINDY WILSON: I did.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson. Any
47 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
48 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
49 unanimously.
50 Moving on to item number 11(c), 2020-025, an

1 ordinance authorizing (1) pursuant to Chapter 44 of
2 Title 12, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended
3 the execution and delivery of a fee agreement by and
4 between Anderson County, South Carolina and BMW
5 Manufacturing Co., LLC; and (2) other matters related
6 thereto. Do we have a motion to put this on the floor?
7 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
9 we have a second?
10 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Now
12 discussion. Mr. Nelson, do you have anything you want
13 to add to this?
14 BURRISS NELSON: Just that it is a
15 support of our existing industries that supply -- or
16 that area tier 1 and tier 2 suppliers for BMW. It is a
17 good opportunity for us to be able to keep people
18 employed.
19 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in
20 favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
21 Show the motion carries unanimously.
22 Moving on to item number 11(e), 2020-027, an
23 ordinance authorizing (1) the conversion and transfer
24 of the property subject to an existing lease agreement
25 between Anderson County, South Carolina (the county)
26 and Michelin North America, Inc., f/k/a Michelin Tire
27 Corporation (the company) to a fee-in-lieu of property
28 taxes arrangement under Title 12, Chapter 44 of the
29 South Carolina Code, as amended; (2) the execution and
30 delivery of such documents as may be necessary to
31 effect the intent of the ordinance; and (3) other
32 matters related thereto. The 1996 fee agreement. Do
33 we have a motion to move this forward?
34 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
36 we have a second?
37 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any
39 discussion?
40 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, this is
41 just a clean-up of the Sandy Springs fee-in-lieu of
42 taxes agreement and takes twenty-nine documents and
43 turns them into about -- about twenty documents and
44 turns it into one. But the big thing is it takes the
45 county out of the chain of the title on the old lease
46 type fee agreement.
47 TOMMY DUNN: The next one is about
48 the same thing. Right, Mr. Nelson?
49 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir.
50 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the

1 motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
2 motion carries unanimously.
3 Moving on to (f), 2020-028, an ordinance
4 authorizing (1) the execution and delivery of an
5 Infrastructure Special Source Revenue) Credit Agreement
6 by and between Anderson County, South Carolina (The
7 "County") and Michelin North America, Inc. (FKA
8 Michelin Tire Corporation) (The "Company") to provide
9 for Infrastructure Credits with respect to certain
10 property located in the County; (2) the benefits of a
11 Multi-County Industrial or Business Park designation to
12 be made available to the Company and such property; and
13 (3) other matters related thereto. Do we have a motion
14 to move this forward?
15 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
16 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
17 we have a second?
18 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
19 TOMMY DUNN: Second by -- who
20 seconded that?
21 RAY GRAHAM: Me. Mr. Graham.
22 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham seconded it.
23 Any discussion?
24 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, could I
25 ask a question, just a point of order.
26 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah.
27 BURRISS NELSON: You combined (d) and (e)
28 in that previous vote; is that right?
29 TOMMY DUNN: No, we didn't. We're
30 voting on (e) right now. We voted on (d) and we voted
31 on (e). Now we're on (f).
32 BURRISS NELSON: Okay. I just wanted to
33 be sure we got (e) captured in the vote. That's all I
34 was asking.
35 Yes, sir. In this one, (f), is the multi-county
36 park agreement that captures the properties that
37 Michelin has that were not able to be able to be
38 captured in the previous two ordinances.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Any more
40 discussion? All in favor of (f) show of hands.
41 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
42 unanimously.
43 Mr. Harmon.
44 LEON HARMON: Yes, sir.
45 TOMMY DUNN: Did I miss (d)?
46 LEON HARMON: I think you missed (e).
47 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. We'll go
48 back and make that right, then. I'll make sure we
49 didn't miss one. I thought I got it.
50 We'll go back, excuse me, council members, we'll go

1 back to 11(e), 2020-027, an ordinance authorizing (1)
2 the conversion and transfer of the property subject to
3 an existing lease agreement between Anderson County,
4 South Carolina (the county) and Michelin North America,
5 Inc. (FKA Michelin Tire Corporation) (the company) to a
6 fee-in-lieu of property tax arrangement under Title 12,
7 Chapter 44 of the South Carolina Code, as amended; (2)
8 the execution and delivery of such documents ... I
9 done this because I remember saying 1996. But we'll go
10 ahead and make it -- but y'all try to keep up over
11 there. Take your coat off a minute and you'll want to
12 keep up. You'll get a little chill. So this will be
13 (e), we're going to vote on (e). I think we're going
14 two out of three. Do we have a motion to put (e) back
15 on?

16 RAY GRAHAM: Motion.
17 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham.
18 Second?

19 CINDY WILSON: Second.
20 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any
22 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
23 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
24 unanimously.

25 Moving on to item (g). (g), (g), (g) for y'all
26 folks over there. 2020-029, an ordinance authorizing
27 the execution and delivery of an amended and reinstated
28 Fee-in-Lieu of Tax Agreements by and between Anderson
29 County, South Carolina and COI Anderson Industrial, LLC
30 with respect to certain economic development property
31 in the County, whereby such property will be subject to
32 certain payments in Lieu of Taxes, including the
33 provision of certain Special Revenue Credits; and other
34 matters related thereto. Mr. Nelson.

35 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.
36 This is the Van Trust property that is known as the
37 Exchange Logistic Park. It's at Exit 35. And it's one
38 of those where they're investing their own money,
39 providing a two hundred and thirty thousand square foot
40 manufacturing or industrial building, spec, and they
41 had a shortfall on their understanding about what their
42 total infrastructure need would be. And so this just
43 extends that initial incentive a year.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to
45 put this on the floor?

46 JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis. Have
48 a second?

49 CINDY WILSON: Second.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any

1 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion
2 show of hands. Opposed like sign.

3 Moving on to (h), 11(h), 2020-030, an ordinance
4 authorizing the execution and delivery of an amendment
5 to a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement between
6 Anderson County, South Carolina and a Company known to
7 the County as Project Ammo to provide for an extension
8 of the investment period therein and grant of
9 additional Special Source Revenue Credits; authorizing
10 the execution and delivery of a purchase and sale
11 agreement to provide for the transfer of certain real
12 property located in the Alliance Industrial Park from
13 the County to Project Ammo; approving the inclusion of
14 the project in a Multi-County Business and Industrial
15 Park; and other matters related thereto. Do we have a
16 motion to put this on the floor?

17 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders. Do
19 we have a second?

20 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Now
22 Mr. Burriss Nelson.

23 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
24 and members of council. This is one of our existing
25 industries. They're investing 8.6 million dollars,
26 creating an additional sixteen jobs. They need some
27 additional room to expand and make that project work.
28 This will be a multi-county park agreement identical to
29 what they had from the past. And they had a thirty
30 percent SSRC for ten years. Twenty year community
31 impact, forty-eight million dollars. I've got a list
32 of the tax income for your pleasure on that document
33 that I left at your desk. This is an expansion of our
34 existing. We should have an announcement for that
35 project before our next meeting.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. All in favor
37 of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show
38 the motion carries unanimously.

39 Moving on to item number 11(i), 2020-031, an
40 ordinance to amend Chapter 70, Article 5 of the
41 Anderson County Code of Ordinances, to include new
42 zoning district classifications and also to amend
43 Section 5:2 residential agriculture district setback.
44 Ms. Wilson.

45 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
46 Let me manage to look over -- we've been flipping so
47 fast. This basically -- this amendment adds zoning
48 classifications to our ordinance. If landowners choose
49 to rezone, they have the opportunity to use one of
50 these classifications. If landowners in an unzoned

1 precinct choose to zone, then they have these zoning
2 classifications to choose from in that foundation.
3 Otherwise, it's just in our ordinance and should have
4 been there from the start. But it gives more
5 opportunities for landowners to choose the zoning that
6 more accurately reflects their property.

7 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Ms.
8 Wilson. Do we have a second?

9 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any
11 discussion?

12 CRAIG WOOTEN: I have a quick question.
13 Is this coming as a recommendation from the Planning
14 and Public Works Committee, or is this just coming
15 straight to council?

16 TOMMY DUNN: I think it's coming
17 straight to council. But I hope to take this up in an
18 ad hoc committee when we put this -- all this needs to
19 be worked together. So I hope before we have third
20 reading, we can get some clarification on a few things.

21 CINDY WILSON: We have had it as an
22 item of discussion for months. And I've made this
23 request for the last nineteen years that we have these
24 zoning classifications available to be used if they
25 were appropriate by the owners of the property and
26 we're just now putting them into place so that if
27 someone chooses they can. For example, in Mr. Sanders'
28 district, there are some of the landowners who really
29 choose to be more of an agricultural zoning
30 classification. And they can -- once this is passed,
31 they can make application to our Planning Department to
32 rezone their specific property to one of these
33 measures. By contrast the same or similar situation,
34 too, in Mr. Davis' district and some of the precincts
35 in my district are unzoned, but we'll be going forward
36 with the County Comprehensive Land Use Mapping and
37 Planning efforts, the five year cycle, starting in two
38 months. And if one of those precincts chooses to use
39 one of these classifications when they go through the
40 zoning process, if they go that route, then they have
41 this available. It does not change anything in place
42 now.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Are we talking about
47 (i)?

48 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. What the lady
50 from District 7 was saying about those people up there

1 in Mr. Sanders' district, something about that, but
2 aren't those people already classified in the
3 classification that they wanted?

4 CINDY WILSON: No.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Some are; some ain't.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: That's what I thought.
7 That's what I thought. But if we give them another
8 chance to come up with -- why are we giving them
9 another chance to come up with a classification if
10 they're already under the one that they want?

11 TOMMY DUNN: Not necessarily, Ms.
12 Floyd. This is -- she just used that for an example.
13 This is county-wide and this would be giving somebody
14 another option, more or less another tool in the
15 toolbox.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, I understand that.
17 But see, she didn't say that. She used that -- she
18 didn't say it was an example. But anyway, you've
19 answered my question, and I thank you.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in
21 favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
22 Show the motion carries unanimously.

23 Now we're going to be moving on to item (j), 2020-
24 032, an ordinance to amend the ordinance number 2018-
25 011 related to the addition of Division 3 Titled
26 Standards and Procedures for Franchising of Private
27 Ambulance Services so as to add a new Section 30-87
28 titled Operation within the County without obtaining a
29 Franchise and to appropriately renumber succeeding
30 sections; and other matters related thereto. Do we
31 have a motion ---

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Would you please
33 explain?

34 RAY GRAHAM: Motion.
35 TOMMY DUNN: We will. Do we have a
36 motion to put this on the floor?

37 RAY GRAHAM: Motion.
38 CINDY WILSON: Second.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham;
40 second Ms. Wilson.

41 Now, Mr. Harmon, do you want to explain this or Mr.
42 Burns or Mr. Graham? Let's all don't speak at once.

43 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Burns.
44 GRACIE FLOYD: I would rather hear from
45 Mr. Burns or Leon.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
47 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, what this
48 motion does is add penalty provisions to the Franchise
49 Agreement Ordinance. That's essentially all it does.
50 And then by putting those in, we've renumbered some

1 other sections in the ordinance.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon, I'm asking
3 you, we've got this ordinance now, Franchise Ordinance.
4 LEON HARMON: Correct.
5 TOMMY DUNN: We've had it now for a
6 while. This is just putting some teeth into it. When
7 they don't abide by it, we can do something about it,
8 where we don't have any effect right now. In short,
9 isn't that it?
10 LEON HARMON: That's the short answer
11 to it; yes, sir.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: But Mr. Leon, the thing
14 is that we have -- how many franchise private ambulance
15 services do we have in Anderson now?
16 LEON HARMON: We don't have any
17 franchise services that have come under this particular
18 ordinance. We have agreements ---
19 GRACIE FLOYD: No. My question is, how
20 many do we have under any ordinance?
21 LEON HARMON: I don't think we have
22 any under any ordinance. We have agreements with
23 certain rescue squads and ---
24 TOMMY DUNN: EMS providers.
25 LEON HARMON: --- and EMS providers.
26 But we don't have any under this particular ordinance.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. We're
28 going back. Isn't -- what about Greg Shore? Aren't
29 they under a franchise for private ambulance services?
30 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Leon?
32 LEON HARMON: Yes, ma'am.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Was that you that said
34 no, ma'am.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Her question was, is
36 MedShore under a franchise agreement?
37 LEON HARMON: No. MedShore is not.
38 They have a contract with the county to provide EMS
39 services within Zone 9 and some other areas of the
40 county, as well.
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But they are not
42 under any kind of franchise or private ambulance
43 services? So the answer is still no; right?
44 LEON HARMON: That's correct.
45 GRACIE FLOYD: So they would not be
46 subjected to this right now?
47 LEON HARMON: No, ma'am, they would
48 not.
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in

1 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
2 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

3 Moving on to item number 12(a), first reading, an
4 ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone +/- 141.81
5 acres from I-2 (Industrial Park District) to R-8
6 (Single family residential) at Liberty Highway,
7 Anderson. Tax map number 119-00-17-026. This will be
8 -- before we go into a public hearing, Ms. Hunter, do
9 you have anything you would like to add to this?

10 ALISIA HUNTER: Mr. Chairman, I don't have
11 anything further to add other than that the Planning
12 Commission did look -- went back and looked at this
13 proposal and there were some environmental constraints
14 to this property. The future land use map did call for
15 this to be commercial and industrial, but they didn't
16 take into consideration that some properties do have
17 constraints on them. So therefore this would not be a
18 suitable piece of property for an industrial site.

19 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to have a
20 public hearing on this. Anyone wishing to speak to
21 this matter, please step forward, state your name and
22 district and address the chair, please. Public
23 hearing; anyone at all?

24 PAUL HARRISON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
25 My name is Paul Harrison. My address is 718 Lowndes
26 Hill Road, Greenville 29609.

27 CINDY WILSON: Sorry. We can't
28 understand you.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Pull that down. We
30 can't hear you.

31 PAUL HARRISON: Paul Harrison with Blue
32 Water Civil Design. I'm here tonight to speak on
33 behalf of this application. And I would -- I don't
34 really want to add anything other than I'd be glad to
35 answer any kind of questions or concerns that council
36 may have about this application and about this
37 rezoning.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Anyone else?

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Yes. Alesia, Ms.
40 Hunter, ---

41 TOMMY DUNN: One second, Ms. Floyd,
42 if you would, please. One second. Do we have a motion
43 to put this on the floor?

44 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders;
46 second Ms. Wilson. Now discussion. Ms. Floyd.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Hunter?

48 ALISIA HUNTER: Yes, ma'am.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: It was said in one of
50 the meetings that the council -- that these people

1 coming in to do things to the county will first talk
2 with the county council member of that particular area
3 or district. Was this done according to what was said
4 at that meeting?

5 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, ma'am.
6 ALISIA HUNTER: Mr. Sanders has had
7 meetings with the developer. Yes, ma'am.
8 BRETT SANDERS: With the developer and
9 ---

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me. I have the
11 floor. What about the people, Ms. Hunter, have they
12 been made aware of what's happening in the area?

13 ALISIA HUNTER: Yes, ma'am. We have sent
14 out notices to property owners. We did have a public
15 hearing, as well, Ms. Gracie. We notified -- the
16 property was posted, as well. We notified property
17 owners within two thousand feet of this affected
18 property. Yes, ma'am.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. Thank you.
20 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Anyone
21 have any questions for this gentleman here?

22 BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.
24 BRETT SANDERS: This property, I got an
25 email with the actual plan layout to where it was
26 moving towards like the conservative subdivision that
27 Ms. Wilson has been pushing. Could we make sure that
28 everyone on council gets a copy of that email? I think
29 they may have sent it to Mr. Burns, but ...

30 RUSTY BURNS: All council have
31 received it.

32 TOMMY DUNN: All council has received
33 it, he said.

34 CINDY WILSON: Unless it's in the
35 packet that we -- we just got up here. We don't have
36 it yet.

37 BRETT SANDERS: Okay. Good.
38 TOMMY DUNN: We're good. We
39 appreciate you.

40 BRETT SANDERS: Thank you, sir.
41 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?
42 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?
43 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
44 CINDY WILSON: This piece of property
45 has the opportunity to really be a shining example of
46 good stewardship, respecting the waterways and other
47 characteristics of the property and do more of a
48 cluster type development. And this is only the first
49 reading. I'm in support of it and I'm looking forward
50 to learning more and working as we can. Thank you.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. All in favor
2 of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show
3 the motion carries unanimously.
4 Moving on to item number (b), 12(b), 2020-033, an
5 ordinance to amend section 38-312 (preliminary plat) --
6 I'm sorry, that's been took off. We took that off.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: What?
8 TOMMY DUNN: Wasn't that took off?
9 LEON HARMON: Yes. You pulled that at
10 the beginning of the meeting.
11 TOMMY DUNN: We pulled that at the
12 beginning of the meeting. I'm sorry.
13 Moving on to item number (c), 12(c), 2020-034, an
14 ordinance to amend section 38-118(f) of the Anderson
15 County Code of Ordinances so as to clarify traffic
16 impact study requirements. I put that in the form of a
17 motion. Have a second?
18 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
19 CINDY WILSON: Which one are we one?
20 TOMMY DUNN: (c); 12(c).
21 CINDY WILSON: Okay. I'm sorry.
22 TOMMY DUNN: I make the motion; Mr.
23 Davis seconds the motion.
24 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Gotcha.
25 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have any
26 discussion?
27 CINDY WILSON: One question on this, if
28 we're in discussion. This came up in a development
29 meeting in my district this past week. Do we have a
30 way to address the potential of a development starting
31 with one phase that might have twenty-five dwellings
32 and maybe less than a hundred trips per day coming out
33 onto a state or a county road, but it adjoins another
34 parcel that they're planning to come through that
35 property and then they would eclipse the hundred trips
36 at peak hour? Is there any way we can address that
37 going into the traffic impact study so that that would
38 be a consideration? In other words, what's there is
39 there and we can deal with that. But we also
40 understand that there's another development going
41 through that property that will have many more
42 dwellings and more road trips. Can we address that in
43 the traffic impact study?
44 TOMMY DUNN: It's a working thing.
45 Like I said, we're going to talk about this -- this
46 will be one subject we talk about tomorrow.
47 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.
48 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?
49 GRACIE FLOYD: You're going to talk
50 about -- excuse me -- you're going to talk about what

1 tomorrow in now? And has this been put on the floor
2 yet?

3 TOMMY DUNN: More in depth on the
4 traffic study. There's an ad hoc committee meeting
5 tomorrow and PPW meeting tomorrow. This is just first
6 reading on the traffic ordinance. Any more discussion?
7 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed?
8 Show the motion carries.

9 Moving on to item number 12(d), 2020-035, an
10 ordinance to amend Article III, Division 5 of Chapter
11 38 of Anderson County, South Carolina Code of
12 Ordinances so as to add a new section 38-360 regarding
13 conservation development standards. Ms. Wilson.

14 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
15 This basically gives developers in the unzoned area the
16 choice of fifteen thousand square foot lots on sewer or
17 the conservation development standards where they could
18 cluster dwellings on six thousand square feet, but
19 retain the difference between six thousand and fifteen
20 thousand. There are a number of parts of this that are
21 very positive for developers, as well as those who live
22 around such a development. One is that the developer
23 cuts down on site prep, the cost of running
24 infrastructure to the property, there's more latitude
25 given in the form of stormwater runoff measures that
26 might be more appropriate than just simply going and
27 digging a hole and letting it run in there, which can
28 be very expensive for a developer. It'll be a choice
29 in the unzoned areas. And we're also looking at
30 providing it as a choice in zoned areas so that we have
31 greater capability of developing nicer. And that's
32 what we've been working on for, gosh, quite a while
33 now. Thank you.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

36 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry?

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

38 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, Ms. Floyd.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. If we do that to
40 the South Carolina Code of Ordinance, add that section,
41 who will be paying for the acceleration and
42 deceleration there? I remember we had some discussion
43 about this a long time ago. Ms. Wilson brought it up
44 then. But who will be paying for this?

45 CINDY WILSON: I thought we were on the
46 conservation development standards.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

48 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

49 CINDY WILSON: The traffic impact study
50 that I just voted on ---

1 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, we're on (d).
2 We've done moved on. We've done (c).
3 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm not on (c).
4 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. What are you
5 asking? What's your question?
6 CINDY WILSON: In the ---
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute, Ms.
8 Wilson. I might be ahead of myself. Because the one
9 I'm referring to is on (e). It's on (e). I thought
10 you were saying (c), but you were saying (e); okay.
11 No, I thought you were saying (e) but you were saying
12 (c). The mistake is mine.
13 TOMMY DUNN: We're on (d) right now.
14 CINDY WILSON: (e) has been removed.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Wilson, please. I
16 understand that now, Mr. Chair. Please go on. The
17 mistake was mine.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion for
19 (d)?
20 JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis. Do we
22 have a second?
23 CINDY WILSON: Second.
24 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Now
25 discussion.
26 CRAIG WOOTEN: I have a quick question.
27 I'm assuming if we pass this at first reading that
28 it'll be going to the Planning and Public Works
29 Committee meeting tomorrow. Will it come back for a
30 second reading with a recommendation from the committee
31 or ...
32 TOMMY DUNN: What I envision, Mr.
33 Wooten, I was fixing to speak on this. I intend on
34 voting on this on first reading, but this has got a lot
35 -- some work to be done to it. One thing is like who
36 is going to take care of all this stuff? Tighten it
37 up? I don't want to -- myself calling the county and
38 saying a tree fell over here. So this stuff has got to
39 have (end of audio) some tightening up to it. And we
40 don't need to be piecemealing this stuff. It all needs
41 to work and flow together to work on this stuff. We've
42 got a lot going on and that's what we're got to try to
43 do. And this is going to be talked about tomorrow in
44 the ad hoc committee. She's got a presentation on that
45 right there. Any more discussion? All in favor of the
46 motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
47 motion carries unanimously.
48 Moving on now to item (f). (e) has been pulled.
49 Going to item (f), 2020-027, an ordinance to approve a
50 sublease agreement between Anderson County, South

1 Carolina and Lake Hartwell Development Group, LLC for
2 the Asbury Park site on Lake Hartwell located at the
3 end of Asbury Park Road. Do we have a motion to move
4 this forward?
5 GRACIE FLOYD: So we went from (d) to
6 (f)?
7 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. As I said
8 earlier, at the start of the meeting (e) has been
9 pulled.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, excuse me. Got it.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm with you now. Thank
13 you.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now to item
15 number (f) again. Do we have a motion to put this on
16 the floor?
17 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
19 we have a second?
20 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis.
22 BRETT SANDERS: Sanders.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders seconded?
24 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir.
25 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Can't tell y'all
26 two apart sometimes. There's a second. Mr. Nelson.
27 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
28 members of council. This is a project that we've been
29 working on for almost three years. And really years
30 and years longer than that. Because when I came to
31 work for Anderson County thirty something years ago, we
32 were talking about development and redevelopment of
33 projects for commercial and entertain and recreation
34 opportunities on Lake Hartwell, and developing things
35 that would utilize the best things there are about Lake
36 Hartwell. And this is just the beginning to that. We
37 had a groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday morning out at
38 Asbury Park to kick this project off. This is just the
39 beginning of a long process of work that's going to be
40 even longer. But great things.
41 There's actually a map right behind the document I
42 put at your table that gives you an outline of what the
43 format of the park will look like. But it will include
44 such things as tree house camping, yurts to camp in,
45 small cabins. And of course, there will be places for
46 camper/motor homes and tent camping, as well. And then
47 the other thing that Mr. Burns and Ms. Davis are
48 looking forward to is the gigantic water slide, water
49 park, to be able to play when they get that up in April
50 or May of next year. But this is a long process. We

1 went out to an RFQ following all the county's
2 procurement regulations. We went out to bid. We
3 selected a qualified candidate. We submitted a lease
4 request to the Corp of Engineers. We submitted the
5 candidate to the Corp of Engineers. They were
6 approved. We secured approval through several layers
7 of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Oversight Control.
8 And the award and lease -- the award of the lease to
9 Anderson County, we received that. And we're preparing
10 to award the lease to Lake Hartwell Development Group
11 from Anderson County. And park development should
12 begin -- it's actually already begun. They're out
13 there clearing all the underbrush and all the
14 undergrowth that's out there.

15 But this certainly comes to council as a
16 recommendation from staff and from the Economic
17 Development Advisory Board.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have any other
19 discussion?

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Burriss?

23 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, yeah. As we

25 discussed last night, this requires no funds from
26 Anderson County. Am I correct?

27 BURRISS NELSON: That's correct. This is

28 ---

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Would you please say
30 that so it can be put on record?

31 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am. I'm happy
32 to do that. The only thing that we've invested in has
33 been the time from staff and some preparation of
34 documents that we've had. But this is all developer
35 money that's going to that project and they're bringing
36 their own funds, their own operations. We've had to go
37 through a long vetting process of the management
38 program, as well as the development program and get
39 them approved by the Corp of Engineers, as well as
40 approved by us.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? I just
43 want to say quickly this is going to make Anderson
44 County money. Not a whole lot, but we'll get ticket
45 revenue off of this. But the big thing is, it'll be
46 good for the community out there. Glad to see a
47 private partnership. And it's excellent to see the
48 community turnout. All my years I've been on council,
49 besides the big Arthrex and maybe First Quality or one
50 or two more, I've never seen a turnout for ground

1 breaking like I did that. And most impressive was most
2 of the people were from out there in that community,
3 impressed and excited about this. All in favor of the
4 motion show of hands. Go ahead. I'm sorry.

5 CRAIG WOOTEN: I just want to commend
6 your efforts, too. One thing that I don't want to get
7 lost in this effort is it's wonderful for economic
8 development, it's wonderful for our economy. But as
9 we've seen the Corp of Engineers close down parks on
10 the lake, we've seen, because of budget restraints that
11 happen, to close down boat launches. The lake is for
12 everybody. That belongs to the federal government and
13 the water I guess maybe belongs to the state, but it's
14 for everybody. And I think the most encouraging thing
15 about this project, it's going to be an affordable
16 outlet for everybody, whether or not they live on the
17 lake or not, to participate. So even beyond economic
18 development, it's a cultural win for Anderson.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, a few minutes
21 ago you said that this would bring in some money to
22 Anderson County, which is good. I'm really excited
23 about that. But this time the money will be going
24 where? Now the big ole pond that we have, that money
25 goes to the hospitality industry. It doesn't help
26 Anderson County at all. Because if it did we would
27 have roads and stuff we need. But on that particular
28 project you said that it would bring in some money to
29 the county. But my question to you is, who will be the
30 recipient of the money this time?

31 TOMMY DUNN: Money goes into general
32 fund and county council will decide where that money
33 goes. And that's an opinion about the golden pond,
34 opinion about what that money has made out there and
35 what it does with economic development.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I was trying to
37 get an answer on who will be getting the money this
38 time from this new thing coming into Anderson? That's
39 important. That's important to the people of Anderson
40 and I'd like to know the answer, please.

41 TOMMY DUNN: I told you Anderson
42 County Council is going to decide. It goes back to the
43 general fund and we'll have to budget that money. We
44 don't want to spend it before we ain't took it in yet.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I wouldn't has
46 asked if you hadn't said that it's going to bring a
47 whole lot of money into it because we should all be
48 interested in the money, how we're going to get it and
49 where it's going. But I'll just have to wait and see
50 what Anderson County does, I guess.

1 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the
2 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
3 motion carries unanimously.

4 We'll be moving on now to item number (g),
5 2020-038, an ordinance (l) authorizing pursuant to
6 Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South
7 Carolina 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery
8 of a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, by and
9 between Anderson County, South Carolina and a Company
10 identified by the County as Project Underwood. Mr.
11 Nelson.

12 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, thank you,
13 members of council. We were approached by the city of
14 Honea Path to partner with them in an incentive package
15 with a developer who is willing to spend four million
16 dollars -- three to four million dollars on the
17 renovation of the old shirt plant down there in Honea
18 Path and create an opportunity for expansion and
19 growth. They're also going to repave the parking area,
20 include security lighting and allow that to be public
21 parking for the town of Honea Path. These folks are
22 coming to us with their own investment dollars. All
23 we'll be involved in is the incentive process.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to
25 put this on the floor?

26 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

27 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson;
29 second Mr. Graham. Any discussion?

30 CINDY WILSON: This will be very, very
31 helpful for a very blighted area in Honea Path. They
32 were having a meeting Monday night and it's so exciting
33 the progress that's taking place in Honea Path. So I
34 wanted to be sure to enlist your support.

35 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the
36 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
37 motion carries unanimously.

38 Moving on item number (h), 2020-039, an ordinance
39 to amend section 38-359 (flag lots) of Anderson County
40 Code to further define and clarify the circumstances
41 for the use of the flag lots within Anderson County.
42 Mr. Davis.

43 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
44 This ordinance -- this is just first reading. We've
45 still got a few things to go on it. But the thing we
46 wanted to do is to clarify and simplify what our code
47 says and regulates in respect to flag lots. And we
48 thought that the code that we had was kind of ambiguous
49 and left room for interpretation. So we've made good
50 headway of clarifying that. And also at the end of

1 this we'll have -- you know, for the citizens of
2 Anderson County, we'll have a defined use of when
3 people can use flag lots and when they can't. So I
4 look forward to finalizing that. Again, this is first
5 reading. But I make a motion that we approve the
6 ordinance 2020-039.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion.
8 CINDY WILSON: Second.
9 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Ms. Wilson.

10 Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the
11 motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
12 motion carries unanimously.

13 Moving on to item number (i), 2020-040, ordinance
14 to amend section 38-314 (summary plats) so as to reduce
15 the number of lots that can be approved on a summary
16 plat and to clarify the requirements for compliance
17 with stormwater regulation. This, I believe -- correct
18 me if I'm wrong, Mr. Davis, you asked for this to be
19 pulled, too; is that correct?

20 JIMMY DAVIS: Yeah, we need further
21 discussion.

22 TOMMY DUNN: I thought -- Mr. Davis
23 is the one that asked this to be put on, and he's asked
24 for this to be pulled to get some more work to be done
25 with this and some clarification.

26 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I ---
27 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
28 CINDY WILSON: --- make a comment on
29 that?

30 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
31 CINDY WILSON: I think the main issue
32 on summary plats has been the stormwater and drainage
33 requirements. And perhaps we just need to make it
34 mandatory that all lots have to meet those standards
35 because we're running into massive flooding across the
36 county. It's just very difficult when we have this
37 level of rainfall that we're dealing with now that
38 we've not dealt with for thirty years prior. But if we
39 can keep the main runoff onsite or at least slow it
40 down so it's not silting into adjoining landowners or
41 onto (static in audio).

42 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item number
43 (j) (static in audio). Mr. Harmon.

44 RUSTY BURNS: (Static in audio) would
45 like to swap (static) public service condition
46 requesting that this is happening and they approved
47 that. Mr. Davis has been integrally involved in these
48 discussions. If you have any other questions, I'll be
49 happy to ask.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to

1 put this on the floor?
2 JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.
3 CINDY WILSON: Second.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis; second
5 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?
6 CINDY WILSON: Just one point that was
7 clarified for me coming into the meeting, which is a
8 question in a lot of these type situations. (Static)
9 TOMMY DUNN: (Static) (this is being
10 typed from agenda) 2020-042, an ordinance to develop a
11 jointly owned and operated Industrial/Business Park in
12 conjunction with Greenville County, such
13 Industrial/Business Park to be geographically located
14 in Greenville County and established pursuant to Sec.
15 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as
16 amended; to provide for a written Agreement with
17 Greenville County to provide for the expenses of the
18 Park, the Percentage of Revenue Application, and the
19 distribution of fees in lieu of ad valorem taxation.
20 Do we have a motion to put this on the floor?
21 (Static is really bad - unable to transcribe.)
22 TOMMY DUNN: (Static - this is being
23 typed from agenda) 2020-043, an ordinance authorizing
24 the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax
25 agreement by and between Anderson County, South
26 Carolina and a company or companies known to the county
27 at this time as Project Malibu with respect to certain
28 economic development property in the county, whereby
29 such property will be subject to certain payments in
30 lieu fo taxes, including the provision of certain
31 special source credits. Do we have a motion to put
32 this on the floor?
33 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
34 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
35 we have a second?
36 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
37 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Now
38 discussion. Mr. Nelson.
39 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, thank you.
40 This is a great project opportunity for us. Eighty
41 million dollar capital investment; a hundred and
42 thirty-one jobs, with an average pay of twenty-seven
43 dollars and seventy-one cents an hour; annual payroll
44 of 7.26 million dollars. The first year community
45 impact, 2.1 million. And a twenty year community
46 impact of two hundred eighty-five million. And I
47 supplied a tax run or illustration for council members
48 in the document.
49 But this comes to council as a recommendation from
50 staff, as well as the advisory board.

1 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Any
2 more discussion? Hearing and seeing none, all in favor
3 of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show
4 the motion carries unanimously.

5 Moving on to (m), 2020-044, an ordinance
6 authorizing (1) the execution of an Infrastructure
7 Credit Agreement by and between Anderson County, South
8 Carolina and Friendship SC Preservation, L.P. to
9 provide for Infrastructure Credits with respect to a
10 Rehabilitation Project located at 719 Mauldin Street,
11 Anderson, SC, (static - being typed from agenda) (2)
12 authorizing the execution of a Multi-County Park
13 Agreement with Greenville County to include such
14 property, (3) authorizing the execution of an
15 Intergovernmental agreement with the city of Anderson,
16 and (4) other matters related thereto.
17 (Static - unable to transcribe)

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I have known about
19 that for a while. Can you hear me, Mr. Chair?

20 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: I have known about that
22 for a while. In fact, they had some plans a couple of
23 years ago where we knew that all of this was going to
24 happen. I think it came along with the East-West
25 Connector. And I didn't think that one would pass.
26 But when it did nobody said nothing. When they came up
27 with the other things that they were going to do, no
28 one said nothing. When they built that big hotel
29 downtown that shouldn't be there that's going to impede
30 traffic and a lot of other things, no one but -- I was
31 the only one that said anything about that. Council
32 didn't say a word. So this is just par for the course.
33 We knew it was coming. You knew it was coming.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Nelson.

35 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, I'd like
36 to first a point of order. (Static - unable to
37 transcribe). We've been approached by the city of
38 Anderson to cooperate with them in a multi-county park
39 agreement and to renovate Friendship Court Apartments.
40 You may know where that is over off of Bleckley Street
41 (static - unable to transcribe) But the apartments over
42 there for over fifty years. It's in disrepair. It's
43 heavily blighted with crime issues. And this
44 investment company is willing to come in and renovate
45 every apartment. It's all section 8 housing. No one
46 is going to lose their apartment. No one is going to
47 be moved out. There won't be a change in their rent.
48 They'll come along and add fencing which will stop
49 crosswalk traffic that's created a problem in the past.
50 There are multiple (inaudible) caused by the police for

1 security issues, burglaries, armed robberies, drug
2 issues. The company is going to put in additional
3 lighting, security cameras, fencing and renovate the
4 entire apartment complex. 5.5 million dollars is the
5 investment. And the city has asked us to participate
6 in the multi-county park agreement to help them or
7 assist them in incentivizing this project and
8 development.

9 This comes to council as a recommendation from
10 staff as well as from the Economic Development Advisory
11 Board.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussions?

13 CINDY WILSON: I will support this on
14 the first reading, but I want it made very clear that
15 we work really hard for the entire county and our
16 municipalities also. But when you have a municipality
17 acting like this big elephant just rolling right into
18 our county, that's not a good thing. And I will do
19 anything I can to help our municipalities. But I think
20 it should be met with similar (inaudible) charitable
21 (inaudible) in regards to annexation. Because pretty
22 soon and (inaudible) any certainty in that meeting
23 they're planning to annex out.

24 I'll support this first reading, title only, but
25 I'm expecting a little movement on the other side if
26 it's supposed to be considered a partnership in our
27 county. Thank you.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Are we talking about
31 Friendship Court now?

32 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: I thought we were. I
34 thought we were talking about Friendship Court.
35 Because I wanted to ask Mr. Burriss. Mr. Burriss, when
36 we talked about this, I asked you, and I'll ask you
37 again for the record, how much are they expecting the
38 county to put into this overhaul?

39 BURRISS NELSON: We've not been requested
40 to put any money at all in the project. There's no
41 cash up front from the county requested at all.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Any fees in lieu of?

43 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am. This would
44 be a fee in lieu of tax agreement to give a tax
45 incentive to the project to incentivize them to bring
46 the project.

47 CINDY WILSON: Which the city can't do
48 on their own ---

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me, Ms. Wilson.

50 Excuse me, Ms. Wilson. Thank you. Mr. Burriss, when

1 do they plan to begin working on this project?
2 BURRISS NELSON: Sometime in the next
3 three months.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Do we have to do
5 a fee in lieu of?
6 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am. That would
7 be -- the request is from the city for us to
8 participate and the city would have to have us to be a
9 player in the fee in lieu agreement for us to be able
10 to make that work. (Static - unable to transcribe)
11 GRACIE FLOYD: Are you saying they beta
12 bill?
13 BURRISS NELSON: Baliey.
14 GRACIE FLOYD: B-A-L-I-E-Y?
15 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Excuse me.
17 Baliey bill. Okay. Go ahead.
18 BURRISS NELSON: And we would much prefer
19 to use multi-county park agreement to be able to mimic
20 what the (static - unable to transcribe).
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I sure would like
22 to have some information on the Baliey Bill because
23 I've never heard of that before. And something else,
24 too, Mr. Burriss. I'll call your attention to the fact
25 that there is a lawsuit against the -- is it the state
26 of South Carolina concerning fee in lieu of? Mr.
27 Burriss?
28 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am. There's
29 (static - unable to transcribe).
30 GRACIE FLOYD: I can't hear you.
31 Somebody else is talking and I'm picking it up. What
32 did you say now?
33 BURRISS NELSON: I don't know about a
34 lawsuit. I know there's been a lot in the paper about
35 the transactions mostly from the state of South
36 Carolina and grants that have been awarded to
37 manufacturing projects, is what my understanding was.
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).
39 Well, I would appreciate it, Mr. Burriss, as the person
40 for this if you would check this thing out because what
41 I have read, the lawsuit -- there's one lawsuit and now
42 it's got to be contested. But I'd like to know more
43 for us. Because if there is a lawsuit on what I think
44 is fee in lieu of, we need to be aware of it before we
45 run out there and start continuing doing these things.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Time is up on this
47 matter. I'll call for the vote. All in favor of the
48 motion show of hands.
49 GRACIE FLOYD: What?
50 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the

1 motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
2 motion carries unanimously.
3 (Static - unable to transcribe)
4 TOMMY DUNN: (Static - typing from
5 agenda) 2020-046, an ordinance to amend an agreement
6 for the development of a joint county industrial and
7 business park (2010 park) of Anderson and Greenville
8 Counties so as to enlarge the park. Do we have a
9 motion to move this forward?
10 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
11 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson;
13 second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion? Hearing none, all
14 in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
15 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
16 Moving on to item number (p), 2020-047, an
17 ordinance authorizing and approving (1) the development
18 of a new Joint County Industrial and Business Park
19 (Friendship Court Property) pursuant to Section 4-1-170
20 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976. This is
21 the one that we just talked about in (m) up there. Do
22 we have a motion to put this on the floor? Do we have
23 a motion to move this forward?
24 JIMMY DAVIS: We're on (p) as in Paul?
25 RAY GRAHAM: I make a motion.
26 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham. Do
27 we have a second?
28 CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.
29 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Wooten. Now
30 discussion. All in favor of the motion show of hands.
31 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
32 unanimously.
33 Moving on to item number 13(a), resolution R2020-
34 029, an inducement resolution identifying a project to
35 satisfy the requirements of Title 12, Chapter 44 of the
36 South Carolina Code, so as to allow investment
37 expenditures incurred by a company known to the county
38 as Project Underwood, its affiliates and related
39 entities, to qualify as expenditures eligible for a fee
40 in lieu of taxes arrangement with Anderson County,
41 South Carolina. Do we have a motion to put this on the
42 floor? Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second?
43 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Now
45 discussion. Mr. Nelson.
46 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.
47 This is the same project we discussed earlier in Honea
48 Path. This is the resolution to capture all the
49 documentation in the agreement.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?

1 All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
2 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

3 Moving on to item number (b), R2020-030, (static -
4 typing from agenda) a resolution ordering a public
5 hearing on the question of the diminution of the
6 territory of the Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict.
7 (Static - unable to transcribe)

8 All in favor of motion show of hands. Opposed like
9 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

10 Moving on to R2020-031, (static - typed from
11 agenda) a resolution authorizing the amendment of an
12 existing fee in lieu of tax agreement dated as of
13 October 1, 2013, by and between Anderson County, South
14 Carolina and Fraenkische USA, LP, extending the
15 investment period by five years. Do we have a motion
16 to put this on the floor?

17 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson;
19 second Mr. Graham. Any discussion? All in favor of
20 the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
21 motion carries unanimously.

22 Moving on to item number (d), R2020-032, (static -
23 typed from agenda) a resolution authorizing the
24 amendment of an existing infrastructure finance
25 agreement dated as of December 6, 2016, by and among
26 Anderson County, South Carolina, Ortec, Inc. and
27 Pendleton Land Holdings, LLC. Do I have a motion to
28 move this forward?

29 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders;
31 second Mr. Graham. Any discussion? All in favor of
32 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
33 the motion carries unanimously.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Now I make a motion to
35 go into executive session to discussion legal advice
36 regarding petition to close George Brock Road and legal
37 advice regarding drainage issues near East-West
38 Parkway.

39 JIMMY DAVIS: I'll second that.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. All
41 in favor of motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
42 Show the motion carries unanimously.

43 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, members of
44 council, thank you for your support.
45 (End of audio)

46 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

47 TOMMY DUNN: ... come out of executive
48 session, taking no action. (Static - unable to
49 transcribe).

50 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
2 RAY GRAHAM: At the request of District 3
3 citizens, I make a motion that we oppose the closure of
4 George Brock Road.
5 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Mr.
6 Graham. This road is in his district. Do we have a
7 second?
8 CINDY WILSON: Second.
9 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
10 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
11 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
12 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
13 unanimously.
14 At this time we'll go to road acceptance. If
15 there's no objections can we take all of these at one
16 time? Road acceptance into the county inventory. The
17 Avendell Subdivision, District 6, Coopermine Drive;
18 Shackelburg Farms Subdivision Phase I, District 4. I'm
19 assuming, Mr. Burns, they all meet our criteria ---
20 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir, they do. Correct.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Do I have a motion to accept
22 these into the system?
23 JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.
24 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis. Have a
25 second?
26 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
27 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. That's
28 (a) and (b) of 15. Any discussion? All in favor of
29 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
30 the motion carries unanimously.
31 At this time we're going to be going to item number
32 16. This is will Chairman Graham, report from the
33 Public Safety Committee on meeting on October 23rd.
34 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, the Public
35 Safety Committee did meet on October 23rd. At the
36 request of the Public Safety Committee, we bring forth
37 with a recommendation of basically the committee
38 recommends that we return the money to the two
39 franchise requesters at this time. And they also bring
40 forth in the form of a motion that we remove accepting
41 any franchise requests for a period of six months
42 unless deemed necessary to accept them earlier than
43 that. The committee's intention is basically to look
44 over the franchise agreement and possibly make some
45 changes and bring forth another recommendation in the
46 near future. There is some situations where there's
47 possibly going to be a need to serve our citizens here
48 in Anderson County. And right now we're just trying to
49 get the franchise agreement suitable to ensure the
50 coverage of that, as well as taking care of the current

1 providers. I bring this in the form of a motion that
2 we remove franchise requests for six months.

3 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Coming
4 from Public Safety Committee, it doesn't need a second.
5 Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
6 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
7 unanimously.

8 Next, Mr. Chairman.

9 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
10 Just a quick update on the EMS system and QRV. I know
11 everyone is ready to go home. First of all, I'd like
12 to publicly thank Joe Stone and his staff with Fleet
13 Services. They were -- truly knocked it out of the
14 park by getting these vehicles together for the QRVs in
15 a quick manner. Also, I got a report this morning as
16 far as on the QRVs. They're all up and running. We're
17 actually below budget what we had originally thought it
18 was going to cost. Again, the cost of these vehicles
19 and these fleet -- excuse me -- QRVs are being covered
20 through EMS funding that we were already -- had
21 basically budgeted to go to the providers. Currently
22 our priority is basically relinquishing some of their
23 money for us to cover their district with QRVs.

24 This QRV system is working great. We seem to be
25 getting some good response times. Everything I looked
26 at through Steve Kelly's report earlier, the response
27 times are actually down as far as getting a paramedic
28 on the scene. It's just -- seems to be working out to
29 be a great program. And please, by all means, if you
30 guys hear concerns in your district, please bring them
31 to our attention. We're definitely trying to correct
32 any issues ahead of the game, but currently it seems to
33 be a good program. And I honestly think it's going to
34 provide better EMS care, not only to our citizens, but
35 also it's going to be more feasible for Anderson County
36 as far as getting a handle on the cost and expense of
37 the EMS program.

38 Mr. Chairman, that's all I've got at this time.
39 Thank you.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
41 Appreciate the work your committee has done. Think
42 we've got things headed in the right direction. Really
43 appreciate that.

44 Item number 17, appointments. Ms. Floyd.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Can you hear me?

46 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: My first appointment is to
48 the Planning Commission for District 2. District 2
49 appoints Donna Matthews to the Planning Commission for
50 District 2 starting at the very next meeting. (Static)

1 Lonnie Murray has resigned from the board and asked --
2 he has resigned from that board. So Ms. Matthews will
3 take that position.

4 I have another one for the Airport Commission. Mr.
5 -- District 2's representative to the board, Mr. Day,
6 has resigned his position so that he could work with
7 the school board. He won that election at the school
8 board. So he wants to get off of the Airport
9 Commission, whatever you call it. And so I am moving
10 Lonnie Murray to that position. Mr. Murray has agreed
11 to accept -- in fact he has some expertise in that
12 area. So he should serve us very well. So that's two
13 new replacements, Donna Matthews to the Planning
14 Commission and Lonnie Murray to the Airport Commission.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd has submitted those
16 names for recommendations for appointments to those
17 boards. I make the motion we move forward on this. Do
18 we have a second.

19 CINDY WILSON: Second.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
21 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
22 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
23 unanimously. Are there any other appointments?

24 CRAIG WOOTEN: Chairman Dunn?

25 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.

26 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. I believe it was at the
27 last meeting, at my request, you all had approved Mr.
28 Eddie Kinsey to be on the Planning Commission for
29 District 1.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

31 CRAIG WOOTEN: I spoke with Mr. Kinsey this
32 past week, and due to some family constraints and
33 business constraints, he did not feel like he could
34 allocate the time to it in the way that he wanted to.
35 And I respect that from him. And so he wanted to
36 rescind his position at the Planning Commission. And
37 so I'll just be leaving that position open until Mr.
38 Wright fills the seat in January.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you for that update,
40 Mr. Wooten.

41 Now moving on to requests by council members. Mr.
42 Davis?

43 JIMMY DAVIS: None, sir.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders?

45 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. I would like to
46 request fifteen hundred for Goats 4 Goodness in
47 District 4. Put that in the form of a motion.

48 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Anything
49 else, Mr. Sanders, at this time?

50 BRETT SANDERS: That's it, sir.

1 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Mr.
2 Sanders. Do we have a second?
3 CINDY WILSON: Second.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
5 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
6 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
7 unanimously.
8 Mr. Graham?
9 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd
10 like to make a motion to give one thousand dollars to
11 Crescent Elite Shooters. It's a shooting club down in
12 District 3. I bring this in the form of a motion.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr. Graham.
14 Have a second?
15 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
16 CINDY WILSON: Second.
17 TOMMY DUNN: We have a second Ms. Wilson.
18 Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
19 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
20 unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Graham?
21 RAY GRAHAM: No.
22 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?
23 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir. I'd like to put a
24 few together. Anderson District 5 Education
25 Foundation, I'd like to allocate four thousand dollars
26 to the ROTC programs of Westside and T.L. Hanna who
27 will be putting flags on the Silverbrook and new
28 Silverbrook cemetery for Memorial Day to be used each
29 year from here on out. For the Anderson County
30 Library, I'd like to allocate ten thousand dollars to
31 rehab and renovate the children's area outside for
32 reading for local children. Also, for the YMCA,
33 District 1, I'd like to allocate three thousand to the
34 Reindeer Run, which they will be able to have in
35 December, which is the largest running event that
36 brings in people to the county. And lastly, well,
37 second to lastly, I'd like to do five hundred to the
38 Anderson Cavaliers and five hundred to the Widows
39 Watchman Ministries. I put that in the form of a
40 motion.
41 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Mr.
42 Wooten. We have a second by Ms. Wilson. Any
43 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
44 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
45 unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Wooten?
46 CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?
48 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
49 Cheddar Youth Center has requested some funds for their
50 programs and may I appropriate thirty-five hundred

1 dollars from District 7 to go to their program needs.
2 And that's all I have for right now.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?
4 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any
6 further discussion?
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Oh, excuse me. Are you
8 talking -- excuse me. Did I interrupt again?
9 TOMMY DUNN: What are you asking?
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I have two
11 appropriations to make. Is it my time now?
12 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. We've got to vote
13 on Ms. Wilson's. She's got a motion on the floor.
14 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you.
15 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of Ms. Wilson's
16 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
17 motion carries unanimously.
18 Now, Ms. Floyd.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. My name was not
20 on the requests by council, so I waited until you were
21 through with everybody else. Haven of Rest, I would
22 like to allocate a thousand dollars to the Haven of
23 Rest for their Christmas thing that they put on every
24 year. That's in the form of a motion. Also the
25 Anderson County City Recreation, each year I give an
26 allocation to them for District 2 for the people of
27 District 2 to the thing you can go for walking and the
28 children can go play basketball and get on teams, the
29 boys and the girls. I'm allocating fifteen hundred.
30 But it might be more based on the fact that the
31 children need to get out more. And I put that in the
32 form of a motion.
33 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
34 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd has made those
35 recommendations. I make a motion for her. We have a
36 second by Mr. Sanders. Any further discussion? All in
37 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
38 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
39 We'll be moving on now, District 5's special
40 appropriations account, I'd like to appropriate five
41 hundred dollars at this time for the Anderson
42 Cavaliers. Put that in the form of a motion.
43 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any
45 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
46 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
47 unanimously.
48 At this time the administrator's report.
49 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Citizens comments.

1 Mr. Harmon, if you'd call the citizen's name, get them
2 to state their district, give them three minutes, and
3 please address the chair.
4 LEON HARMON: We have one speaker signed
5 up, Scott Finley.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Scott Kinsey?
7 LEON HARMON: Finley, it looks like.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Is there a Scott here that
9 signed up? Hearing no citizens comments ---
10 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.
12 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair, I'd like to make a
13 motion that we adjourn.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Got a motion that we adjourn.
15 Do we have a second?
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute.
17 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: No. Mr. ---
20 TOMMY DUNN: Ma'am, it's time to vote.
21 Non-debatable. All in favor of the motion show of
22 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
23 unanimously.
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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:28 P.M.)