

State of South Carolina)
County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
RAY GRAHAM
CRAIG WOOTEN
BRETT SANDERS
M. CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT

1 TOMMY DUNN: First of all, I'd like
2 to ask Council Lady Ms. Wilson if she would lead us in
3 invocation and pledge of allegiance. If we'd all
4 rise, please. Ms. Wilson.

5 **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CINDY WILSON**

6 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll go
7 into section 3, citizens comments. When Mr. Harmon
8 calls your name, please step forward and state your
9 name and district for the record. Keep in mind you
10 have three minutes and address the chair, please.
11 It's only on agenda items only on this first round.
12 Mr. Harmon.

13 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first
14 speaker is Elizabeth Fant.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Fant. Ms. Fant,
16 you don't have to get that close to that thing. It'll
17 pick you up, I promise you.

18 ELIZABETH FANT: Now?

19 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

20 ELIZABETH FANT: Okay. Several things.
21 I guess I'm probably the only one that's going to talk
22 today. I noticed this record keeping when we come in
23 to sign our names, it has on there a place where
24 you're to print your name. And I'm judging when Mr.
25 Harmon has trouble reading the names that nobody much
26 is looking at the directions and they're just
27 scribbling something. So I circled it today, and
28 hopefully people will print their names so we can see
29 it.

30 I'm a little bit concerned today that I'm standing
31 up here the way I am because I called the clerk to
32 council and I asked for a microphone so that I could
33 sit down. And I asked earlier in the meeting, and
34 it's not here. On the minutes -- on the agenda it
35 says if you need an auxiliary help that you're
36 supposed to get it. This is really hard for me to
37 stand up for my three minutes. If you say you're
38 going to do that kind of thing, then do it.
39 Otherwise, don't advertise it.

40 On the agenda there's a place where it has about
41 the transfers. I'm concerned of the last three
42 transfers there's been a huge amount from one category
43 to health needs. And I'm not sure if that means we've
44 got a lot of sick people in Anderson County or whether
45 the program that the county decided to go to off of
46 the one that the whole state uses and they went to
47 something else, self insured, is not doing what we
48 need it to do because obviously we're having to spend
49 a whole lot of money extra on health costs.

50 And I'm expecting next time, though, when I get up

1 here that I have a portable mic.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Next.

3 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is

4 Reverend Emmanuel Donaldson.

5 EMMANUEL DONALDSON: Good afternoon to all
6 assembled. We greet you in the name of our Lord. I'm
7 here today because I'm summoned by the Lord and I want
8 to give prayer for this whole community, because
9 there's been a lot of bickering, a lot of confusion.
10 But I pray that we come together for the good and the
11 common cause for all the people in this community so
12 that we can stand together for the betterment of this
13 community.

14 Because at the end of the day, there's always
15 somebody hurting more than we are. At the end of the
16 day there's always someone who's in need more than we
17 are. At the end of the day there's always some
18 children who don't know where their next meal is
19 coming from. So I pray that we, as this community,
20 will come together, stick together and let's keep God
21 first so that we can keep our eyes on Him so we can do
22 the best for the common good of this community.

23 God bless you all and have a nice day.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Harmon.

25 LEON HARMON: No one else is signed

26 up, Mr. Chairman.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. We'll be moving
28 on to item number 4, emergency ordinance, 2020-049, an
29 ordinance to provide for a temporary suspension of the
30 regular Anderson County Council operating rules to
31 provide for attendance and voting by electronic means
32 during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

33 This is -- I've talked to several council members
34 and feel this is necessary in case something were to
35 happen we could have -- lack a quorum to have a
36 meeting and need to get business done because of the
37 virus or having to be quarantined. So this is the way
38 to do it. An emergency ordinance is only good for
39 sixty-one days. It would have to be voted on again at
40 the end of sixty-one days. It lapses after sixty-one
41 days automatically. So I'll put that in the form of a
42 motion.

43 CINDY WILSON: Second.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Ms. Wilson.

45 Now discussion? Go ahead Mr. Graham.

46 RAY GRAHAM: Yes, Mr. Chairman. So
47 basically -- I just want to clarify what we're doing.
48 Basically this will allow council to remote in ---

49 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

50 RAY GRAHAM: Will basically allow

1 them to remote in basically by teleconference or
2 whatever?

3 TOMMY DUNN: Zoom or whatever. Yes,
4 sir. And this is because -- like I said, because of
5 this and thinking of what could happen, God forbid,
6 four of us have to be quarantined or something another
7 and couldn't make a meeting, we need to get something
8 another done, this would help us out to be able to
9 accomplish that.

10 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman?

11 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

12 CINDY WILSON: And this is strictly
13 limited to sixty-one days?

14 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. Automatically.
15 It's all the law allows for. It's an emergency
16 ordinance. You can't -- we don't have to vote again.
17 It lapses in sixty-one days.

18 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

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

22 I thank my fellow council members.

23 Now we're moving on to item number 5, resolutions.
24 Councilman Wooten. Mr. Wooten.

25 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. Thank you, sir.

26 This is Resolution R2020-033. It's a resolution
27 calling upon all Anderson County residents to do their
28 part to help control the spread of the 2019 novel
29 coronavirus, and matters related thereto.

30 WHEREAS, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19")
31 is a respiratory disease that can result in
32 serious illness or death by the SARS-CoV-2 virus,
33 which is a new strain of coronavirus previously
34 unidentified in humans and which can spread from
35 person to person;

36 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and
37 Prevention (the "CDC") has warned of the high
38 public health threat posed by COVID-19 globally and in
39 the United States;

40 WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the
41 United States declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in
42 the United States constitutes a national emergency,
43 which began on March 1, 2020;

44 WHEREAS, also on March 13, 2020, the Governor of
45 the State of South Carolina (the "State") issued
46 Executive Order 2020-08, declaring a State of
47 Emergency based on a determination that the COVID-19
48 poses an actual or imminent public health emergency
49 for the State;

50 WHEREAS, the Governor of the State has

1 subsequently declared a continued State of Emergency
2 in Executive Orders 2020-15 (March 28), 2020-23 (April
3 12), 2020-29 (April 27), 2020-35 (May 12), 2020-38
4 (May 27), and 2020-40 (June 11);

5 WHEREAS, as of November 16, 2020, the South
6 Carolina Department of Health and Environmental
7 Control ("DHEC") is reporting that there have been
8 7,129 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 198 confirmed
9 COVID-19 deaths in the County since the pandemic
10 began;

11 WHEREAS, Anderson County is currently experiencing
12 a dramatic increase in the number of identified new
13 COVID-19 cases, with an 7-day moving average of 72 new
14 confirmed cases reported by DHEC at as of November 16,
15 2020,

16 WHEREAS, if COVID-19 cases continue to increase in
17 the region, the demand for medical, pharmaceutical,
18 personal, and general cleaning supplies may overwhelm
19 sources of supply; the private and public sector work
20 force may be negatively impacted by absenteeism; and
21 the demand for medical facilities may exceed locally
22 available resources;

23 WHEREAS, health authorities, including the CDC,
24 the Surgeon General of the United States, and DHEC
25 have made several recommendations regarding steps that
26 each individual can take to control the spread of
27 COVID-19;

28 WHEREAS, we recognize and respect the value our
29 citizens place in the concept of individual liberty;

30 WHEREAS, we also recognize and respect the
31 tremendous pain and loss that COVID-19 has caused for
32 many families and businesses;

33 WHEREAS, we humbly, and respectfully, ask for the
34 public's assistance in this time of great need.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the
36 Anderson County Council:

37 1) That the COVID-19 pandemic is not a hoax or a
38 matter of small concern, but a severe and serious
39 public health emergency that will continue to wreak
40 havoc upon the health of our citizens and the state of
41 our local economy so long as it continues its unabated
42 transmission among us;

43 2) That we ask each and every one of our citizens
44 to be respectful of the health and well-being of their
45 neighbors, including those they may not know, by
46 following the guidelines and best practices suggested
47 by DHEC, such as:

- 48 • Practice social distancing by avoiding crowded
- 49 gatherings and staying at least six feet from others;
- 50 • Wear a cloth mask in public;

1 • Wash your hands often with soap and water for at
2 least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a
3 public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or
4 sneezing;
5 • Cover your cough and sneezes with a tissue or use
6 the inside of your elbow;
7 • Stay home if you're sick and avoid close contact
8 with people who are sick;
9 • Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces
10 daily;
11 3) That, with regard to retail establishments and
12 other congregate areas, it is strongly recommended and
13 encouraged by the Anderson County Council:
14 • Face coverings should be worn by all customers while
15 inside the enclosed area of any retail establishment;
16 • Retail establishments should require staff to wear
17 face coverings while working in areas open to the
18 public and areas in which interactions where social
19 distancing of at least six feet cannot be observed;
20 • Food service establishments should require staff who
21 interact with customers to wear face coverings.
22 LET IT BE RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled
23 this 20th day of November for the Anderson County
24 Council that we put this resolution in place.
25 I put that in the form of a motion.
26 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
27 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.
28 We have a motion. Do we have a second?
29 BRENT SANDERS: Second.
30 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.
31 Now discussion.
32 CRAIG WOOTEN: I think -- if I may,
33 sir?
34 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.
35 CRAIG WOOTEN: You know, the point to
36 be made here is I know people have such divided
37 feelings on this. And this is a bipartisan issue that
38 affects everybody. And this is just a public
39 acknowledgment and an encouragement for our county as
40 we go into this holiday season that we value life, we
41 value a community and our loved ones, and that we're
42 going to try to do best practices that aren't
43 mandated. This is encouragement to do things to keep
44 each other safe and for everybody to have a wonderful
45 holiday season.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.
47 CINDY WILSON: May I?
48 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?
49 CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir. Just wanted
50 to say how greatly appreciated this approach should

1 be, because it's providing information and guidance
2 and encouragement rather than mandating something that
3 may or may not work for an individual. And I think
4 it's very important for us on council to encourage and
5 to provide information, the best information that's
6 available at the time. Thank you.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
8 Anyone else? I just want to repeat. I appreciate Mr.
9 Wooten putting this forward. I think it's good,
10 great. We all need to listen to this and heed this
11 and use our best judgment. But we want to reiterate,
12 this is not mandated. It's not mandated.

13 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
14 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
15 unanimously.

16 And for the record -- I meant to do this earlier
17 -- show that Mr. Davis and Ms. Floyd are unable to
18 attend today.

19 Moving on now, item 6(a), ordinance's third
20 reading, 2020-024, an ordinance to amend the zoning
21 map to rezone +/- 10.01 acres from C-2 (Highway
22 Commercial) to R-M1 (Mixed Residential) on a parcel of
23 land, identified as Highway 81 North and 227, 231 and
24 235 Scenic Road, Anderson. I believe this is Mr.
25 Sanders' district.

26 And do we have a motion on the floor?

27 BRENT SANDERS: So moved.

28 CINDY WILSON: Second.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders and
30 second Ms. Wilson. Now discussion.

31 Ms. Hunter, do you have anything.

32 ALESIA HUNTER: No, sir.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Hearing none, all in
34 favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
35 Show the motion carries unanimously.

36 Going to be moving on to 6(b). This will be a
37 public hearing. Before we go into this, there's some
38 mixed stuff in here, we've got a whole slew of things
39 pertaining to economic development today, which I
40 think is great news for Anderson County and our
41 citizens, I'd just like to take a moment and for the
42 record cheer -- make this statement: Anderson County
43 unemployment rate dropped to 3.6 percent, almost a
44 thousand jobs were added in October. Anderson
45 County's unemployment situation continued to improve
46 in October, as the region continues to recover from
47 the COVID-19 disruption. The unemployment rate to 3.6
48 from 4.3 in September, the total number of employed
49 persons increased to 90,377. That's an increase of
50 975 people. Labor force also expanded, going from

1 93,386 to 93,759. The number of unemployed dropped
2 from 3,984 to 3,382. In October of 2019 the county's
3 unemployment rate was 2.3 with 90,082 people employed.

4 I think this is great news, showing the right
5 direction. And as we said, there's more of these to
6 come. I know people are hurting, especially in other
7 parts of the country, but Anderson, so far at this
8 point, our economic outlook has been very blessed.

9 I just want to make a comment that our government
10 affairs Steve Newton made: Seeing this increase in
11 both labor force and employment, accompanied by a
12 decrease in unemployment, are the kind of indicators
13 we need to see right now. Hopefully we can continue
14 these trends through the holiday season and get 2021
15 off to a positive start. Comments from Mr. Newton.
16 We appreciate that.

17 And that'll lead us into 6(b), 2020-025, an
18 ordinance authorizing, (1) pursuant to Chapter 44 of
19 Title 12, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as
20 amended, the execution and delivery of a fee agreement
21 by and between Anderson County, South Carolina and BMW
22 Manufacturing Co., LLC; and (2) other matters related
23 there.

24 This will be a public hearing. But before we go
25 into the public hearing, I want to ask Mr. Nelson if
26 he will say a few words so if somebody wants to talk
27 they'll know what they're talking about.

28 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr.
29 Chairman, members of council. This, of course, is the
30 BMW county-wide and really state-wide fee in lieu
31 agreement that captures all of their tools that go to
32 our first, second and third tier auto suppliers in
33 Anderson County. So not that it's a direct investment
34 in any one of those companies, but it does provide
35 capital investment that is taxable and goes into those
36 entities, but allows them to be profitable and to run
37 and to hire the citizens of Anderson County.

38 It's a great opportunity for us that BMW came and
39 provides investment all over the entire state.

40 But I would like to echo what Reverend Emmanuel
41 said just a minute ago, that we've been blessed and
42 we've had fabulous leadership from Anderson County
43 Council that allows us to have a thousand jobs back in
44 the economy in one month. That's been an amazing
45 thing. But thank you, sir. Thank you, members of
46 council.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. At this
48 time will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to step
49 forward, please state your name and district, and
50 address the chair, please. Anyone at all? Seeing and

1 hearing none, the public hearing will be closed. Do
2 we have a motion on the floor?
3 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
5 we have a second?
6 BRENT SANDERS: Second.
7 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.
8 Are there any discussions?
9 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?
10 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
11 CINDY WILSON: It's real exciting to
12 see that an announcement of this importance has a
13 number of businesses in my own district. And over the
14 weekend, we had a guest from Pennsylvania. And when I
15 told her what our unemployment rate was for last
16 month, and she's involved in business, too, she was
17 amazed at 4.1. And she spent many years back and
18 forth to South Carolina on business with the textile
19 industry. It's just so exciting to have such a great
20 spirit in our county. Thank you.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
22 Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of
23 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
24 unanimously.
25 Moving on to item number 6(c), 2020-029, an
26 ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an
27 amended and reinstated Fee-in-Lieu of Tax Agreement by
28 and between Anderson County, South Carolina and COI
29 Anderson Industrial, LLC with respect to certain
30 economic development property in the County, whereby
31 such property will be subject to certain payments in
32 Lieu of Taxes, including the provision of certain
33 Special Revenue Credits; and other matters related
34 there to.
35 This will be a public hearing, also. Mr. Nelson,
36 would you like to say a few words to let people know.
37 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr.
38 Chairman, members of council. This project is at exit
39 35. It is almost completely constructed. Two hundred
40 and forty thousand square foot speculative industrial
41 and warehouse facility. The county has no investment
42 in it other than the incentive package. And this is
43 an extension by one year of their SSRC at eighty-five
44 percent. They ran into some infrastructure expenses
45 that were not anticipated. This project already has
46 the potential, one that we should have on council
47 floor within the next two to three weeks, for a
48 project located in that building. And then there's
49 another one that's looking at it already. But this
50 comes to council as a recommendation from staff and

1 from the Economic Development Advisory Board, as well.
2 Thank you.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.
4 Now we'll go into a public hearing. Anyone wishing to
5 speak to this matter, please step forward and state
6 your name and district and address the chair, please.
7 Public hearing. Seeing and hearing no one, public
8 hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to move
9 this forward?

10 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

11 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson;
13 second Mr. Graham. Now discussion? Seeing and
14 hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of
15 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
16 unanimously.

17 We'll be moving on to item number (d). This is
18 6(d), 2020-030, an ordinance authorizing the execution
19 and delivery of an amendment to a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad
20 Valorem Taxes Agreement between Anderson County, South
21 Carolina, Euwe Eugen Wexler US Plastics Inc. (formerly
22 identified by the County as Project Ammo), and Euwe
23 Eugen Wexler US Real Estate, Inc. to provide for an
24 extension of the investment period therein and grant
25 of additional Special Source Revenue Credits;
26 authorizing the execution and delivery of a purchase
27 and sale agreement to provide for the transfer of
28 certain real property located in the Alliance
29 Industrial Park from the County to Project Ammo;
30 approving the inclusion of the project in a
31 Multi-County Business and Industrial Park; and other
32 matters related thereto. This will be a public
33 hearing also. Mr. Nelson, anything to add?

34 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. This is an
35 expansion of that company. Continues to grow.
36 Continues to be very successful. It is located, I
37 have on your document, in Council 6. However, it is
38 in Council District Number 7. So if you'll correct
39 that. And I apologize for my error.

40 Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of council.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. This will
42 be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this
43 matter, please step forward and state your name and
44 district and address the chair, please. Public
45 hearing. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, the
46 public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion on
47 the floor?

48 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
50 we have a second?

1 BRENT SANDERS: Second.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.
3 Now discussion?
4 CINDY WILSON: Very quickly, just to
5 point out, sir, this county is so blessed to have
6 numerous family-owned companies. And from our
7 observation, those companies have retained employment
8 and have expanded and hired more people. They seem to
9 be a lot more stable than a lot of the other forms of
10 ownership. So we're blessed in this county to have a
11 number of family-owned companies.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Mr.
13 Burns, I hope we got the check. On the way?
14 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir, guaranteed.
15 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. All in favor of
16 the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show
17 the motion carries unanimously.
18 Moving on now to item number 7(a), ordinance's
19 second reading. Ordinance to amend the zoning map to
20 rezone +/- 141.81 acres from I-2 (Industrial Park
21 District) to R-8 (single Family Residential) at
22 Liberty Highway, Anderson, South Carolina. This will
23 be District 4, Mr. Sanders' district. Do we have a
24 motion on the floor?
25 BRENT SANDERS: So moved.
26 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders. Do
27 we have a second?
28 CINDY WILSON: Second.
29 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Ms.
30 Hunter, do you have anything to add to this?
31 ALESIA HUNTER: No, sir.
32 TIM CARTEE: Anybody else? Any
33 discussion? All in favor of Mr. Sanders' motion show
34 of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
35 unanimously.
36 Moving on to item number 7(b), 2020-034, an
37 ordinance to Amend Section 38-118(f) of the Anderson
38 County Code of Ordinances, so as to clarify Traffic
39 Impact Study Requirements. Do we have a motion to put
40 this on the floor?
41 BRENT SANDERS: So moved.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders. Do
43 we have a second?
44 CINDY WILSON: Second.
45 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
46 discussion? Ms. Hunter, do you have anything you'd
47 like to add to this?
48 ALESIA HUNTER: No, sir. I think you
49 have it all.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Appreciate y'all

1 working on this and doing this. I think this will be
2 a great help to us.

3 ALESIA HUNTER: Yes, sir.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Hearing none, all in
5 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
6 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

7 We'll be moving on now to item (c), 2020-037, an
8 ordinance to approve a Sublease Agreement between
9 Anderson County, South Carolina and Lake Hartwell
10 Development Group, LLC for the Asbury Park Site on
11 Lake Hartwell located at the end of Asbury Park Road.
12 Do we have a motion to put this on the floor?

13 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
15 we have a second?

16 BRENT SANDERS: Second.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.

18 Mr. Nelson, would you like to comment on this?

19 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, members
20 of council, this is a project that we had the
21 groundbreaking at several weeks ago. And this is the
22 sublease from the county to Lake Hartwell Development
23 Group for them to have operational permission to be
24 out there under our guidance and the guidance of the
25 Corp of Engineers. Thank you, sir.

26 TOMMY DUNN: I don't want to put you
27 on the spot. You might not know this off the top of
28 your head. But could you just elaborate a little bit
29 about the tickets that goes through, we get a
30 percentage of that?

31 BURRISS NELSON: We're talking about
32 three percent of their sales, of every dollar in
33 sales, will be -- somehow we're going to set up a fee
34 agreement based on a three percent of all total
35 dollars coming into that particular project.

36 TOMMY DUNN: And Mr. Burns will work
37 the booth to make sure we're getting our part. Y'all
38 good with that? Anybody else got any more discussion
39 on this?

40 RAY GRAHAM: I do.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

42 RAY GRAHAM: Where will that three
43 percent go? Will it go in general fund or will it go
44 ---

45 TOMMY DUNN: Right now it goes to
46 general fund unless we decide different. That's where
47 it goes.

48 BURRISS NELSON: Council's discretion.

49 TOMMY DUNN: And we'd better do
50 something before Ms. Davis gets her hands on it.

1 BRENT SANDERS: Is that three percent
2 gross or three percent net of sales? Do we know?
3 BURRISS NELSON: Gross is what our
4 intention is.
5 BRENT SANDERS: Gross?
6 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir.
7 BRENT SANDERS: Okay. Thank you.
8 RAY GRAHAM: As long as they have
9 the same intention.
10 TOMMY DUNN: That's right. Anyone
11 else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
12 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
13 unanimously.
14 We're going to move on to item number (d) now.
15 2020-038, an ordinance (1) authorizing pursuant to
16 Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South
17 Carolina 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery
18 of a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Tax Agreement, by and
19 between Anderson County, South Carolina and a Company
20 identified by the County as Project Underwood, as
21 Sponsor and one or more existing or to-be-formed or
22 acquired Subsidiaries, or affiliated or
23 related Entities and certain Sponsor Affiliates, to
24 provide for a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes
25 Incentive; (2) authorizing pursuant to Title 4,
26 Chapters 1 and 29 of the Code of Laws of South
27 Carolina 1976, as amended, the grant of certain
28 Special Source Revenue Credits to Project Underwood;
29 and (3) other related matters. Do we have a motion to
30 put this on the floor?
31 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
32 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
33 we have a second?
34 BRENT SANDERS: Second.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.
36 Mr. Nelson.
37 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman
38 and members of council. This is a privately help and
39 a family-owned development group that is planning to
40 redevelop a fairly large building in Honea Path
41 basically for public use or general use. They're
42 going to re-ramp the area -- parking area with
43 lighting and security cameras, as well as investment
44 in the building to make it usable for a number of (end
45 of audio). Their intention is to -- with the
46 estimated expense appears to be somewhere between
47 three and four million dollars. And of course, we've
48 got tax income that will come from that. In years one
49 through ten because of this generous investment we
50 offered a ninety percent SSRC. But in our first ten

1 years, forty-one thousand in county's tax alone, not
2 the city's. And then over a thirty year period, 1.2
3 million. This comes to council as a recommendation
4 from staff, as well as from the Economic Development
5 Advisory Board. And everybody in Honea Path.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?
7 CINDY WILSON: May I?
8 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
9 CINDY WILSON: As Mr. Burriss Nelson
10 pointed out, it's a family-owned company and they're
11 native to Honea Path. And that is in an area that has
12 required some attention. And this may be the perfect
13 fix for that problem in that area. And it's just
14 really nice to have families in this county that are
15 stepping up. And we can provide a little bit of tax
16 relief so that they can make their projects work. So
17 we're grateful. Thank you.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
19 Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of
20 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
21 unanimously.
22 We're going to move on now to item number (e),
23 2020-042, an ordinance to develop a jointly owned and
24 operated Industrial/Business Park in conjunction
25 with Greenville County, such Industrial/Business Park
26 to be geographically located in Greenville County
27 and established pursuant to Sec. 4-1-170 of the Code
28 of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; to
29 provide for a written Agreement with Greenville County
30 to provide for the expenses of the Park, the
31 Percentage of Revenue Application and the Distribution
32 of Fees in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxation. This will be
33 Project Lighthouse. Do we have a motion to put this
34 on the floor?
35 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
36 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
37 we have a second?
38 BRENT SANDERS: Second.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.
40 Now discussion. Mr. Nelson.
41 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.
42 This is just a courtesy agreement of the
43 Anderson/Greenville, Greenville/Anderson Multi-County
44 Industrial Park for a project that Greenville has
45 that's unannounced at this time.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone
47 else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
48 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
49 unanimously.
50 Moving on to item number (f), 2020-043, an

1 ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a
2 Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Anderson
3 County, South Carolina and a Company or Companies
4 known to the County at this time as Project Malibu
5 with respect to certain Economic Development Property
6 in the County, whereby such property will be subject
7 to certain payments in Lieu of Taxes, including the
8 provision of certain Special Source Credits. Do I
9 have a motion to put this on the floor?
10 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
12 I have a second?
13 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Mr.
15 Nelson.
16 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr.
17 Chairman. This is a -- Project Malibu is an eighty
18 million dollar capital investment and reinvestment
19 into a currently vacant manufacturing facility in
20 Anderson County. This project will create a hundred
21 and thirty-one jobs with an average pay of twenty-
22 seven dollars and seventy-one cents an hour. Annual
23 payroll, 7.2 million dollars. It has an SSRC
24 agreement, eighty percent, years one through five;
25 sixty percent, years six through ten; and a fifty
26 percent years eleven through twenty. Taxes paid last
27 year on this property, seventeen thousand dollars.
28 Projected taxes next year, well, 2023 when the project
29 is in operation, three hundred and twelve thousand
30 dollars a year. Thirty year projected 4.9 million in
31 property tax. First year community impact, 2.01
32 million. Twenty year community impact, two hundred
33 and eighty-five million. And then there's a fee run
34 that's attached to your document that's enclosed
35 there. This comes to council as a recommendation from
36 staff and the Economic Development Advisory Board.
37 Thank you.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.
39 Do we have any more discussion? Hearing none, all in
40 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
41 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
42 Moving on to item number (g), 2020-044, an
43 ordinance authorizing (1) the execution of an
44 Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and between
45 Anderson County, South Carolina and Friendship SC
46 Preservation, L.P. to provide for Infrastructure
47 Credits with respect to a Rehabilitation Project
48 located at 719 Mauldin Street, Anderson, SC, (2)
49 authorizing the execution of a Multi-County Park
50 Agreement with Greenville County to include such

1 property, (3) authorizing the execution of an
2 Intergovernmental Agreement with the city of Anderson,
3 and (4) other matters related thereto. Do we have a
4 motion to put this on the floor?
5 BRENT SANDERS: So moved.
6 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
7 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Sanders
8 and second Mr. Graham.
9 CINDY WILSON: May I?
10 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Nelson first and
11 then we'll open the floor for council members. Mr.
12 Nelson, discussion?
13 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr.
14 Chairman. This is a request from the city of Anderson
15 for us to partner with them in the redevelopment of
16 Friendship Court Apartment Complex over just off of
17 Bleckley Street in Anderson near our Equinox Mill
18 project. This project is about 5.5 million.
19 Renovation of every apartment. This is section 8
20 housing. With a history of a number of criminal
21 activities in that area, and this will bring about a
22 much safer, cleaner atmosphere. Renovation of all the
23 apartments. Rent is not expected to change. This
24 will bring, also, some protection with security
25 lighting and cameras, as well as fencing around the
26 project for the protection of those residents there.
27 There's a list on the last page of that handout that I
28 have for you that gives a total of the activities and
29 arrests that have taken place there. But a very
30 worthy project. And this comes to council as a
31 recommendation from our staff, as well as from the
32 advisory -- my advisory board. Thank you, sir.
33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson.
34 CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir. Thank you.
35 I was really kind of curious. We don't very often
36 have a joint agreement with Oconee County. What is
37 the difference there?
38 BURRISS NELSON: The Greenville County
39 Multi-County Park, Greenville County could not have --
40 was not going to have enough meetings to carry out and
41 be able to get it done by December 31 of this year,
42 and Oconee had enough meetings that we would be able
43 to capture in a three-meeting ordinance process and
44 get it captured in a multi-county park before December
45 31 of this year, 2020.
46 CINDY WILSON: Well, I will be
47 prepared to vote for this, this time, but I have some
48 real serious concerns. We've worked so hard to
49 accommodate the city of Anderson, as we do all of our
50 municipalities, but recently they very adamantly

1 announced that they were going to annex into my
2 district, busting the zoning ordinance and measures
3 there. So I'm concerned that we do a lot to help
4 them, but it's very difficult to get any accommodation
5 from the city of Anderson. And I hope by third
6 reading we'll have that resolved. Thank you.
7 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?
9 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed
10 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
11 Moving on to item number (h), 2020-046, an
12 ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of
13 a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2010
14 park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to
15 enlarge the Park. 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 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Now
22 we open the floor up for discussion. Mr. Burriss
23 Nelson.
24 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr.
25 Chairman. This is just an accommodation or courtesy
26 to Greenville County for a project that they have that
27 is yet unannounced, and allows that project to be able
28 to garner some state benefits that would otherwise not
29 be available to them. Thank you, sir.
30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone
31 else? Anyone? All in favor of the motion show of
32 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
33 carries unanimously.
34 Going to be moving on now to item -- first
35 readings, item 8(a), 2020-048, an ordinance
36 authorizing pursuant to Chapter 44 of Title 12 and
37 Chapter 1 of Title 4, South Carolina Code of Laws,
38 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery of an
39 amendment to a Fee in Lieu of Tax and Incentive
40 Agreement between Anderson County, South Carolina, and
41 Project Line Five. Do we have a motion to move this
42 forward?
43 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
45 we have a second?
46 BRENT SANDERS: Second.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.
48 Now open the floor for -- Mr. Nelson.
49 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr.
50 Chairman. This is one of our existing companies that

1 has substantial capital investments and job creation
2 in the county. They're proposing to invest another
3 two hundred and fifty million and add another sixty
4 jobs with an average pay of seventeen dollars and
5 seventy cents an hour. Will bring a new additional
6 annual payroll of 2.1 million dollars to that project.
7 This is a continuation of their existing fee with some
8 amendments. It's an existing four percent assessment
9 ration because it meets the super fee category, with a
10 forty year term, multi-county industrial park will be
11 part of that, as well, because of the benefits that it
12 garners from the state benefits of that particular job
13 development credits. This is a -- the project will
14 continue based on the current taxation of the last
15 project they did at eleven forty-three per -- one
16 thousand one hundred forty-three dollars per million
17 dollars of capital investment for the entire term of
18 the project. This comes to council with a
19 recommendation from staff, as well as from the
20 Economic Development Advisory Board.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone
22 else? More discussion? Seeing and hearing none, all
23 in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
24 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

25 Moving on to number 9(a), resolutions, R2020-028,
26 a resolution expressing intent to cease County
27 maintenance on and to authorize County consent to
28 Judicial abandonment and closure of Supreme Industrial
29 Drive as C-05-0108. Do we have a motion to put this
30 on the floor?

31 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
33 we have a second? Have a second?

34 CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Wooten?

36 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Now discussion. Mr.

38 Nelson.

39 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, thank
40 you. Supreme Machine Products or Supreme Industrial
41 Boulevard or Drive is the location of E&I Engineering.
42 And E&I would like to be able to maintain that road
43 and do some construction work on that and change some
44 things that they need there. And they have asked for
45 us to abandon that as a county road and allow them to
46 be able to use that as -- at their discretion. This
47 comes to council as a recommendation from staff, as
48 well as from the Economic Advisory Board.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any
50 discussion? Mr. Nelson, is this going to affect any

1 other property out there?
2 RUSTY BURNS: No. They own property
3 on both sides of the road.
4 BURRISS NELSON: They own that entire
5 length in there and property on both sides.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Not going to bother
7 nobody?
8 BURRISS NELSON: Not a soul. They own
9 it all.
10 TOMMY DUNN: And again, if it does,
11 somebody has got concerns, this has to go to court.
12 We can't give a road away. It has to go to court and
13 they have to go the proper channels and a judge decide
14 this.
15 BURRISS NELSON: Right. And they're
16 aware of that, of how that works.
17 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. And I want to
18 make sure everybody is aware of that, too.
19 Ms. Wilson, do you have something?
20 CINDY WILSON: Just a quick question.
21 It's certainly nice to reduce the number of road miles
22 that we have to maintain and this is certainly a great
23 company. But there's a forty-one thousand two hundred
24 and eighty-five dollar check copy in our packet. Is
25 that for taxes or for the purchase of the road?
26 BURRISS NELSON: Well, we had an
27 agreement with them that -- I'm sure you're aware --
28 of how we can go in and on an annual basis divide out
29 ten years for construction or repaving of roads. The
30 previous owner had made that agreement and was part of
31 the purchase when E&I bought Supreme. So they bought
32 that debt. And this is the paying off of the debt of
33 the road maintain that we had done if the county --
34 through Holt's office and through Building and -- Road
35 and Bridges. Sorry.
36 CINDY WILSON: Well, thank you.
37 That'll help fill a few potholes.
38 BURRISS NELSON: Yeah.
39 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.
40 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in
41 favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
42 Show the motion carries unanimously.
43 We're going to be moving on to item number 9(b),
44 resolutions, R2020-034, a resolution consenting to the
45 assignment of the rights of JB Ferguson Properties,
46 LLC and Estate Planning Consultants, Inc.
47 (Collectively "Company") in the Infrastructure Credit
48 Agreement of January 1, 2018, by and among Anderson
49 County, South Carolina and the City of Anderson, South
50 Carolina, and the company; and other matters related

1 thereto. Do we have a motion to put this on the
2 floor?

3 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
5 we have a second?

6 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
7 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Now
8 discussion. Mr. Nelson.

9 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr.
10 Chairman. If you'll remember, in 2018 the city asked
11 us to partner with them ---

12 TOMMY DUNN: Remember well.
13 BURRISS NELSON: Sir?
14 TOMMY DUNN: Remember that well.
15 BURRISS NELSON: The city of Anderson
16 asked us to partner with them in the 400 block of
17 South Main Street, some properties there, and the J.B.
18 Ferguson Group were going to redevelop that property.
19 They've had a difficult time getting started. And a
20 new development group has come in to purchase that and
21 carry forward that redevelopment to all residential.
22 It will be all rental or long term lease, but no
23 permanent residents there. Very little consideration
24 for commercial development, stores, that kind of
25 thing. All apartments. And the city has asked us to
26 allow us to change that ordinance or amend that
27 ordinance through this resolution to allow this new
28 holding company to come in and take possession of that
29 and literally really develop that property.

30 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?
31 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
32 CINDY WILSON: You're all laughing.

33 Once again, this demonstrates how hard our county
34 works to accommodate economic development in the city
35 of Anderson. And we're going to be looking for some
36 reciprocity here soon. Thank you.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
38 RAY GRAHAM: Wasn't it originally
39 there was some commercial involved in that, as well?

40 BURRISS NELSON: There was. They don't
41 believe that -- they believe that the restructuring
42 and the repair of that facility, of those buildings,
43 would be better suited for smaller rooms and -- just
44 because of some of the structural issues there, and
45 it's not quite as conducive to the commercial thought
46 process from the original project.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon, I know if
48 we can, you wouldn't be doing this, but I'm just going
49 to ask. If we can do this in a resolution, they can
50 have three readings to do this?

1 LEON HARMON: Yes. We can do it as a
2 resolution.
3 RAY GRAHAM: I guess my concern -- I
4 mean we seem here lately to be leaning more toward
5 being more willing to work with residential tax
6 breaks. And I mean that's basically what we're doing
7 here; right?
8 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir.
9 RAY GRAHAM: Where in the past we
10 kind of steered away from that?
11 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, Councilman
12 Graham. We -- at the county level we never
13 participate in residential, whether it's commercial,
14 rental, lease, whatever. Only when we're asked by one
15 of the cities or towns to participate in a project do
16 we give consideration -- council has given
17 consideration to that. And that's a caveat -- I've
18 told numbers of developers that we do not incentivize
19 out in the county for residential construction of any
20 kind, whether it's commercial, privately owned, of any
21 sort. That's a protocol that we've had as long as
22 I've been doing this for thirty-two years. So only
23 when one of the cities or towns asks us to participate
24 in a project like this do we bring it to council floor
25 or it's given consideration by council.
26 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else? All in
27 favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
28 Show the motion carries unanimously.
29 Moving on to item number 10. Help me out here,
30 transfers.
31 RUSTY BURNS: These were items that
32 were left out of the budget. This is primarily
33 housekeeping. If you'll look at number 3, during the
34 COVID crisis, the continuing COVID crisis, the county
35 and the county treasurer Jason waived the fees on
36 credit card payments to try to provide a service to
37 the citizens, and that's what this is.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to
39 put this on the floor?
40 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
41 TOMMY DUNN: Motion. Do we have a
42 second?
43 BRENT SANDERS: Second.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.
45 Now discussion.
46 CINDY WILSON: May I quickly ---
47 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
48 CINDY WILSON: --- point out, it might
49 be really nice sometime during December to look at our
50 health insurance provisions. They did go up really

1 much higher this year. I know our employees that are
2 on the direct care are receiving a far better care and
3 they're much happier with that. But we've just had a
4 greater increase than we expected. And hopefully we
5 can meet on that before long and try to corner that up
6 a bit. Thank you.

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

11 Moving on to item number 11, report from Land Use
12 and Ad Hoc Committee held on Friday, last Friday. I
13 think it was -- we had some pretty good discussion. A
14 decent number of citizens showed up and participated.
15 Had some discussion after the meeting. We voted on
16 nothing. Made no recommendation. We did talk about
17 the -- we give out I think about three or four
18 proposals for the people that was there to look at and
19 to come back and give us feedback. I know several
20 people on the committee and some people that wasn't on
21 the committee have made suggestions and some ideas.

22 I think this all started -- a lot of this started
23 with Mr. Davis's proposal of lot sizes and there's
24 been a lot of stuff -- moving parts added to this.
25 Took away, added some, what not. And we've gotten
26 some, I think, some good things. But listen to the
27 folks at the meeting and talked to some committee
28 members and stuff and talked to staff and Mr. Burns
29 and Mr. Harmon, that we want to keep moving this
30 forward, try to get everything together where we can
31 look and make sure -- we're a little bit concerned
32 about doing something over here that's going to affect
33 this over here and us not knowing it, according to Mr.
34 Harmon, in trying to get this. But I do think -- I
35 think the traffic study is going to make a big --
36 changes in it is going to make a big improvement as
37 far as the growth in the county as far as doing a
38 little bit better job of it and helping us out and
39 give us another tool in our toolbox. And also I like
40 the thing of doing some private roads. I think that's
41 going to help us two-fold. One, the county not having
42 to put it in the system, and two, making a little bit
43 more -- develop it easier and making it better for our
44 citizens to get a nice chunk of land maybe a little
45 bit more affordable. Anyone else? Ms. Wilson and Mr.
46 Sanders were at the meeting. Got any comments?

47 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

48 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

49 CINDY WILSON: Putting this into
50 another facet or context here, Greenville County has

1 begun to or may have already implemented some pretty
2 stringent development standards in their county. I
3 had a real estate broker to inform me recently that
4 there's hardly any land left in Greenville County to
5 develop; therefore, they're coming to Anderson County.
6 And when I say they, those are primarily out of state
7 developers. It's so important that we encourage good
8 quality development, because most of us will still be
9 here for a while. And we have our children and
10 grandchildren to think of in future generations.

11 And if we allow trashy development in the county,
12 that becomes a burden, and especially in the case of
13 School District 1. They have I don't know how many,
14 two or three thousand, houses that have yet to be
15 built. Twelve hundred lots that have been permitted
16 and recorded that haven't been built on yet, of that
17 number. But yet the school district is totally --
18 they're bonded out. They're constrained by Act 388.
19 They can't go back to the public, even with the two
20 percent sales tax. Their projections for increased
21 population that they have to care for in the schools
22 woefully under-predicted what they're having to come
23 up with.

24 You also have the issues of the fire departments.
25 They're volunteer fire departments. Infrastructure.
26 We could go on. And plus the quality of life. So
27 it's very incumbent on us now to all work together to
28 put measures in place that encourage good quality.
29 It's not so much the size of the house, but the type
30 of neighborhood in the context of the community, and a
31 lot of other factors. Thank you.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone
33 else?

34 BRENT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

36 BRENT SANDERS: Prior to our next
37 meeting, I'd like to see us have a more defined plan
38 of action or direction. I think in the meetings, they
39 were productive. We got some good ideas. But it
40 seems as though we're bouncing around a little bit.
41 Maybe a more defined agenda or defined direction would
42 help us utilize the people in attendance and their
43 expertise and get it all focused in a more direct
44 manner.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders, I agree
46 with that. Fact being, me and Mr. Burns have already
47 talked. Mr. Burns is putting together with his staff
48 a whole slew of things and stuff to look at for people
49 to say this is good, this is bad. You know what I'm
50 saying?

1 BRENT SANDERS: Okay.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Something to look at
3 and start putting some stuff together.
4 BRENT SANDERS: Thank you, sir. Thank
5 you, Mr. Burns.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Any appointments that I
7 don't know about?
8 Okay. We're moving on to item number 13, requests
9 by council members. Ms. Wilson?
10 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr.
11 Chairman. The following are requested appropriations
12 from Council District 7 recreation or special project
13 account: a thousand dollars for the town of Pelzer for
14 their PARD match; thirteen hundred dollars to the Mill
15 Town Players for building improvements for their
16 facility; and a thousand dollars for the Honea Path
17 Free Clinic. And may I put that in the form of a
18 motion?
19 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, you may. We have
20 a motion by Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second?
21 BRENT SANDERS: Second.
22 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.
23 Any discussion? All in favor of Ms. Wilson's motion
24 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion
25 carries unanimously. Anything else, Ms. Wilson?
26 CINDY WILSON: That's all. Thank you.
27 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wooten?
28 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. I'd like to put
29 in the form of a motion five hundred dollars for
30 Tackling the Streets.
31 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr.
32 Wooten. Do we have a second?
33 CINDY WILSON: Second.
34 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
35 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
36 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
37 unanimously.
38 Moving on, Mr. Graham?
39 RAY GRAHAM: Nothing at this time,
40 Mr. Chairman.
41 TOMMY DUNN: District 5 would like
42 to appropriate five hundred dollars for Tackling the
43 Streets from its appropriate account. I'd like to do
44 more, but I have committed to help Homeland Park Fire
45 Station. I've helped all of them in the district in
46 the past and they're getting close to completing and I
47 promised to help them with their parking lot. So I'll
48 put five hundred dollars, and put that in the form of
49 a motion.
50 BRENT SANDERS: Second.

1 CINDY WILSON: Second.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.
3 Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
4 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
5 carries unanimously.
6 Mr. Sanders?
7 BRENT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.
8 I'd also like to appropriate five hundred to Tackling
9 the Streets, and put that in the form of a motion,
10 sir.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr.
12 Sanders. Do we have a second?
13 CINDY WILSON: Second.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
15 discussion? All in favor of Mr. Sanders' motion, show
16 of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
17 carries unanimously.
18 Now, moving on to -- anyone else have anything?
19 Moving on now to administrator's report.
20 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, just a
21 matter of public information. On Tuesday before
22 Thanksgiving, the Anderson County Christmas Tree will
23 be lit at six o'clock. We will not be having a
24 ceremony due to COVID, but the tree will be lit at six
25 o'clock Tuesday. And if anybody just happens to be in
26 the area, they can certainly observe that.
27 The other thing, we have a council meeting on
28 December the 1st, which has already been scheduled.
29 The deadline to put things on that agenda will be
30 Monday at five o'clock. But due to pressing economic
31 development matters, we would need to have another
32 council meeting, a brief council meeting, in the
33 middle of December.
34 Mr. Harmon, do you have those dates?
35 TOMMY DUNN: I believe the 15th or
36 17th is what I was told. Either the 15th or the 17th.
37 Isn't that right?
38 LEON HARMON: 15th is on a Tuesday;
39 17th is on a Thursday. Or I think we could do the
40 18th if that was your pleasure.
41 TOMMY DUNN: What's council's
42 pleasure? I think the administrator side of it will
43 be at twelve o'clock at the Civic Center.
44 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
45 TOMMY DUNN: Does anybody have a
46 preference on the 15th, 17th or 18th?
47 BRENT SANDERS: 15th works for me, sir.
48 So we have December the 1st at noon and December the
49 15th at noon if it works for everyone else?
50 TOMMY DUNN: That work for you, Mr.

1 Wooten?
2 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir.
3 TOMMY DUNN: How about you?
4 RAY GRAHAM: Yeah, that's fine. The
5 1st, I'll have to remote in because I've got a meeting
6 and I won't be able to miss that. So ...
7 CINDY WILSON: So you're saying
8 December 15th at noon?
9 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
10 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.
11 That'll be good.
12 RUSTY BURNS: It should be very
13 brief.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Anything else,
15 Mr. Administrator?
16 RUSTY BURNS: No, sir.
17 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item
18 number 15, citizens comments. When Mr. Harmon calls
19 your name, please step forward, address the chair.
20 You've got three minutes.
21 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first
22 speaker is Elizabeth Fant.
23 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant,
24 District 3. The people who need to hear this message
25 today mostly are not here.
26 I want to talk about audience participation and
27 what people say they ask you to do and what you can
28 do. Don't get the big head, but I think this is
29 probably the best council that we've had in a long
30 time. Working together, common goals. When people
31 get up here and they want us to move statues or tear
32 down statues, that's not up to the perusal of the
33 county council. There's a law that states that you
34 can't tear down statues. It's a federal law. When
35 people ask you to -- well, just various things that
36 they ask you to do, a lot of that is not within your
37 purview. The law has to be changed. Ms. Wilson has
38 brought up many times about how in the Constitution of
39 the United States, how there is a six percent tax on
40 businesses and four percent on residences. The county
41 council can't decide to change that. The only way
42 they can work around that is with fee in lieu and such
43 as that.
44 I'm very proud of Ms. Wilson. Twice she has
45 offered to put up a statue for somebody else on what
46 you would call, I guess, the other side. I don't see
47 the Civil War statue that's in Anderson County as
48 being a racial thing. I really think it's for the
49 people whose loved ones died in the war that they
50 fought for, which was at that time a righteous war to

1 them. But I would love to see a statue put up for Ms.
2 Bee Thompson. However, I don't really like to put up
3 a statue when there's somebody still living. That's
4 kind of gross, I think.

5 But I think that there are other ways that we can
6 work around stuff to get things accomplished the way
7 we want to. And I am proud of Anderson County, the
8 people who have gotten up here to speak, that they've
9 not done it in any kind of raucous or loud or uncivil
10 manner. They have spoken their peace. They have
11 written their peace. That's what is liberty in the
12 United States. It's not tearing down stuff. It's not
13 rioting. It's not burning. It's not trying to take
14 sides, one side against the other. It's everybody
15 working together to make the environment better.

16 And in saying that, I hope that there will be some
17 people who maybe read the minutes of the meeting that
18 are not here that will take this to heart and maybe,
19 Ms. Wilson, you can kind of bring it up again, the
20 fact that this is the way we need to do things and not
21 through rebellion and whatever else is going on.

22 I'm very concerned for our nation. The election
23 results are nothing but a hoax. Everybody knows it
24 now. The whole thing has been reconfigured by other
25 countries with the dominion and the other software
26 that changed the votes ---

27 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

28 ELIZABETH FANT: Thank you.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Next, Mr. Harmon.

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

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

33 We'll be moving on now to council comments. Ms.
34 Wilson?

35 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr.
36 Chairman. Thank you for your kind words, Ms. Fant.
37 In talking with some of the people who attended our
38 meeting regarding the monument concerns, there will be
39 some meetings set up in the not-too-distant future
40 that some of these people will feel that we will try
41 to participate in. There are a few obstacles that I'm
42 aware of, unless Mr. Burns knows of any, to add
43 monuments and statues downtown, but many to take them
44 down or do away with them.

45 I think it was that famous Spanish philosopher in
46 the late 1800s, early 1900s, who said something along
47 the lines that if you do not know your history, you're
48 doomed to repeat it. So it might be helpful in this
49 day and age of when a lot of our young people don't
50 know as much of the history as what we were taught

1 growing up, that if they could see monuments and
2 statues in context and have an opportunity to read and
3 to ask questions, that may go a long ways toward
4 creating an even better community. And that would
5 certainly be my hope and prayer. Thank you.
6 Everybody have a good Thanksgiving.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wooten?

8 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, just two quick
9 comments. I know that Zoom or videoconferencing only
10 lasts sixty-one days for the county council meeting.
11 I understand that. I do think it would be interesting
12 moving forward in the future, since our committee
13 meetings are only three council members and ultimately
14 a recommendation and not a full vote, that committee
15 meetings could be video conferences in the future,
16 because I think that would be -- those are sometimes
17 in the middle of the day or early in the morning, and
18 it would be easier for people, especially council
19 members who live on different corners of the county.

20 The last thing I was going to point out, and this
21 is just an idea. This might could be talked about
22 after I'm gone, but I noted Mr. Burriss Nelson talked
23 about with the Asbury Park development, there's a tax
24 incentive within -- you know, the county is going to
25 receive three percent of gross sales. And I think we
26 could do some interesting things with that because
27 right now it's going into the general fund, but I
28 could imagine a time when a company comes and we give
29 them a twenty year tax incentive and three percent
30 goes into a recreational capital fund or part of the
31 money could go into a firefighter capital fund if that
32 development deems new trucks that could reach better
33 the capacity of that plant. So it seems like there
34 could be some things that could be done there that
35 could be creative and could benefit the different
36 districts. That's all.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.
38 Mr. Graham?

39 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr.
40 Chairman. That is a good point on the committee
41 meetings. That would be something great to maybe
42 possibly pursue. And also, I mean I assume that what
43 we done today would cover committee meetings, as well;
44 correct?

45 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

46 RAY GRAHAM: So I know that would
47 probably benefit us on that.

48 The only thing I've really got, just wanted to
49 again mention the unemployment. It's -- I know I'm
50 proud of our county to look at what we've been through

1 in 2020 and to basically realize that we're, what, one
2 percent above what we were this time last year on
3 unemployment rate. That is -- when you look at what
4 our nation has went through and what our county has
5 went through, that's just absolutely tremendous.
6 We've still got a lot of factors that lies ahead with
7 this COVID, but it's great to see the people in our
8 county are able to work and provide for their
9 families. So definitely good to see that. And other
10 than that, glad to be here today, Mr. Chairman. Thank
11 you.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.
13 Mr. Sanders?

14 BRENT SANDERS: I'd just like to wish
15 everyone a safe and blessed Thanksgiving. Thank you,
16 sir.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Sanders.
18 I'd just like to echo Mr. Graham's comments about the
19 committees. I think that is a good idea and would
20 thank Mr. Wooten for bringing that up. I think that
21 would help out during the day when we have to have
22 some of these committee meetings. Would greatly help
23 out. And we can do that under this ordinance. And we
24 might be able to do something to make that permanent.

25 Also along Mr. Wooten's lines about the money and
26 all. Correct me if I'm wrong, Mr. Burns, but Mr.
27 Davis up in District 6 worked out something with a
28 company up there where they're going to donate so much
29 money to the fire department ---

30 RUSTY BURNS: That's right.

31 TOMMY DUNN: --- that's covering
32 them up there. So we've talked about that, and I
33 would like to see any future companies coming in, fee
34 in lieu agreements, they should be captured to where
35 they have to give to that -- should go to the fire
36 department instead of the fire commission, what I'm
37 trying to say. The people that's on the front lines
38 that needs the money, that's who needs the money is
39 the ones having to protect that district, that
40 building, that industry, that company, instead of 2
41 (unintelligible) Road, in my opinion.

42 And I would want to thank all of our council
43 members for coming to these meetings during this
44 pandemic and getting through these things. I know
45 it's an inconvenience at twelve o'clock and at the
46 Civic Center sometimes, but I want to appreciate
47 council for doing this, getting us through this, and
48 conducting the people's -- the business for the
49 citizens of Anderson County. And I think it's very
50 important in these economic development times to keep

1 moving and keep striving forward.
2 I want to really appreciate Mr. Nelson, Mr. Burns,
3 and their staff for helping us get through these
4 economic development things and pursuing them.
5 And I also would like to wish everyone a Happy,
6 and most of all, a safe Thanksgiving.
7 See y'all next time. Adjourned.
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9 **(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:10 P.M.)**