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County of       Anderson    )

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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 1, 2020

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

ALSO PRESENT:  
RUSTY BURNS  
LEON HARMON  
LACEY CROEGAERT

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BRETT SANDERS: THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO  
DECLARE DECEMBER 2020 AS "SMALL BUSINESS MONTH" IN  
ANDERSON COUNTY, AND TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE ITS  
CITIZENS TO SUPPORT SMALL INDEPENDENTLY-OWNED  
BUSINESSES DURING THE 2020 HOLIDAY SEASON; AND OTHER  
MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Whereas, there are over 30 million small  
businesses in the United States; and,

Whereas, in a typical year more than 175 new small  
businesses open in Anderson County; and,

Whereas, small businesses account for almost 50%  
of total employment in Anderson County; and

Whereas, locally-owned independent businesses  
provide unique services and products that give  
Anderson County its distinct character and sense of  
pride; and,

Whereas, Anderson County's independently-owned  
businesses give back to our communities in goods,  
services, time, talent and help preserve the  
uniqueness of our communities; and,

Whereas, the health of Anderson County's economy,  
and that of each community within it, depends on local  
support of businesses owned by our friends and  
neighbors; and,

Whereas, our local business community has been  
negatively impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic;

Now therefore, Anderson County Council hereby  
declares December 2020 as "Small Business Month" and  
is honored to recognize all independently-owned small  
businesses in the community. We encourage the  
residents of Anderson County to "shop local" this  
holiday season and to continue their patronage of our  
local business community throughout the New Year.

RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 1st day  
of December, 2020.

I'd like to put that in the form of a motion, sir.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr.

Sanders. Have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

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

At this time we'll be moving on to item number  
5(b). This will be resolution 2020-036.

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR QUILTS OF VALOR-ANDERSON  
COUNTY, THE PRICKLY FINGERS QUILTERS GUILD, AND  
ELECTRIC CITY QUILT GUILD FOR DOING THEIR PART TO HELP

1 PROTECT ANDERSON COUNTY EMPLOYEES FROM THE 2019 NOVEL  
2 CORONAVIRUS, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

3 WHEREAS, the rapid and unrelenting spread of the  
4 2019 Novel Coronavirus presented our community with a  
5 sudden strain on public health infrastructure; and,

6 WHEREAS, protective face masks were among the most  
7 immediate needs in the early weeks and months of the  
8 pandemic; and,

9 WHEREAS, the continuity of Anderson County  
10 government operations was necessary in order to serve  
11 the residents of our community; and,

12 WHEREAS, a nationwide shortage of protective face  
13 masks compromised the ability of Anderson County to  
14 provide this most basic item of protective equipment  
15 to its employees; and,

16 WHEREAS, the members of Quilts of Valor-Anderson  
17 County, The Prickly Fingers Quilters Guild, and  
18 Electric City Quilt Guild responded ably and quickly  
19 to the call for face masks during this hour of need,  
20 producing more than 200 cloth masks for distribution  
21 to Anderson County employees and other groups; and,

22 WHEREAS, the efforts by members of Quilts of  
23 Valor-Anderson County, The Prickly Fingers Quilters  
24 Guild, and Electric City Quilt Guild allowed the  
25 employees of Anderson County to continue their work on  
26 behalf of the citizenry;

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anderson  
28 County Council hereby recognizes and honors all  
29 members of Quilts of Valor-Anderson County, The  
30 Prickly Fingers Quilters Guild, and Electric City  
31 Quilt Guild for their contributions and continuing  
32 service. The residents of Anderson County sincerely  
33 thank you for your commitment and are grateful that  
34 you have chosen to serve our community.

35 I'd like to put that in the form of a motion.

36 CINDY WILSON: Second.

37 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

38 TOMMY DUNN: I have a second by the  
39 entire council. Any discussion? I'd just like to say  
40 no words to express what y'all done for the community,  
41 not only on this time, but honoring our veterans and  
42 what all y'all do for the community. And I've always  
43 said this, and going around the county and talking,  
44 it's folks like y'all who make Anderson County very  
45 special. Proud to have y'all a part of Anderson  
46 County. And I'm proud y'all call Anderson County  
47 home. Anyone else have anything?

48 At this time we'll put that in the form of a  
49 motion -- I mean a vote. All in favor of the motion  
50 show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.

1           At this time we'll ask them to step forward and if  
2           the council members would step down.

3                           **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION**

4                                   **APPLAUSE**

5                   TOMMY DUNN:                   We're going to be  
6           moving on at this time to item number 5(c), R2020-037,  
7           Councilman Wooten.

8                   CRAIG WOOTEN:                Thank you, Mr.  
9           Chairman.

10           THIS IS A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO  
11           DAVE PHILLIPS AND ZOË HALE FOR SERVICE TO THE  
12           COMMUNITY ABOVE-AND-BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY DURING  
13           2020, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

14           WHEREAS, Anderson residents Dave Phillips and Zoë  
15           Hale are a married couple who moved to Anderson in  
16           2014; and,

17           WHEREAS, since moving to Anderson, Mr. Phillips  
18           and Ms. Hale have contributed thousands of hours in  
19           service to the Anderson community and those in need;  
20           and,

21           WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hale partnered with  
22           several community groups to create and publish the  
23           Anderson Community Resource Guide, a print resource,  
24           distributed free-of-charge to thousands of persons in  
25           the community, that lists dozens upon dozens of  
26           non-profit and governmental agencies as well as the  
27           specific services they provide; and,

28           WHEREAS, the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic  
29           brought to light the special organizational skills  
30           and God-given talents at the couple's disposal,

31           WHEREAS, using their multitude of contacts, depth  
32           of community knowledge, passion for service, and  
33           super-human energy, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hale played a  
34           vital role in linking those in our community who are  
35           furthest on the margins and most in need with local  
36           human resources providers best able to provide  
37           assistance; and,

38           WHEREAS, were this not enough, Ms. Hale  
39           volunteered her time in service to the community as  
40           co-Chair of our local Census Complete Count Committee,  
41           spearheading a multi-media and direct citizen outreach  
42           campaign designed to maximize local response to the  
43           2020 Census; and,

44           WHEREAS, it is estimated that the efforts of Ms.  
45           Hale and her team provided more than 18,000 people  
46           an opportunity to respond to the Census, most of whom  
47           most likely would not have otherwise been able  
48           to respond; and,

49           WHEREAS, these 18,000 additional responses  
50           attributable to Ms. Hale and her team can translate

1 into upwards of \$15 million in Federal funds returning  
2 to our community over the next decade;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anderson  
4 County Council hereby recognizes and honors Dave  
5 Phillips and Zoë Miranda Hale for service above and  
6 beyond the call of duty in 2020, and we look forward  
7 to continuing to work with you and support you in your  
8 efforts to help the neediest among us. We consider  
9 ourselves very blessed that you made Anderson County  
10 your home.

11 Let it be resolved in a meeting duly assembled  
12 this 1st day of December, 2020.

13 Mr. Chairman, I put that in the form of a motion.

14 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion and  
16 second by Mr. Sanders. Any discussion? All in favor  
17 of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show  
18 the motion carries unanimously.

19 Mr. Wooten?

20 We would ask that folks step up.

21 **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION**

22 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we're  
23 going to move on to 5(d), Resolution R2020-038. Mr.  
24 Sanders.

25 BRETT SANDERS: Thank you, Mr.  
26 Chairman.

27 THIS IS A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION  
28 TO ANDERSON RESIDENT AND ICAS "SWORD OF  
29 SUBTERFUGE" RECIPIENT HUGH OLDHAM FOR HIS CONTINUING  
30 SERVICE TO ANDERSON REGIONAL AIRPORT AND THE COMMUNITY  
31 AT LARGE, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

32 WHEREAS, longtime Anderson resident Hugh Oldham  
33 has been involved with the aviation industry for the  
34 majority of his adult life; and,

35 WHEREAS, for more than forty years, Mr. Oldham has  
36 been active in the promotion and management of air  
37 shows across this great nation, with hundreds of  
38 thousands of spectators having been thrilled,  
39 educated, and entertained by his skilled narration as  
40 aviators challenged the limits of the possible; and,

41 WHEREAS, throughout the years Mr. Oldham has  
42 generously shared his time, talent, and treasure with  
43 our community, having been responsible for staging  
44 more than a dozen air shows at Anderson Regional  
45 Airport over the years; and,

46 WHEREAS, Mr. Oldham has been a steadfast champion  
47 on behalf of the local aviation community in general  
48 and Anderson Regional Airport, in particular, as shown  
49 by his efforts to promote the need for a new aviation  
50 terminal, advocate for improved runway and ground

1 infrastructure, and encourage young persons to careers  
2 in aviation; and,

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Oldham's community contributions  
4 extend far beyond his aviation-related endeavors, as  
5 he has been recognized many times over the years for  
6 his efforts to mentor school-aged children, provide  
7 career and life-skills advice to young adults, assist  
8 our veterans, and be there for all who were in need;  
9 and,

10 WHEREAS, when called upon for assistance during  
11 the proverbial "hour of greatest need", Mr. Oldham  
12 agreed to serve a several-month stint as the Interim  
13 Manager of Anderson Regional Airport, opening the door  
14 to a brighter future for the facility; and,

15 WHEREAS, our community takes great pride in  
16 recognizing a man described by the International  
17 Council of Air Shows as a "gadfly...a muckraker,  
18 pot-stirrer, and trouble-maker" on the occasion of his  
19 being presented with the first (and probably last)  
20 "ICAS Sword of Subterfuge" in recognition of his  
21 efforts to professionalize the industry and improve  
22 safety measures for performers and spectators;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anderson  
24 County Council hereby recognizes and honors Hugh  
25 Oldham for all he has done, and all he continues to  
26 do, in the service of the citizens of Anderson County.  
27 Anderson County Council owes you a debt of gratitude,  
28 and we consider it our good fortune that you made  
29 Anderson County your home.

30 RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 1st day  
31 of December, 2020.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Put that in the form of  
33 a motion?

34 BRETT SANDERS: Put that in the form of  
35 a motion.

36 CINDY WILSON: Second.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Not  
38 only is that a second, this resolution really comes  
39 from all council members, and the second comes from  
40 all council members. We really appreciate it. Now  
41 we'll open up the floor for any discussion. Do we  
42 have anything? Mr. Sanders.

43 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. I would just  
44 like to show my gratitude to Mr. Oldham for all that  
45 he has done for the community and for the airport.  
46 I'm an avid airport, general aviation aviator, and I  
47 appreciate all that you've done to help general  
48 aviation grow. Thank you, Mr. Oldham.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

50 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.

2 CRAIG WOOTEN: I would probably say,  
3 you know, since I've been on council, Mr. Oldham has  
4 always been sort of a go-to resource for what's going  
5 on with airport. And we've made tremendous strides in  
6 that direction. But I guess what I'll commend him  
7 most for is he never began a conservation with me  
8 about a project with the airport without prefacing, I  
9 feel like this is good for the people of the county of  
10 Anderson. And he always kept that in perspective,  
11 that the airport, like the Civic Center, like  
12 everything, belongs to the people of the county of  
13 Anderson. And he always kept that in his mind when  
14 pushing the agenda forward of the airport, that it was  
15 an asset of the people. And I thank him for that.

16 CINDY WILSON: May I?

17 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?

18 CINDY WILSON: A big thank you to Mr.  
19 Oldham and to all that have served at the airport  
20 working with him. He brought a great spirit to that  
21 endeavor and all one has to do now is to go out to the  
22 airport and look at all the progress that's been made  
23 in the last eighteen months. Without Mr. Oldham's  
24 cheerleading and poking and prodding, we probably  
25 wouldn't have made that kind of progress that fast.  
26 And I really want to thank him and thank all that have  
27 been involved. And Mr. Oldham, you're not going away;  
28 are you? Thank you.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

30 I'd just like to add, Mr. Oldham, we really  
31 appreciate the job you've done and what you done for  
32 our community. And citizens owe a great gratitude to  
33 you. You were enjoying your retirement and didn't  
34 have to, but you seen the need at the airport and you  
35 filled in admirably and you done a great job for us  
36 and held us over till we got a new manager. Really  
37 appreciate that. And the citizens of Anderson County,  
38 for the last few years, this virus come up, and got to  
39 enjoy a great air show free of charge. You've been a  
40 great part of that, you and your team, and we really  
41 appreciate it. And look forward to when we can have  
42 another one. And hope, like Ms. Wilson said, you've  
43 going to be around. We can always call on you and ask  
44 your advice. We really appreciate it.

45 Hearing nothing else, I'll put that motion on the  
46 floor. All in favor of it. All opposed like sign.  
47 Show the motion carries unanimously.

48 We'll step down and ask Mr. Oldham to step up.

49 **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION**

50 **APPLAUSE**

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all for bearing with me. Having the meeting at twelve o'clock, I'm trying to work a little bit.

We're going to be moving on now to item number 6(a). This is ordinances third reading. Be 6(a), 2020-015, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone +/- 141.81 acres from I-2 (Industrial Park District) to R-8 Single Family Residential at Liberty Highway, Anderson, South Carolina, tax map number 119-00-17-026. Be in District 4. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

BRETT SANDERS: So moved.

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

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Now discussion. Mr. Sanders, do you have anything?

BRETT SANDERS: No, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Hunter, do you have anything to add?

ALESIA HUNTER: No, sir.

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

We're going to move on now to item number 6(b). This will be 2020-018, an ordinance (1) authorizing pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery of an amended and restated Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes and Economic Development Agreement, by and Between Anderson County, South Carolina and One World Technologies, INC. (Formerly identified by the County as Project Cutter), as sponsor, including one or more existing or to-be-formed or acquired by subsidiaries, or affiliated or related entities an certain sponsor of South affiliates; (2) authorizing pursuant to Title 4, Chapters 1 and 29 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, the grant of certain Special Revenue Credits to Project Cutter; and (3) other related matters. (Project Cutter).

This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to step forward and speak to this matter, please step forward and address the chair, please. You have three minutes. Anyone at all? Public hearing. Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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



1                   BRETT SANDERS:               Second.  
2                   TOMMY DUNN:                 Second Mr. Sanders.  
3       Now any discussion?  
4                   CINDY WILSON:             May I very quickly?  
5                   TOMMY DUNN:             Ms. Wilson.  
6                   CINDY WILSON:             Isn't it wonderful to  
7       have a family or an individually-owned company in our  
8       midst expanding? And many of us use the products that  
9       that company makes. It's so wonderful to have that  
10      relevant connection in our county. Thank you.  
11                  TOMMY DUNN:             Thank you. Anyone  
12      else? All in favor of the motion show of hands.  
13      Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
14      unanimously. Has Mr. Graham joined us yet? Just  
15      checking. Wanted to make sure.  
16                  We're going to be moving on now to item (c), 6(c),  
17      2020-038, an ordinance (1) authorizing pursuant to  
18      Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South  
19      Carolina, 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery  
20      of a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, by and  
21      between Anderson County, South Carolina and Coven's  
22      Properties, LLC (formerly identified as Project  
23      Underwood), as Sponsor and one or more existing or  
24      to-be-formed or acquired Subsidiaries, or affiliated  
25      or related Entities and certain Sponsor Affiliates, to  
26      provide for a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes  
27      Incentive; (2) authorizing pursuant to Title 4,  
28      Chapters 1 and 29 of the Code of Laws of South  
29      Carolina 1976, as amended, the grant of certain  
30      Special Source Revenue Credits to Project Underwood;  
31      and (3) other related matters. (Project Underwood).  
32                  This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to  
33      speak to this matter, please step forward, state your  
34      name and district, please, for the record and address  
35      the chair. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none,  
36      the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a  
37      motion to move this forward?  
38                  CINDY WILSON:             So moved.  
39                  TOMMY DUNN:             Motion Ms. Wilson. Do  
40      we have a second?  
41                  BRETT SANDERS:             Second.  
42                  TOMMY DUNN:             Second by Mr. Sanders.  
43      Any discussion?  
44                  CINDY WILSON:             May I quickly ---  
45                  TOMMY DUNN:             Ms. Wilson.  
46                  CINDY WILSON:             --- add. This is a  
47      wonderful example of one of our county's  
48      municipalities seeking to enhance their economic  
49      development and our council endeavors with our county  
50      Economic Development Department to assist in that

1 matter. And this particular project will be very  
2 helpful to the town of Honea Path. Thank you.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.  
4 Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of  
5 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
6 unanimously.

7 We're going to be moving on now to item (d), 6(d),  
8 2020-043, an ordinance authorizing the execution and  
9 delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement by and  
10 between Anderson County, South Carolina and a Company  
11 or Companies known to the County at this time as Red  
12 Bullet Anderson, LLC with respect to certain Economic  
13 Development Property in the County, whereby such  
14 property will be subject to certain payments in Lieu  
15 of Taxes, including the provision of certain Special  
16 Source Credits. This will be a public hearing.  
17 Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please, again,  
18 step forward, state your name and district and address  
19 the chair, please. Anyone at all? Anyone? Seeing  
20 and hearing none, the public hearing will be closed.  
21 Do we have a motion to move this forward?

22 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do  
24 we have a second?

25 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.  
27 Are there any discussion? All in favor of the motion  
28 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion  
29 carries unanimously.

30 We'll be moving on to item number 6(e), 2020-044,  
31 an ordinance authorizing (1) the execution of an  
32 Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and between  
33 Anderson County, South Carolina and Friendship SC  
34 Preservation, L.P. to provide for Infrastructure  
35 Credits with respect to a Rehabilitation Project  
36 located at 719 Mauldin Street, Anderson, SC, (2)  
37 authorizing the execution of a Multi-County Park  
38 Agreement with Greenville County to include such  
39 property, (3) authorizing the execution of an  
40 Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Anderson,  
41 and (4) other matters related thereto. This will be a  
42 public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this  
43 matter, please step forward and address the chair,  
44 please. Anyone at all? Yes, sir.

45 MALE: Is this going in  
46 District 2?

47 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

48 MALE: Yes, sir. The  
49 community is wanting to know in detail what this  
50 entails. There's a lot of tenants out there really

1 don't know what this is. So if you can be a little  
2 bit more specific of what's going on.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

4 CINDY WILSON: May we give this  
5 gentleman a copy of the ordinance?

6 TOMMY DUNN: Just a second. We've  
7 got a public hearing. Anybody got anything else?

8 TONYA WINBUSH: Hi, my name is Tonya  
9 Winbush, District 1, Craig Wooten is my representative  
10 for the district. I have a similar question. I've  
11 had a lot of people come to me in reference to this  
12 resolution. Not only this resolution, but others.  
13 It's so vague. It has a lot of like legal mumbo  
14 jumbo. And in reference to this, in the future --  
15 because I get the emails, as well -- there's no  
16 specific laymen's terms of what's going on, you know,  
17 as specific to this property. Like I know when I read  
18 fee in lieu of tax agreement and all those other  
19 things, I know what it means, but a lot of people  
20 don't understand what those terms are. And so is  
21 there any way in the future, especially when it's  
22 coming to the community, that we can be able to water  
23 down or have someone on the council, because in the  
24 absence of Ms. Gracie who does a very good job of  
25 breaking everybody down and slowing down the meeting  
26 and saying, Mr. Burns, or whoever, this gentleman  
27 right here usually explains everything and says what's  
28 going on. And so I want to address that, you know,  
29 it's okay -- you know, we appreciate what we have, but  
30 I just feel like we should be able to have more  
31 information in reference in the community in more  
32 laymen's terms so we can understand how these things  
33 really directly affect us in the community.

34 And also, having a meeting at twelve, if I wasn't  
35 off today, I wouldn't be here. And so I don't know --  
36 I didn't get anything in an email. I didn't see  
37 anything posted. I didn't know if this was a special  
38 called meeting. But having a meeting at twelve is  
39 very inconvenient for those of us who work everyday  
40 and have a working job. And so part of being on the  
41 county council is having an opportunity to address the  
42 council and when you have a meeting at twelve o'clock  
43 during the day, it prohibits me and a lot of other  
44 people who work, the working class people, the  
45 citizens in Anderson County, to address you all as I  
46 feel we have a right to address you. Thank you.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Anyone at  
48 all? I'm going to break protocol here just for a  
49 second. I'm going to go over a couple of things.

50 Number one, this project has been explained in

1 detail on the first and second reading here at this  
2 meeting.

3 Number two, keep in mind -- I understand about the  
4 twelve o'clock meeting and people can't come to them,  
5 have trouble, but there are people that work the  
6 second shift that can come to them, and third shift,  
7 too, and everything. During this pandemic we're doing  
8 the best we can to try to get the word out.

9 Mr. Burns, would you just highlight again for this  
10 project. We'll get you a copy. In a nutshell, this  
11 is a city project. We're just helping them with this,  
12 a pass-through. The city can't do fee in lieu of  
13 without us. This is a city project. It was brought  
14 to us. They want this done. Somebody is buying that  
15 piece of property out there and they're going to  
16 renovate it and upgrade it. Supposed to make security  
17 better. And in order to do that, they need some tax  
18 incentives to help out with that. The city has agreed  
19 to do that, and the county has agreed to help them  
20 with that because they can't do a fee in lieu  
21 agreement without the county. The city can't do a fee  
22 in lieu of agreement. That's the reason we're getting  
23 involved. This is a city project.

24 Now, they claim -- correct me if I'm wrong, Mr.  
25 Burns, it's been reported to us they don't foresee  
26 doing this and changing the rent structure.

27 RUSTY BURNS: Three things, Mr.  
28 Chairman.

29 One, (audio ended) from the city of Anderson.  
30 Two, you're right. They want to improve security, put  
31 in security cameras, renovate the apartments, and  
32 we've been informed by the city that no one will be  
33 evicted. Thirdly, Ms. Bee Thompson, who represents  
34 that area, has requested that this be passed. And  
35 she's made that clear to us. And I have some more  
36 information if anybody would like it. And Maurice has  
37 already received some.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else wish to  
39 speak to this matter?

40 CINDY WILSON: May I?

41 TOMMY DUNN: Public hearing will be  
42 closed. We'll go back to council. Ms. Wilson.

43 CINDY WILSON: As it has been pointed  
44 out, the city has requested this. We don't normally,  
45 as county council, agree to this type of fee in lieu  
46 of tax help for commercial and residential projects in  
47 the county. But it's a city request. And we just did  
48 one for Honea Path along these same lines. We're  
49 doing what we can to help our municipalities.

50 However, Mr. Dunn knows that I was prepared to ask

1 for this to be tabled today because it didn't seem  
2 like the city of Anderson has been as considerate to  
3 the county as we have always tried to be to the city  
4 of Anderson. We have a situation where we had no  
5 public notification until signs went up on a property  
6 in my district. The city was going to annex out high  
7 density residential into a low density rural type area  
8 with growing traffic issues. We met with the city.  
9 We're trying to work out with them. But as it stands  
10 right now, their foray into District 7, which appears  
11 to be with impunity, totally violates our zoning  
12 ordinance. Putting over a hundred houses in a small  
13 area that's zoned R-20, slab houses, if you will. And  
14 my challenge to the city of Anderson is that they have  
15 miles of formerly beautiful communities and  
16 neighborhoods that have become slums. I would hope  
17 that they would focus on what they have in the way of  
18 development in their corporate limits before they try  
19 to expand out. People in my district are going  
20 absolutely bananas.

21 We do have the capability, perhaps, if a developer  
22 wanted to go in and purchase blocks of these type  
23 houses, and we certainly want to encourage individuals  
24 to remodel and bring them up to code. It's been  
25 observed that it's been done in Columbia. It's been  
26 done in Greenville. The developers made a great deal  
27 of money. But most importantly, these neighborhoods  
28 were revitalized and people who could not have  
29 afforded a home like that previously, could get into a  
30 nice home. And I think that's going to be something  
31 very important that we really need to work hard on  
32 together. Thank you.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

34 Put the cart before the horse here. Before we  
35 have any more discussion, can I get a motion on the  
36 floor?

37 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders makes a  
39 motion on the floor to move this forward. Do we have  
40 a second? Do we have a second?

41 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yeah, I second.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten seconds.

43 Now discussion. Mr. Sanders.

44 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.  
45 I was fortunate enough to meet with Mayor Terrence  
46 Roberts and two city council members and it was a  
47 productive meeting. We are building upon a more  
48 reciprocal relationship with the city in order to make  
49 sure that we're all moving in the same direction and  
50 on the same page as far as county movement along with

1 the city to help bring us together and unite us in a  
2 common front. After the meeting we also discussed  
3 maybe having future meetings with the city and working  
4 with the city, because the city also works with the  
5 county and helps us with sewer and water related  
6 infrastructure for certain projects that we have going  
7 on in the county. I think that as we move forward I  
8 see our relationship with the city building stronger  
9 and working towards a common goal. Thank you, sir.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone  
11 else? Anyone else have any discussion?

12 CRAIG WOOTEN: I would just say from  
13 my perspective I believe a lot of this is in my  
14 district, also, and I do not want to see the high  
15 density in that area. I think that's an area that the  
16 people came together at a certain point and decided,  
17 you know, zoning early on. So I guess the question  
18 is, you know, through cooperation and persuasion can  
19 we have a good relationship with the city to find  
20 common ground and get things done. Because we don't  
21 necessarily have jurisdiction over them. But that's  
22 more of a state thing from my knowledge when it gets  
23 into annexation laws and things like that. So, you  
24 know, I echo Mr. Sanders' comments in the fact that we  
25 work with the city on a whole host of things from, you  
26 know, sewer to economic development, to all sorts of  
27 projects. So I'm hesitate to connect two projects  
28 that are unrelated, as much as I would like to push  
29 forward with persuasion and cooperation to get  
30 something done. You know, I, too find that we  
31 probably have a better relationship with the city than  
32 we've ever had. So I'm hopeful that we can work with  
33 them on this and find a solution.

34 TOMMY DUNN: I'd just like to say I  
35 understand Ms. Wilson's frustration. They just  
36 annexed some of my district here a few months ago, and  
37 I don't like it neither. But the city is looking out  
38 for what's best for them. We want what's best for the  
39 county. But in saying that, if we table this, and my  
40 understanding this is a time-sensitive thing. That's  
41 the reason they got this what you call it. The other  
42 thing is, the city is not going to suffer for tabling  
43 this and they have no thing. It's the developers.  
44 They're the ones that's doing it. The city is still  
45 going to be getting their tax money.

46 So I think we can -- I do think we had a good  
47 meeting yesterday and some good things to come out of  
48 it. Now is everybody going to be happy at the end of  
49 the day when this thing does settle? And there's  
50 going to be more annexation coming down the road. But

1 I think the people I met with yesterday is in good  
2 faith. We had good, frank discussions. I think even  
3 brought up some points that's going to help us in the  
4 county realm of things about future development and  
5 how we impact our subdivisions and all.

6 So I'm looking forward to it and, you know, might  
7 come a time when you have to have a stick to carry it,  
8 but I don't think this is necessarily the project to  
9 be holding over their heads. This is not going to do  
10 nothing but -- especially after having the meeting  
11 yesterday and going in good faith and pulling the rug  
12 out from under them I don't think is a good idea.

13 That's just my thoughts.

14 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

15 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

16 CINDY WILSON: The spirit of  
17 cooperation and coordination is the link between this  
18 project and what I disclosed. Actually, it's six  
19 hundred houses. But what is in my district is a  
20 hundred houses on about nineteen acres. We have been  
21 meeting with the city of Anderson. Going further  
22 back, we had a wonderful effort to make sure that the  
23 Highway 29 corridor is in the freight mobility study  
24 that the COG is doing. Highway 29 was actually the  
25 prototype for I-85. It is the direct link from south  
26 of Anderson all the way up to the interstate. And it  
27 has been stymied in growth because of low bridges and  
28 two lanes and problematic intersection. It's  
29 actually, probably, the most deadly road in the entire  
30 state system. There's been a great deal of effort,  
31 everyone working together, to draw attention to that  
32 corridor, including some city council members and the  
33 city mayor and all the mayors of the municipalities on  
34 the east side of the county.

35 So we do work really hard. But I have to tell  
36 you, I'm looking for a very reciprocal spirit on this  
37 annexation issue if we freely work so hard to help our  
38 municipalities. Thank you.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone  
40 else? All in favor of the motion show of hands.  
41 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
42 unanimously.

43 We'll be moving on now to item number 7(a),  
44 ordinance second reading, 2020-048, an ordinance  
45 authorizing pursuant to Chapter 44 of Title 12 and  
46 Chapter 1 of Title 4, South Carolina Code of Laws,  
47 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery of an  
48 amendment to a fee in lieu of tax and incentive  
49 agreement between Anderson County, South Carolina, and  
50 Project Line Five. Do we have a motion to put this on

1 the floor?

2 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do  
4 we have a second?

5 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.

7 Now discussion. Mr. Burns, you or Mr. Harmon want to  
8 say anything about this?

9 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, this is a  
10 long-time Anderson County Company. They've invested  
11 over one and a half billion dollars into the county.  
12 This is furthering that investment with another two  
13 hundred and fifty million dollars and approximately  
14 two hundred jobs.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Burns.  
16 Anyone else? All in favor of that motion show of  
17 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
18 unanimously.

19 We have no third readings.

20 We're going to move on to item number 9(a),  
21 resolution R2020-039, a resolution authorizing the  
22 amendment of an existing fee in lieu of tax agreement  
23 dated as of October 17, 2017, by and between Anderson  
24 County, South Carolina, and Arthrex Manufacturing,  
25 Inc., acknowledging that the "Commencement Date" under  
26 the fee in lieu of tax agreement is December 31, 2019.  
27 Do we have a motion to put this on the floor?

28 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Ms. Wilson.  
30 Do we have a second?

31 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.

33 Now discussion. Mr. Harmon, do you or Mr. Burns want  
34 to speak to this?

35 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, this is  
36 basically housekeeping to make things smoother between  
37 Arthrex and our taxing authorities. And this is all  
38 this is. It doesn't increase the deal or derange the  
39 deal in any way.

40 TOMMY DUNN: And all of this was  
41 supposed to have been done -- this is the correct date  
42 it should have been to start with?

43 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir, that's right.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in  
45 favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.  
46 Show the motion carries unanimously.

47 Now we're going to be moving on to item number  
48 9(b), 2020-043 (verbatim), a resolution to express the  
49 desire of the Anderson County Council that the G. Ross  
50 Anderson, Jr. Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse



1 remain open and functioning as a U.S. Courthouse.

2 I'm going to put this on the floor for discussion.  
3 I make the motion to move this forward. Have a  
4 second?

5 CINDY WILSON: Second.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. I  
7 open up for discussion. I'll start off and bring us  
8 up to date. It's come to our attention, Mr. Burns and  
9 Mr. Harmon, that there's a thing going on with the  
10 federal government to move this courthouse to  
11 Spartanburg or Greenville.

12 RUSTY BURNS: There is a move to move  
13 the Spartanburg Federal Courthouse to Greenville and  
14 the Anderson County Federal Courthouse to Greenville.  
15 They're currently building a new federal building in  
16 Greenville and we were hoping the council would oppose  
17 this move because we would be losing our Federal Court  
18 Judge. Spartanburg would be doing the same thing.  
19 Last night the Legislative Delegation also passed a  
20 resolution opposing this measure.

21 TOMMY DUNN: We did. And I think it  
22 behooves us to try to keep it here. And I don't know  
23 what this omen is. It's coming up today, but at this  
24 time I'd also like to announce of the passing of -- G.  
25 Ross Anderson himself passed. And I hope we all keep  
26 him -- his family in our thoughts and prayers as they  
27 go through this. But that Federal Courthouse in  
28 Anderson does a lot for us being here. And it would  
29 be a hardship, I think, on us to move it. I strongly  
30 urge us to recommend this.

31 Mr. Harmon, do you want -- I don't want to put you  
32 on the spot, but you deal with this every day just  
33 about. Do you want to -- you got anything to add to  
34 this?

35 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, thank you  
36 for the opportunity to speak to this. I think there  
37 are a number of reasons why we should seek to keep the  
38 Federal Courthouse here in Anderson. Obviously our  
39 population is growing. It's in excess of two hundred  
40 thousand. I think pretty soon, with the 2020 Census,  
41 we'll know how far north of that it really is.

42 Along with that, economic development continues to  
43 do well in the county. So the demand for services  
44 from a Federal Courthouse will only increase over  
45 time. We currently certainly have a respected and  
46 capable Federal District Court Judge here in Anderson.  
47 He's now a resident of Anderson County, The Honorable  
48 Timothy Cain, whose chambers are actually located in  
49 Anderson. That's where he goes to work every day.

50 So for those, and a number of other reasons which

1 I won't go into, I think it would behoove us to  
2 consider supporting keeping this Federal Courthouse  
3 open and operational.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

5 Anyone else?

6 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

7 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

8 CINDY WILSON: How many Federal  
9 Courthouses have there been built in Greenville in the  
10 last fifty, seventy-five years?

11 LEON HARMON: Ms. Wilson, only one  
12 that I know of, and that's the current Federal  
13 Building on Washington Street in Greenville. But the  
14 new courthouse is well under construction presently.  
15 I'm not sure of the exact schedule for completion, but  
16 it's probably not in the too-distant future that it  
17 will be completed.

18 CINDY WILSON: Well, I find that  
19 interesting. And I certainly support this resolution.  
20 But years ago when I built my house I bought the doors  
21 from the old Federal Courthouse up in Greenville. And  
22 it's just a shame they didn't incorporate them in  
23 their building. It just seems somewhat wasteful to  
24 me. But we desperately need to keep this facility  
25 here in the county. And I hope we get more attention  
26 drawn to this. Thank you.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wooten.

28 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yeah. I think from my  
29 perspective, it's -- the building is just symbolic.  
30 It's the person. Federal judges are influential. And  
31 G. Ross Anderson grew up in Anderson, and he was our  
32 federal judge, and he lived here; lived his whole life  
33 here. Tim Cain is from Oconee, but now he lives here.  
34 My fear would be if it gets taken to Greenville then  
35 we just have a host of Greenville judges and Anderson  
36 and the neighboring areas wouldn't be included.

37 So the most important thing here is keeping our  
38 local judge, who is influential, so that after Mr.  
39 Cain, the next person is an Andersonian who lives  
40 among us and works among us.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.

42 Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of  
43 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
44 carries unanimously.

45 Do we have any appointments that I'm not aware of?  
46 Item number 10.

47 Seeing and hearing none, any requests by council  
48 members that I'm not aware of? We don't have any?

49 Administrator's report.

50 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time,

1 Mr. Chairman.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Now citizens comments.  
3 When Mr. Harmon calls your name, again, please state  
4 your name and district for the record. And please  
5 address the chair. Mr. Harmon.

6 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first  
7 speaker is Sandra Coffman.

8 SANDRA COFFMAN: Good afternoon. Thank  
9 you for this time to speak to you as it's a Tuesday  
10 and it's very opportunistic that the meeting is  
11 happening today. I came to the meeting today  
12 specifically to thank Mr. Sanders in District 4 for  
13 funding a recreational funding request to support our  
14 nonprofit, Goats for Goodness, that is based out of  
15 our farm, Split Creek Farm over on Centerville Road.  
16 I don't know what was said at the meeting when it was  
17 presented. I wasn't aware it was coming forward. But  
18 I do want to express publicly my gratitude for that.  
19 The pandemic has been one of those things that has  
20 affected agriculture and most businesses very, very  
21 dramatically.

22 I can speak specifically to farming and ag. It's  
23 been a very rough year. For our farm, who has been in  
24 business for forty years, and producing world class  
25 cheese. We're fifth in the world now and number one  
26 in the U.S. That's something to kind of put in our  
27 hat in Anderson County as being on the map. But this  
28 year has been the hardest for us. And were it not for  
29 the community and generosity like that to keep us  
30 going, we wouldn't be here today. We don't know  
31 what's coming ahead, but one thing that we've seen in  
32 this pandemic, aside from the shortage in our pockets  
33 and the decrease in our herd and the stress that we've  
34 gone through in the pandemic, we've seen an uptake in  
35 interest and education opportunities through our  
36 community and beyond about where our food comes from.  
37 So it's been -- on one hand it's been a terrible,  
38 terrible tragedy; on the other hand it's been a great  
39 opportunity. So those funds will go to good use in  
40 the future at our farm as part of our educational  
41 programming moving forward.

42 Today, and I also wanted to speak very briefly to  
43 Ms. Wilson and Mr. Wooten and Mr. Davis, I believe, is  
44 also very, very active in the ad hoc committee for  
45 rezoning here in the county. I've been to a couple of  
46 those meetings. I'm following it very closely. I'm  
47 very, very excited and hopeful about the idea of  
48 conservation communities coming to Anderson. I think  
49 it's very important to preserve our agricultural  
50 communities, our heritage. We are a rich, rich, rich

1 community, and I hope that your efforts and your  
2 enthusiasm and passion and personal experiences with  
3 all of this will carry through with these zoning  
4 issues that we've also heard here in this meeting. So  
5 thank you for your efforts with that.

6 Further, to each of you, I know you all have a  
7 life. I know this is -- sometimes seems like a very  
8 thankless job for what you're doing. But I do  
9 appreciate it. I know that Mr. Sanders has been  
10 available to our community around the clock through  
11 some recent issues and we do thank him publicly for  
12 that. But to the point that the young lady made  
13 earlier, the twelve o'clock meetings are not really  
14 convenient for everybody. I'm lucky because it's in  
15 the middle of my day. As a farmer I can reach out  
16 here. The evening meetings are actually harder for me  
17 to attend. But your community wants to be active.  
18 They want to know. They want to see what's going on.  
19 They want to be involved. That's something that you  
20 have also expressed from your position up there. More  
21 involvement, more involvement, more involvement. The  
22 twelve o'clock meetings are problematic.

23 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chair.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

25 SANDRA COFFMAN: So thanks for your  
26 time. Thanks for your effort. Appreciate the three  
27 minutes.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Next, Mr. Harmon.

29 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is  
30 Elizabeth Fant.

31 ELIZABETH FANT: Appreciate having the  
32 mic here where I don't have to stand. Mostly I want  
33 to talk -- boy, that works real well. One of the  
34 things I want to talk about is involvement also. I  
35 attended the delegation meeting last night and the  
36 meetings are just sort of so-so. It's just kind of  
37 going over the report. But there were different  
38 people who were chosen to be on different commissions.  
39 You have to be nominated and then screened and so  
40 forth. Anderson County also has different positions  
41 for every district, whether it be the lottery board,  
42 the Civic Center, all kinds of things that you can be  
43 involved in if you want to be. See your council  
44 person and be nominated.

45 I find that we can get more done locally than we  
46 can get done statewide or that we can get done  
47 nationally. There are a lot of people who are  
48 interested in Anderson County, want to make it better.  
49 What we need to do, though, is we need to work  
50 candidly aside each other. Even if we don't always

1 agree. The masterminds of the government right now  
2 are trying to split us up. They want us to hate each  
3 other. They want us to hate each other's position.  
4 They want us to fight each other. Because in doing  
5 so, they divide us. We fall and they rise up.  
6 Remember that. It's coming.

7 Nationally, I look at that flag and I cry. This  
8 election was nothing but a fraud. Nothing but a  
9 fraud. A stealing by many -- by the Smart company  
10 that does the voting. It's been nothing but a fraud.  
11 We need a brand new election. We need written  
12 ballots. We need registration, driver's license. We  
13 need to cull our rolls and get all the dead people off  
14 of it. This election will not stand. And if this  
15 person, president-elect goes in, you're going to see a  
16 war.

17 LEON HARMON: No one else is signed  
18 up, Mr. Chairman.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.  
20 Now comments from council members. Has Mr. Graham  
21 ever joined us?

22 BRETT SANDERS: No, sir.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Ms. Wilson?  
24 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Just a  
25 quick comment that if dire predictions come true, our  
26 local farms are going to be very valuable when  
27 producing food locally. And I think we all seek to  
28 live in harmony and being in a prosperous, healthy  
29 county. Thank you.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wooten?  
31 CRAIG WOOTEN: Nothing at this time.  
32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr.  
33 Sanders?

34 BRETT SANDERS: Nothing at this time,  
35 sir.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Sanders.  
37 I hope everybody will keep being safe and  
38 practicing safely communicating with folks and  
39 everything so we can have a good, happy holiday.

40 Meeting be dismissed. See y'all the 15th.  
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**(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:00 P.M.)**