

State of South Carolina)
County of Anderson)

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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
MAY 1, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
RAY GRAHAM
TOM ALLEN
M. CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to call
2 to order the May 1st Anderson County Council meeting
3 part of our special presentation meeting, proclamations
4 and resolutions. At this time we'll be -- want to
5 welcome each and every one of you here and thank y'all
6 for coming tonight.

7 At this time I'd like to move on to Item number
8 2(a) 2018-025. Council Lady Ms. Cindy Wilson. Ms.
9 Wilson.

10 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
11 And this is presented by Mr. Ray Graham, District 3 and
12 Mr. Ken Waters, District 6 and District 7. This is a
13 resolution to Honor and Recognize the Anderson
14 Districts 1 and 2 Career and Technology Center Culinary
15 Team for Their Outstanding Performance in the South
16 Carolina Prostart Invitational Receiving First Place
17 Honors and Other Matters Related Thereto.

18 **WHEREAS**, students training in the Culinary Arts
19 course begin by learning all aspects of food
20 preparation and service. The first step of the program
21 involves kitchen orientation, safety and sanitation.
22 As students advance they begin to focus on food
23 techniques and food preparation. The training enables
24 students to become proficient in knife skills, recipe
25 adjustments, learning the calculations of food cost and
26 purchasing, how to plan a menu, and the preparation and
27 service; and

28 **WHEREAS**, as students advance in their education of
29 culinary arts, they are required to learn basic
30 restaurant management principles and communication
31 skills. Upon graduating each student should have
32 complete confidence in their abilities, experiences and
33 skills to plan a meal, executing food preparation and
34 service from start to finish; and

35 **WHEREAS**, before a competition the culinary team
36 must spend long hours planning, practicing and
37 preparing the dishes they plan to cook; and

38 **WHEREAS**, on February 25-27, 2018 the Anderson
39 Career and Technology Center's Culinary Team did
40 compete against more than 100 high school culinary
41 students at the South Carolina Prostart Invitational
42 cooking competition receiving first place honors; and

43 **WHEREAS**, during competition the culinary team was
44 able to prepare a three course meal in less than an
45 hour without running water or electricity. (Phenomenal)
46 Each group of competing culinary students are provided
47 with two butane burners to use for their cooking and
48 are allowed to bring their own food and utensils to
49 cook with.

50 **WHEREAS**, the judging of the competition three

1 course meal not only considers taste and presentation
2 but judges look for the precise details used in
3 preparation of each meal.

4 **WHEREAS**, the Anderson County Council desires to
5 recognize the success of our youth for their commitment
6 and dedication of culinary art skills required to
7 compete in state and national cooking competitions. We
8 are proud of all of your accomplishments and wish you
9 great success in all of your future endeavors.

10 Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 1st day of
11 May, 2018.

12 And we may need to do an update. This wonderful
13 group of young people, on April 27-29, they went to
14 Providence, Rhode Island and finished third in the
15 national competition. So we're very proud of y'all.
16 So I put this now in the form of a motion.

17 RAY GRAHAM: Second that.

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

22 CINDY WILSON: Now if we may have our
23 Council members and these young folks and their
24 families down front, and Ms. Holly.

25 **(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)**

26 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll be moving
27 on to Item 2(b)a PROCLAMATION -- PROCLAIMING THE WEEK
28 OF APRIL 30 THROUGH MAY 4, 2018 AS AIR QUALITY
29 AWARENESS WEEK. Councilman Tom Allen. Mr. Allen.

30 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Hope
31 everybody can hear this all right. This is a
32 proclamation proclaiming the week of April 30 through
33 May 4th, 2018 as Air Quality Awareness week in Anderson
34 County, encouraging all residents and business to
35 recognize the importance of air quality and other
36 matters related thereto.

37 **WHEREAS**, Anderson County, South Carolina, a body
38 politic and corporate and a political subdivision of
39 the State of South Carolina, recognizes the importance
40 of air quality as a way to protect and enhance the
41 health, economic vitality and quality of life of
42 Anderson County and the Upstate; and

43 **WHEREAS**, clean air is essential for the health and
44 survival of humans, animals and plants; and poor air
45 quality affects the health, economy, environment and
46 quality of life of all Anderson County citizens; and

47 **WHEREAS**, the months of March through October bring
48 a higher incidence of days when ozone pollution may
49 pose a risk to Anderson County citizens and the
50 environment and that people with respiratory diseases

1 such as asthma, people with heart disease, children and
2 seniors are more vulnerable to outdoor air pollution;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, committing to support Clean Air outreach
5 and education efforts, identifying specific actions for
6 our community, and implementing these as part of
7 collective efforts will ensure that Anderson County
8 maintains a level of air quality that allows our region
9 to reach its full potential as a great place to live,
10 work and play; and

11 **WHEREAS**, recognizing these issues as not just
12 Anderson County issues, but as Upstate issues and that
13 each and every person is a steward of air quality upon
14 which neighbors and future generations depend;

15 NOW THEREFORE, Anderson County, acting by and
16 through its County Council, hereby proclaims the week
17 of April 30 through May 4 to be "Anderson County Air
18 Quality Awareness Week" in order to celebrate
19 successful efforts to improve air quality and to raise
20 public awareness of the importance of air quality and
21 to encourage community efforts to reduce air pollution
22 levels during this week and throughout the year.

23 PROCLAIMED this 1st day of May, 2018

24 And I put that in the form of a motion.

25 CINDY WILSON: Second.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen, second Ms.
27 Wilson. Further discussion? Hearing and seeing none,
28 we'll move on for the vote. All in favor of the motion
29 show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.
30 At this time that'll conclude this part of our Council
31 meeting. We'll reconvene here at 6:30.

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(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:13 P.M.)

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1 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CINDY WILSON)**

2 TOMMY DUNN: At this time are there any
3 changes or corrections to be made to the April 17th
4 Regular Council meeting?

5 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

6 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

7 CINDY WILSON: On page 16, line 16, the
8 word adjoining should replace attractive. On line 31,
9 companies should be possessive with y's instead of the
10 plural. And that's all I have. Thank you.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
12 Anyone else?

13 KEN WATERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'd like
14 to on Page 13 line 38, it should read that we leave it
15 zoned R-A, not R-20 as presently stated in the minutes.
16 And I'd like to bring that in the form of a motion to
17 change those in the minutes.

18 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion -- anyone
19 else? We have a motion to make those corrections.

20 TOM ALLEN: So moved.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. All in
22 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
23 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

24 Before we get on, move on, a little housekeeping.
25 Mr. Wooten is unable to be here tonight. He's out of
26 town on business.

27 Now we'll be moving on to Item number 4, Citizen
28 Comments.

29 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one is
30 signed up to speak.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

32 Moving on to Item number 5, Ms. Floyd. Schedule
33 meetings.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to bring to
35 your attention that it's budget time. Every year
36 except last year -- I wasn't able to do it last year
37 because I was sick. So I didn't get a chance to
38 participate in the budget session last year. But I'm
39 back. And I have already scheduled the meetings. I am
40 one who thinks that in order to do a budget that
41 involves everybody, you can't just close yourself up in
42 a room and do the budget. You have to talk to people
43 and this is what I have been doing for a long time now.
44 And I will be doing the budget with the scheduled
45 departments on -- let me give you the date right now.
46 I will begin the budget workshop meetings on the 21st
47 of May.

48 Now here's what happens. I invite all of the
49 departments to come in and talk to me about their
50 budgets. I want to know -- I ask them questions. What

1 do you -- what's the most important thing to you in
2 your budget that you submitted and why? And we talk
3 about that and we talk about other things that's
4 happening in their department. And that gives me a way
5 to find out what's on their minds, what's important to
6 them and what's not. You can't see that on a piece of
7 paper.

8 Now, in the past I have invited other Council
9 members to come and to participate in this endeavor
10 with me. I've never had anyone to do it. So it's just
11 me, myself and I. But I'm inviting you if you would
12 like to come to the budget meeting, that I'm going to
13 have starting on the 21st of May, please feel free to
14 do so. It's really -- it's cordial. We have -- I get
15 a lot of pleasure out of meeting the people and talking
16 with our personnel in Anderson County. But I think
17 that we're going to start the first one at nine o'clock
18 and then kind of run through the day. Usually it's a
19 two day event. But you're welcome to come. Thank you.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 6,
21 Ordinance Third Reading 6(a) 2018-010 an ordinance
22 amending the Zoning Map to rezone +/- 2.6 acres from R-
23 A (Residential-Agricultural) to C-1R (Rural Commercial)
24 at the corner of Mountain View Road and Old Greenville
25 Highway. This will be, like I said, third reading. We
26 have a motion to move this forward?

27 KEN WATERS: I make a motion we move that
28 forward, Mr. Chairman.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters.

30 TOM ALLEN: Second.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
32 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
33 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
34 unanimously.

35 Moving on to Item number 7 Second Reading 7(a)
36 2018-007 an ordinance amending the Zoning Map to rezone
37 +/- 3.3 acres from R-M7 (Multi-Family Residential) to
38 C-3 (Commercial) along Highway 24 and Welborn Street.
39 This is second reading. We have a motion to move this
40 forward?

41 KEN WATERS: So moved.

42 CINDY WILSON: Second.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters. Second
44 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson. Ms. Floyd, I'm
47 sorry.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: What district is this in?

49 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen's.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Thank

1 you.

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

5 Moving on to Item number 7(b) 2018-014 an ordinance
6 to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint
7 County Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park) of
8 Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the
9 park. Project Ferguson. We have a motion to move this
10 forward?

11 KEN WATERS: So moved.

12 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters. Second
14 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the
15 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
16 motion carries unanimously.

17 Moving on to Item number 8(a) Ordinance First
18 Reading. 2018-013 an ordinance amending the Zoning Map
19 to rezone +/- 11.17 acres from R-M7(Multi-Family
20 Residential) to R-M (Multi-Family Residential) at 1351
21 Old Williamston Road. Dr. Parkey, before we go into
22 public hearing, you want to -- have anything to say?

23 JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The
24 request is being made to increase the density for
25 multi-family units. Staff recommended denial, Planning
26 Commission met on April 10th and recommended denial.

27 TOMMY DUNN: We'll put this in a public
28 hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter,
29 please step forward, state your name and district and
30 address the Chair. Anyone at all? Hearing and seeing
31 no one, public hearing will be closed. Does any
32 Council member have any questions for Dr. Parkey?
33 Comments.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I have comments. No
35 questions.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: This is in my district.
38 When this thing first came out I understand these are
39 people coming in from Georgia and they want to build
40 these apartments back in that area, but the people were
41 concerned because the street is crowded already with
42 the school's people using that road to get to the
43 Calhoun School as well as to the other schools on up
44 that road near Cobb's Glen. The traffic there is
45 already heavy. And they see this as a crunch style
46 thing in their neighborhood.

47 Now, Mr. Parkey, Dr. Parkey, this is the one that
48 I'm thinking about on Old Williamston Road back behind
49 the Fairgrounds, right? This is the one? Okay. Good.
50 I'm right. But anyway I, too -- they have gone to the

1 first meeting to try to get it rezoned, but it was
2 denied. And I concur with that decision. Thank you.
3 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion?
4 GRACIE FLOYD: I make a move that we -- I
5 make a move that we deny the first reading of the
6 zoning map for the R-M7 to the R-M on the Old
7 Williamston Road.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd makes a motion to
9 deny the rezoning application, going on staff's
10 recommendation. Do we have a second?
11 TOM ALLEN: Second.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Are there
13 any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
14 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
15 unanimously.
16 Thank you, very much, Dr. Parkey. Appreciate it.
17 Moving on to Item number 9. There are none.
18 Number 10, Report from Public Safety Committee
19 meeting held April 20, 2018. Discussion of budget
20 requests for all public safety divisions. Get on this
21 a little bit Friday. Chairman Graham.
22 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
23 I'm going to be very brief with this or I'll try to be.
24 We did discuss this in the previous Council meeting
25 that we had Friday. Basically it was just some
26 recommendations after meeting with the divisions that
27 falls up under Public Safety, which is the coroner,
28 sheriff's department, detention facility, forensics.
29 And basically we made some recommendations as far as
30 some of the items to try to cut from the budget that we
31 felt would probably be able to do at a later date. Or
32 either one remove completely.
33 Real briefly on the coroner, the Motorola portable
34 radio, we're asking that that would be removed from the
35 budget request. We would ask that identification
36 device be kept on it. And also the addition of deputy
37 coroner be put with that division.
38 As far as detention center, at this time, our
39 recommendation would be that we would hold off on any
40 capital projects as far as with the detention facility
41 until after this study is complete with hopes of
42 possibly building a new detention facility. We just
43 don't really see the benefit of putting basically about
44 seventy thousand dollars worth of equipment in the
45 existing facility. So we would address those issues as
46 the need arise. If we had to do something, then
47 naturally we'd have to take some type of action, but
48 we'd address that as it came up.
49 As far as forensics lab, we was recommending that
50 we did go with Balance -- Analytical Balance to give

1 them another workstation. We did request that they
2 remove the forensic lab technician.

3 My apology. Going back on the detention center,
4 we're requesting that we remove the maintenance --
5 basically the maintenance tech that would assist as far
6 as doing maintenance at the detention center. We
7 currently have one in place and we felt that with them
8 utilizing inmate labor that we could probably get
9 through another year with that.

10 As far as the sheriff's department goes, at this
11 time we're basically at about seven officers that we
12 possibly could justify. I think the Sheriff's request
13 is about seventeen, but we're still kind of reviewing
14 some of the items on that. Hopefully we're going to be
15 able to give a better report on that in weeks to
16 follow.

17 At this time that's all we've got, Mr. Chairman.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Chairman Graham.

19 Moving on to Item number 11, Report from the
20 Planning and Public Works Committee meeting held on
21 April 30, 2018. Ms. Wilson.

22 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
23 And thank you again, Mr. Allen, for filling in for a
24 missing Councilman. The Planning and Public Works
25 Committee voted unanimously to approve the new solid
26 waste disposal contract with Waste Connections after
27 numerous community meetings, meetings with SC DHEC, the
28 company and other related parties. The price is as
29 agreed at twenty-three dollars and ninety cents per ton
30 for our municipal solid waste. And the items that were
31 of concern to the community appear to be resolved.

32 Some of the items that have been addressed are as
33 follows: The base amount of twenty-three dollars and
34 ninety cents per ton will increase four percent at the
35 sixth and the eleventh years of the fifteen year
36 contract. The company agrees to the trucking routes as
37 established, with penalties applied to drivers not
38 adhering to those approved routes. The wheel wash will
39 be in operation. Decals with the local phone number
40 will be placed on their trucks. Litter and
41 beautification programs are being established in
42 conjunction with the citizen advisory board. The
43 company has filed for the necessary permits to control
44 the buzzard population, prevention of leakage and
45 tarping measures are in place. The operator with South
46 Carolina DHEC and community input has addressed the
47 noise issues from the addition of the hauling operation
48 and the Santee Cooper gas generators. Litter and large
49 rock pick-up along named routes into the landfill will
50 take place daily during operating hours. Most

1 importantly the citizens advisory board will be put
2 into place soon.

3 So Mr. Chairman, our committee recommends to County
4 Council that we approve the new fifteen year contract.
5 We present this in the form of a motion.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Coming from
7 the Public Works Committee doesn't need a second. Any
8 discussion?

9 CINDY WILSON: Just a very, very sincere
10 and heartfelt thank you to Mr. Greg Smith, Mr. Holt
11 Hopkins, and Mr. Matt Hogan, and all of his folks, Mr.
12 Burns, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Graham and I hope I have not
13 left out many people. It's been a long process. And I
14 really thank everyone for their careful consideration
15 of this.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All in
17 favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion
18 carries unanimously. Want to appreciate the fine job
19 Mr. Harmon done in his leadership leading us through
20 this thing, too. Mr. Harmon. Ms. Wilson.

21 CINDY WILSON: Next, our committee took up
22 the dispersal of three former convenience center sites
23 as follows. The old Three and Twenty known as Slab
24 Town convenience center site, the plan is that it will
25 be given to the Three and Twenty Fire Department. The
26 second one is the old Jockey Lot convenience center
27 site and that's recommended to be sent out for bids.
28 The third one is the former Harris Bridge Road site,
29 also to be sent out for bids. We voted unanimously to
30 recommend that these actions be done upon favorable
31 conclusion of the county performing its due diligence;
32 surveying, and cleaning up the sites, including weed
33 eating and mowing. The Planning and Public Works
34 Committee, by way of motion, recommends that the County
35 Council approve dispersal process for these three
36 tracts. And that's in the form of a motion.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion coming from
38 the Public Works committee doesn't need a second. Are
39 there any discussion? All in favor of the motion show
40 of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
41 carries unanimously. Ms. Wilson.

42 CINDY WILSON: Our committee worked through
43 much of the capital improvement plan list, but we were
44 unable to complete the work this week as one of our
45 committee members had to leave. The capital
46 improvement plan will be taken up next week on Tuesday
47 at 2 PM on May the 8th after the Tri County budget
48 meeting. So, I want to thank everybody for their
49 participation in these efforts.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

1 Moving on to Item number 12, Appointments. Anybody
2 got any?
3 Moving on to number 13, Requests by Council
4 members. Mr. Waters, you have anything?
5 KEN WATERS: I have none.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen, you have any?
7 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chair, I'd like to
8 take five hundred dollars from my recreation account
9 for the Cancer Association balloon event that they're
10 going to have.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Put that in the form of a
12 motion. We have a second?
13 CINDY WILSON: Second.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. Any
15 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
16 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
17 unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Allen?
18 TOM ALLEN: That's all.
19 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
20 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I would like to
21 allocate three hundred dollars from District 2's
22 recreational account to the Men at Work. They're
23 getting ready to do a program for senior citizens and
24 this three hundred dollars will enable them to get
25 enough food for it, as well as maybe get some other
26 things as miscellaneous items that's going to be
27 needed. Also I reserve the right at the next meeting
28 if the three hundred wasn't enough, to come back at the
29 next meeting to increase that amount. Thank you.
30 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Floyd.
31 Have a second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in
32 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
33 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything
34 else, Ms. Floyd?
35 GRACIE FLOYD: That's it.
36 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
37 RAY GRAHAM: Nothing at this time, Mr.
38 Chairman.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson. Nothing from
40 District 5.
41 Item number 14, Administrator's Report.
42 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.
43 Chairman.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Item number 15, Citizen
45 Comments. Mr. Harmon calls your name, please state
46 your name and district for the record. Address the
47 Chair and you've got three minutes.
48 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first speaker
49 is Frank Pressly.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, put that on for

1 him.

2 FRANK PRESSLY: Thank you. Last week I had
3 occasion to watch a video of a company in England that
4 is taking plastic and recycling it to make an aggregate
5 to build roads. This is something that I think we
6 should look into because we have a good bit of plastics
7 going to our landfill. I'm told as much as ten percent
8 of what we send to the landfill is plastic. And with
9 the projected spending of a hundred and twenty million
10 dollars in the next twenty years, ten percent of that
11 is twelve million dollars. That would nicely pay for
12 equipment to recycle plastic and make aggregates to
13 pave our roads.

14 The county needs to move in a direction where we
15 have a long term solution to our paving issues.
16 Setting money aside to pave and all is good, but we're
17 not making a lot of progress. We've spent about six
18 years now and have not done a whole lot of paving. If
19 we could build an asphalt recycling plant and a plastic
20 recycling plant, and use inmate labor to do our roads,
21 I think we'd be well on our way to solving some of our
22 paving issues. Because it seems like when we bid these
23 road paving issues out, that's when we kind of take it
24 in the neck because it's just the nature of the beast.
25 It would cost us a lot of money.

26 So rather than barreling ahead with a new jail, I
27 really think we need a county prison farm. We need
28 that far more than we need a jail. We can refurbish
29 the old jail for about fifteen million and spend the
30 difference of the projected amount they want to spend
31 on a new jail to build a county prison farm. Somewhere
32 where we can house a lot of inmates. We need to start
33 locking people up. Turning them back out of the street
34 with just fees and fines is nothing but a vicious cycle
35 because they don't have jobs and they go out and commit
36 more crimes to pay those fees and fines. So if we
37 start putting them in jail for thirty, sixty, ninety,
38 six months or a year, give them the opportunity to dry
39 out if they have a drug problem and teach them the
40 trade of building roads and bridges. And if they can
41 show their metal while they're in jail, guarantee them
42 a job when they get out. This is a crowd that needs
43 jobs and they can't qualify for the jobs that the
44 county is getting to these filots and all because they
45 have backgrounds.

46 So, Mr. Chairman, if you would possibly set up a
47 commission or a committee or something and start
48 looking into the possibility of doing our own paving
49 and roads and bridges, I think it would do a lot to get
50 Anderson County ahead. Thank you.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
2 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker
3 is Bobby Simmons.
4 BOBBY SIMMONS: Bobby Simmons, District 2.
5 And just - my conversation this time is on Planning
6 Committee. As I spoke before and I speak again now,
7 that I'm concerned about the businesses on Highway 29,
8 Belton Highway and South Main Street. It seems to be
9 that all the planning is for the north part of town and
10 not for the south part and for the -- there's a lot of
11 traffic on 29 from Georgia, so we're missing out on a
12 lot -- I believe a lot of money because we don't have a
13 lot of business on 29 between Georgia and the Jockey
14 Lot.
15 My question is that I understand that the bridge
16 was low and I don't know if they fixed the bridge or
17 not, but they need to either jack it up or cut the
18 ground down some so that these trucks can make it
19 between 29 and 85. I'm just hoping that these words
20 will not go avoid and that we will do something about
21 putting some business on 29, Belton Highway and the
22 lower part of South Main. Thank you very much.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
24 LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.
25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.
26 Remarks from Council members. Mr. Waters.
27 KEN WATERS: I have none.
28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters.
29 Mr. Allen.
30 TOM ALLEN: Not a whole lot. I just
31 want to thank the Men at Work that were here tonight.
32 I think you folks do a great job. I've said that
33 before, and I mean it, because you're down there where
34 the rubber meets the road and you're down there where
35 we really need the type of action taken that you folks
36 provide to the young people in this community and I
37 want to thank you for that. That was all I had, Mr.
38 Chair.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.
40 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. At the last
41 meeting I told -- I was talking to you about the
42 nuisance property cleanup legislation. Let me explain
43 it to you. In the city, if they find a home in a
44 neighborhood that has been unkept, the grass hasn't
45 been cut, the trash hasn't been picked up, and there's
46 a lot of junk or whatever, the city can go to these
47 people and demand that they clean that house up, cut
48 the grass and all of that. In the county we can't do
49 that. So what we get is a lot of people calling about
50 the house next door. The grass needs to be cut, it's

1 bringing out rodents and snakes and everything else.
2 People won't cut their grass or they won't pick up
3 their trash and there's been little we could do about
4 it. In fact, there hasn't been nothing that we could
5 do about it because it's private property and we can't
6 enter it.

7 Well, in the House now they have a bill that allows
8 a county to provide by ordinance that the owners of any
9 property in the county must keep their property clean
10 of debris and other unhealthy conditions that
11 constitute a public nuisance. If the property owner
12 fails to correct the conditions constituting a
13 nuisance, then the county may enter the property,
14 correct the condition, and collect the cost of the
15 cleanup on the property tax. I think this is good. I
16 think this is a good idea. This will help us in a lot
17 of ways. And it was in the House the last time and
18 three of our Representatives voted against it. And I
19 just cannot understand why they would vote against
20 something like this.

21 So again this week, these letters, the Friday
22 Report comes every week as long as they're in session.
23 But they asked that -- to contact your Senators today
24 and ask that they support the passage of this
25 legislation.

26 Well, I wrote our legislative body. I wrote each
27 one and asked them to -- my letter reads, I am asking
28 you to please support the nuisance bill 3896. This
29 bill allows for a county to provide by ordinance that
30 the owner of any property in the county must keep their
31 property clean. The authority is currently provided to
32 the municipalities. This authority will help Anderson
33 County to provide a higher quality of living through
34 property debris cleanup and other unhealthy conditions.

35 Folks, I think that if you've got a minute, or if
36 you know telephone numbers, you can get them easily,
37 please call our people and ask them to help pass this
38 bill. Now the bill was in committee, but I think it
39 has been since taken out of committee and they're
40 getting ready to vote on it. This needs to pass.
41 Anderson County can't always be the way it is. It
42 needs to pass. And I would like if you would help with
43 this situation.

44 Also, Mr. Burns, these lights have been playing
45 havoc with us up here. Half the time we can't really
46 see what we're doing. Could you please see to it that
47 the lights are fixed. Okay. Thank you.

48 And I think that's about it that I have for
49 tonight. And I thank you.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

1 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
2 Just a couple of things. Would like to ask all the
3 Council to remember Investigator McCarley who was
4 recently named our Code Enforcement Officer. He and
5 his wife and his son and also nephew work for the
6 county. And anyway, he lost his dad, Mr. Larry
7 McCarley, this past week. So he should be back to work
8 sometime this week, but he definitely sends his
9 apologies on that as far as not being able to be here,
10 but definitely keep him in your prayers and his family
11 during this time of loss.

12 Also, I did go out -- in the meeting Friday you'd
13 mentioned about McCants Health Department and the Ag
14 building. Just briefly I did go out with Mr.
15 Richardson and we looked at those facilities. And
16 we're kind of getting some plans of the building, the
17 layout and hopefully going to bring some
18 recommendations back with that. And hopefully we're
19 going to try to have a committee meeting on that in the
20 next week or so.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Good deal. Ms. Wilson.
22 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, it would be
23 nice to know the information on that aggregate with
24 making from the plastic. That might be of interest to
25 the county. And Mr. Simmons, you're right on Highway
26 29. The last update we had from the South Carolina
27 Department of Transportation, the bridge and the
28 intersection and highway project there are supposed to
29 be under construction next year. It's only been 20
30 years in the making. And that's one of the biggest
31 slow-downs for development along Highway 29. I think
32 once that bridge and the intersection is improved,
33 we'll see a lot more activity there.

34 And Ms. Floyd's right about that bill. There's --
35 I don't know if it's part of that bill or another one,
36 but there's one bill that I understand was going back
37 to the Senate this week where if a perpetrator of
38 litter is fined and so forth, they can get community
39 service and it takes the legal liability off the
40 county.

41 And I want to say a big thank you to all the folks
42 that turned out to pick up litter last Saturday a week
43 ago. You might be amused that a friend of ours drove
44 by when Representative Anne Thayer and some of us were
45 out picking up litter and they asked my sister later
46 what I had done wrong to get community service.

47 We've got a lot of folks out working. Thank you.
48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Want
49 to give a welcome and appreciate Matt Hogan's here, who
50 is over our road department. Appreciate you being here

1 tonight. Thank you for all you and your crew do.

2 Also want to shout out to all the county employees
3 and the citizens for what they done on the cleanup last
4 weekend -- weekend before last, rather. They done an
5 outstanding job. Everyone did on the crews I was on.
6 And I know everyone did. So really want to appreciate
7 that and give a shout out.

8 Also want to echo, there's two bills that's in
9 Columbia right now that's very important, have a big
10 effect in Anderson County. We have worked on this for
11 several years now. The cleanup bill that Ms. Floyd's
12 talking about. We can talk to any of our -- I talked
13 to Mike Gambrell, Senator Gambrell, this past week.
14 He's in favor of this bill. We need to talk to a few
15 more of our people. Farms are exempt. So don't -- you
16 know that's the thing is it gives us the same tools as
17 a municipality with that thing. Would be a big help.
18 And what it does, it enables us to put a lien on the
19 taxes. That's the difference. We can't do that now to
20 get money back. And that's only fair ??.

21 The other thing is letting police officers that
22 have retired come back to work and top the cap at ten
23 thousand dollars. That would help us so much on our
24 school resource officers. Save the county money and
25 give us valuable people at these schools. That's
26 something we need to give a shout out to and thing.

27 I want to appreciate the staff and all what they
28 done for the criminal justice meeting. We just had our
29 second one here last - couple of weeks ago. Want to
30 appreciate what all everybody done. I thought it was a
31 real good meeting, hit the right thing. Casey is
32 heading that up. Is doing an outstanding job. She had
33 some folks up from Charleston talking about what they
34 have done down there and how they got this program up
35 and running. And very enlightening and encouraged
36 about that and what's going on.

37 I want two committees tonight, two ad hoc
38 committees coming up. Craig Wooten has asked me about
39 this and he'll be the Chairman of this committee, this
40 is to look at our recreation and parks. He's asked for
41 Tom Allen and Ken Waters to serve on that with him.
42 He'll be coming back; he's out of town.

43 And also, I want to put together a committee to
44 work -- as we go through this budget, I think we've got
45 a pretty good handle on this and that, but our biggest
46 thing -- one of our biggest things right now is our
47 capital purchasing items. And so I asked Ray Graham if
48 he'd chair that, with Craig Wooten, he showed interest
49 in that. And I'll serve on that also, willing for
50 that.

1 And I appreciate everybody. You have a good safe
2 weekend. See you next time.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT ?? P.M.)