

State of South Carolina    )

County of           Anderson    )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:  
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
RAY GRAHAM  
CRAIG WOOTEN  
CINDY WILSON  
JIMMY DAVIS

ALSO PRESENT:  
RUSTY BURNS  
LEON HARMON  
LACEY CROEGAERT

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to  
2 call the special part of presentations and  
3 proclamations to order on October 15th council. I  
4 would like to welcome each and every one of you here.  
5 Thank y'all for coming. Appreciate and thank Honorable  
6 Representative Jay West for being here tonight, and  
7 also Judge Grant. Appreciate all them being here  
8 tonight and coming out.

9 At this time we'll get started. We'll start off  
10 with Resolution 2(a), resolutions and proclamations, be  
11 2(a), R2019-043. Vice Chairman Graham.

12 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
13 Mr. Chairman, I'd like to bring this resolution before  
14 Council. This is Resolution R2019-043.

15 **THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE 10-**  
16 **U STARR IVA ALL-STARS SOFTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR**  
17 **EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE AS THE 2019 10-U SOFTBALL**  
18 **DISTRICT 7 CHAMPIONS AND THE 2019 10-U SOFTBALL STATE**  
19 **CHAMPIONS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

20 **Whereas,** the Starr Iva All-Star Softball team  
21 consists of 12 players, with nine players in their  
22 first year of playing on a 10-U team; and,

23 **Whereas,** on June 15-19, 2019 the 10-U Starr Iva  
24 All-stars played in the South Carolina Dixie  
25 Softball District #7 Tournament at Crescent High  
26 School. The team was undefeated, receiving the  
27 winning title of 10-U All-Star District 7 Champions and  
28 the opportunity to participate in the Dixie Softball  
29 State Championship Tournament; and,

30 **Whereas,** on July 12-17, 2019 the 10-U Starr Iva All-  
31 stars team traveled to Moncks Corner, South Carolina to  
32 play in the 2019 Dixie Softball State Championship  
33 Tournament, competing against eight teams in the 10-U  
34 division. In the final game of the tournament the  
35 Starr Iva All-stars beat their opponents and received  
36 the title of the 10-U Dixie Softball State Champions  
37 and the opportunity to participate in the Dixie World  
38 Series; and,

39 **Whereas,** this is the first 10-U Starr Iva All-star  
40 softball team to advance to the Dixie World Series;  
41 and,

42 **Whereas,** on July 26th to August 2, 2019 the Starr  
43 Iva All-star team did travel to Alexandria, Louisiana  
44 to represent South Carolina in the Dixie Youth Softball  
45 World Series. In the second game of the series the  
46 All-stars were defeated by Louisiana's win of 4-0. In  
47 Game 5, the team defeated North Carolina with a score  
48 of 15-0. In Game 8, the team defeated Alabama with a  
49 score of 14-7. And in game 11, the team faced team  
50 Louisiana again but were defeated 16-1. The team

1 received 3rd place in the World Series and gained a  
2 once in a lifetime experience; and,  
3 **Whereas**, The Anderson County Council wishes to  
4 commend our stellar youth who demonstrate high levels  
5 of dedication, sportsmanship, and teamwork required to  
6 compete in a highly competitive environment. We are  
7 proud of your accomplishments and would like to wish  
8 each of you great success in your future endeavors.

9 **RESOLVED** in a meeting duly assembled this 15th day  
10 of October 2019.

11 Mr. Chairman, I'd bring this in the form of a  
12 motion.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Vice Chairman Graham has  
14 a motion on the floor. Ms. Wilson seconds it. Any  
15 discussion? Congratulations to them. I think that's  
16 outstanding. All in favor of the motion. You got  
17 anything else, Mr. Graham.

18 RAY GRAHAM: No.

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

22 Mr. Graham.

23 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, if we could  
24 have the All-stars come to the front and we've got a  
25 presentation.

26 TOMMY DUNN: I'd like to ask  
27 Representative Jay West if it's all right to step  
28 forward, too.

29 RAY GRAHAM: Yes. Absolutely.

30 PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

31 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to be moving  
32 on now to keep things going and we can be on time.  
33 We're going to move on to item 2(b), resolution in  
34 support of a prescribed fire. This will be Resolution  
35 number R2019-045, a resolution in support of a  
36 prescribed fire.

37 **WHEREAS**, Anderson County Council recognizes that  
38 prescribed fire provides multiple ecological, economic  
39 and cultural benefits to the citizens of Anderson  
40 County; and

41 **WHEREAS**, prescribed fire is a traditional land  
42 management practice and public safety tool that  
43 helps prevent and lessen the severity of wildfires,  
44 reducing the loss of private property and saving  
45 lives while acting as a preventive measure saving  
46 taxpayers the cost and hazards to local  
47 government's public safety and firefighting officials  
48 who respond to wildfires; and

49 **WHEREAS**, prescribed fire is a valuable tool used by  
50 forest landowners and managers in reducing hazardous

1 fuels, reducing the risk -- excuse me. Never ends.

2 **WHEREAS**, prescribed fire is a valuable tool used by  
3 forest landowners and managers in reducing hazardous  
4 fuels, reducing the risk of destructive wildfires,  
5 preparing sites for both natural and artificial forest  
6 regeneration, improving access to and the appearance of  
7 land, and controlling detrimental insects and forest  
8 diseases; and

9 **WHEREAS**, prescribed fire is used to restore and  
10 maintain fire-dependent ecosystems, and to manage  
11 wildlife habitat for many species; and

12 **WHEREAS**, many rural economies depend on prescribed  
13 fire to manage habitat for game species such as white-  
14 tailed deer, wild turkey and bobwhite quail whose  
15 hunting economy is vital to South Carolina; and

16 **WHEREAS**, prescribed fire is used to manage for  
17 songbirds and other non-game wildlife species,  
18 and for fire-dependent plants, and is a vital tool to  
19 maintain aesthetically-pleasing landscapes, all  
20 of which bring in substantial tourism dollars to South  
21 Carolina; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the South Carolina Forestry Commission is  
23 authorized by various South Carolina state laws to  
24 control wildfires, administer burning laws, and provide  
25 other forestry assistance, and the commission promotes  
26 prescribed burning as a valuable forest management  
27 tool; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the South Carolina General Assembly passed  
29 the Prescribed Fire Act in 1994 (amended in 2012),  
30 defining prescribed fire thus, "Prescribed fire means a  
31 controlled fire applied to forest, brush, or grassland,  
32 vegetative fuels under specified environmental  
33 conditions and precautions which cause the fire to be  
34 confined to a predetermined area and allow  
35 accomplishment of the planned land management  
36 objectives;" and

37 **WHEREAS**, prescribed fire helps keep South  
38 Carolina's forests healthy - and those forests, in  
39 turn - provide ecological services such as clean air  
40 and clean water and contribute to the quality  
41 of life of the state's citizens and to local economies;  
42 and

43 **WHEREAS**, prescribed fire practitioners provide  
44 public health benefits by burning under carefully-  
45 planned weather conditions, reducing the unplanned  
46 smoke from wildfires, thus contributing to the air  
47 quality of South Carolina by promoting healthy forests  
48 that serve as "air shed contributors;" and

49 **WHEREAS**, prescribed fire is a traditional land  
50 management tool in the South that has been practiced

1 for thousands of years and is an integral part of South  
2 Carolina's cultural and natural heritage;

3 **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, in a meeting duly  
4 assembled this **15th** day of **October** 2019, that the  
5 Anderson County Council supports the appropriate and  
6 continued use of prescribed fire in South Carolina,  
7 supports the South Carolina Forestry Commission, South  
8 Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Clemson  
9 University, The Nature Conservancy, the South Carolina  
10 Prescribed Fire Council and others as they strive to  
11 provide educational and technical assistance to  
12 landowners in an effort to recognize the benefits  
13 listed above, and urges Air Quality Regulators to work  
14 closely with all state agencies and landowners in a  
15 fair and balanced approach to smoke management.

16 I put that in the form of a motion. Second by Ms.  
17 Wilson. Are there any discussion? I'd just like to  
18 say the Forest Commission asked us to do that. A lot  
19 of counties throughout the state they've asked them to  
20 do this. Our pleasure to do this. And feel it's a  
21 vital tool and I appreciate whoever wrote that. I  
22 think it come from parts of other ordinances, what not,  
23 but I think it should have been a little bit longer and  
24 a few more big words in it for me to try to get  
25 through. I put that in the form of a motion. I've  
26 already done that. I'm sorry. All in favor of the  
27 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the  
28 motion carries unanimously.

29 Thank y'all very much. We've got a plaque here,  
30 Mr. Burns. Make sure, if you would, it gets in the  
31 right place. Nobody from Forestry could be here  
32 tonight. I want to make sure that gets handled and  
33 took care of.

34 We're going to move on now to item number (c),  
35 proclamation to declare October as National Disability  
36 Employment Awareness Month. Very appreciative of  
37 Councilman Wooten introducing this for us. Councilman.

38 CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
39 This proclamation:

40 **WHEREAS**, Americans with disabilities are part of  
41 our Nation's diverse tapestry, participating in all  
42 areas of our culture in pursuit of the American Dream;  
43 and

44 **WHEREAS**, over a quarter century ago, our country  
45 took a major step toward fulfilling the fundamental  
46 American promises of equal access, equal opportunity,  
47 and equal respect for all when the Americans with  
48 Disabilities Act (ADA) was made the law of the land;  
49 and,

50 **WHEREAS**, during **National Disability Employment**

1     **Awareness Month**, we celebrate the ways individuals  
2     with disabilities strengthen our workforce, our  
3     communities, and our country, and we recommit to  
4     cultivating an America where all people are able to  
5     build vibrant futures for themselves and for their  
6     families; and,

7     **WHEREAS**, this October, as we observe **National**  
8     **Disability Employment Awareness Month**, let us pay  
9     tribute to all who fought for better laws, demanded  
10    better treatment, and overcame ignorance and  
11    indifference to make our Nation more perfect; and,

12    **WHEREAS**, the 2019 theme is "*The Right Talent Right*  
13    *Now*" - stemming from the Campaign for Disability  
14    Employment, which is a collaborative effort to promote  
15    positive employment outcomes for people with  
16    disabilities by encouraging employers and others to  
17    recognize the value and talent they bring to the  
18    workplace; and,

19    **WHEREAS**, the Anderson Vocational Rehabilitation  
20    Office serves the Anderson community by preparing and  
21    assisting those with disabilities to achieve and  
22    maintain competitive employment, creating relationships  
23    among individuals, community partners, agencies, non-  
24    profits and businesses.

25    **NOW THEREFORE**, the Anderson County Council, would  
26    like to bring greetings to all of you attending this  
27    celebration and do hereby proclaim the month of October  
28    as

29    **NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH**  
30    in Anderson, and urge all citizens to embrace the  
31    talents and skills that individuals with disabilities  
32    bring to our workplaces and communities and to promote  
33    the right to equal employment opportunity for all  
34    people.

35    Proclaimed this 15th day of October, 2019. Put  
36    that in the form of a motion.

37    TOMMY DUNN:                   Have a motion. Do we  
38    have a second? Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?  
39    All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like  
40    sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

41    Fellow council members, we'll be adjourned.  
42    Reconvene back here at 6:30.

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44    **(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:19 P.M.)**

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1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to  
2 call the regular Anderson County Council meeting of  
3 October the 15th to order. Welcome each and every one  
4 of you here. Thank y'all for coming out tonight.  
5 We'll get started before Mr. Wooten -- got a little  
6 housekeeping. Ms. Floyd has called in. She's feeling  
7 under the weather and won't be able to be here tonight,  
8 from my understanding. Mr. Sanders, if you would let's  
9 keep him in our thoughts and prayers, and his family.  
10 He had an accident over the weekend and has some leg  
11 trouble. He's going to be out of commission for a  
12 little bit, so let's keep him in our thoughts and  
13 prayers.

14 At this time we'll all rise for Mr. Wooten to lead  
15 us in the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

16 **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CRAIG WOOTEN**

17 TOMMY DUNN: At this time are there any  
18 -- these are two special called meetings of September  
19 the 6th and the 20th. Are there any corrections to be  
20 made to the September 6th meeting? Do we have a motion  
21 to approve that as presented?

22 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a  
24 second? Second Mr. Graham. All in favor of the motion  
25 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion  
26 carries unanimously.

27 Moving on to the September 20th special called  
28 meeting. Are there any corrections or changes need to  
29 be made to that?

30 CINDY WILSON: Yes, please.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

32 CINDY WILSON: On page 22, line 38 and  
33 40, apparently the transcriber couldn't hear me very  
34 well. The only fine should be the only fly NV, which  
35 is a fly ointment, and that's on line 38. And line 40,  
36 the fee in lieu of tax structure so -- the word so  
37 needs to be inserted before that. And I put that in  
38 the form of a motion.

39 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to  
40 approve the minutes with those two corrections on them.  
41 Do we have a second? Second Mr. Davis. All in favor  
42 of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show  
43 the motion carries unanimously.

44 Moving on now to item number -- October 1st, 2019  
45 meeting. Any corrections to be made to that? Anybody  
46 have any? Do I have a motion to move this forward?

47 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

50 RAY GRAHAM: Second.



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

4 At this time -- I meant to do this at the start of  
5 the meeting. I want to welcome -- I think we've got  
6 two students, I think, from Winthrop University here.  
7 I don't know what kind of punishing y'all are doing to  
8 have to come and sit through this tonight, but we  
9 appreciate y'all coming. Thank y'all very much. Hope  
10 it's interesting for you.

11 We're moving on now to citizens comments, item  
12 number 4. When Mr. Harmon calls your name, please  
13 restate your name and district for the record. Address  
14 the chair. You've got three minutes. And please keep  
15 items on agenda items this first go-round.

16 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one  
17 speaker signed up. Elizabeth Fant.

18 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District  
19 3. I'm speaking on number 5. I'm not going to say  
20 much about that because I think Ms. Darby is going to  
21 cover the subject. But this is a real opportunity for  
22 Anderson County, something that will be a major  
23 resource, a major tourist attraction. Kids will like  
24 it. Adults will like it. Hunters. It just would be a  
25 wonderful thing for Anderson County if we can pull this  
26 off. Thank you.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

28 LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

30 Moving on to item number 5, Ms. Darby.

31 ALLISON DARBY: Hello. I'm Allison Darby.  
32 I'm Educational Coordinator for the Belton Area Museum  
33 Association. And before we get to the agenda item, I  
34 would like to speak very quickly to thank each one of  
35 you for supporting our most recent educational event,  
36 Heritage Days at the Depot, held October 3rd, 4th and  
37 5th. We had over fifteen hundred school children who  
38 came to enjoy the traditional skills and folk crafts of  
39 our ancestors. They learned an awful lot. And then on  
40 Saturday during the festival, we had over five thousand  
41 who got to enjoy it. So your support was significant  
42 in making that event happen.

43 Furthermore, I would like to also say a very  
44 special thank you. On Wednesday when we were hearing  
45 that the weather was going to be up to a hundred  
46 degrees, we panicked. And the first person we thought  
47 to call was Administrator Burns. And he said, I got  
48 you covered. No problem. I want you to call David  
49 Baker. And he called right away. He came down on  
50 Wednesday afternoon with his assistant, set up a

1 misting station, set up misting fans all along. And if  
2 those students outdoors had not had that on Thursday  
3 and Friday in what I measured on Thursday a hundred and  
4 two in the sun, they would have had a significant  
5 problem. So the Emergency Management Services came to  
6 our aid and we are so very thankful for that. And also  
7 for the great help that you provided in financial  
8 assistance, but also that Administrator Burns was so  
9 ready to help us out. So we really do appreciate that.

10 And at this time I would like to introduce to you  
11 our wonderful Executive Director of the Belton Area  
12 Museum Association who is going to speak to you tonight  
13 about an opportunity, as Elizabeth Fant said, that --  
14 keeping our fingers crossed -- is going to be a  
15 magnificent addition to Anderson County. So Abigail  
16 Burden will now speak.

17 ABIGAIL BURDEN: Thank you so much for giving  
18 us this opportunity to talk to you tonight. I want to  
19 start quickly with just a brief history as to how we've  
20 got to this point of wanting to discuss a South  
21 Carolina Natural History Museum.

22 About six or seven years ago, Joe and Karen Finley  
23 of Belton loaned the museum part of their taxidermy  
24 collection. It is an extensive collection. They  
25 allowed the museum to display part of their collection.  
26 Very, very well received. People, to this day, come  
27 into the museum asking what happened to the animals,  
28 wanting to see them back again.

29 After the exhibit was over and they took their  
30 animals back, they approached the museum about wanting  
31 to give the collection to Belton, to the Museum, with  
32 the stipulation that it be put on permanent display.  
33 So it's taken a while to get to the point we are now,  
34 but we have now officially been gifted the entire  
35 collection and are now looking to move forward with  
36 creating what we would like to be titled the South  
37 Carolina Natural History Museum.

38 Before we get any further, though, I want to take  
39 just a moment and show you some of these animals so you  
40 have an idea of what it is that we're talking about.  
41 Things like an amazing turkey. This lion is the fifth  
42 largest lion ever taken out of Africa. And because of  
43 current laws and regulations, conservation to protect  
44 the remaining lions in Africa, they can no longer be  
45 taken out of Africa. So this will continue to be the  
46 fifth largest lion ever taken out of Africa. Students  
47 would have the -- students and adults alike would have  
48 the opportunity to come face to face with a lion. Not  
49 something you can say you can do most places in the  
50 world safely. Not only are there land animals, but

1 also fish. Some wonderful things from Africa that you  
2 go to the Greenville Zoo, you're not going to see. As  
3 well as native animals. Impressive collection of  
4 various water bird -- water fowl, down to even cute  
5 little squirrels. I personally like this one. I think  
6 he's cute. There's Joe Finley talking to people at the  
7 museum during the opening for the exhibit.

8 For the exhibit, they had ties in with the South  
9 Carolina DNR. And moving forward with the museum we  
10 would like to also include tie-ins with the South  
11 Carolina DNR. We locally already have their support  
12 and we're looking to meet at the state level with them  
13 to get their endorsement for the museum. They would  
14 love to be able to use it as a teaching resource for  
15 their officers.

16 You can see there in the background where there's a  
17 giraffe, zebra. These are going to be animals that  
18 people are not going to be able to see like going to  
19 the Greenville Zoo. You may get to see a few of them.  
20 But Greenville Zoo is not that large and many of the  
21 people in Belton are not going to get the opportunity  
22 to go to Riverbanks in Columbia, to go to the National  
23 Zoo in Washington, D.C., to go to these larger zoos to  
24 be able to see animals. And even if they do they're  
25 not going to have the opportunity to come quite so  
26 close to the animals. There's Karen Finley, as well.  
27 And we also at the opening had archery.

28 The exhibit will not only have our -- the animals  
29 from the Finley collection, but we also have talked to  
30 Gina Clary of Diamond Hill Mind and she has an  
31 extensive gemstone collection, part of which she would  
32 love to see put on display at the museum, as well. We  
33 also had part of her collection on display for an  
34 exhibit and this is what this is from. Students were  
35 looking at rocks that glowed in the dark, some of the  
36 luminescent rocks. And they were digging for gemstones  
37 in a little wading pool. And there she is talking  
38 about some of the -- one of her gemstones; one of her  
39 crystals.

40 We also, in this museum, we're able to call it a  
41 Natural History Museum because it's going to be not  
42 only the animals, the gemstones, but also dinosaurs and  
43 other fossils. We also have a Belton native, Dan  
44 Horton, who is an amateur palaeontologist. And he  
45 would love to have his collection put on display so  
46 that other people besides himself can see it. We also  
47 -- when we had the gemstones on display, we also had  
48 some of his fossil collection. So it would also  
49 include dinosaur and other fossils. These are more of  
50 the fossils. How often can you come that close to a

1 dinosaur bone? Sabertooth tiger tooth. The picture  
2 does not do justice for the gemstones, but those are  
3 some of the largest amethyst veins -- one of the  
4 largest amethyst veins in North America was found at  
5 Diamond Hill Mine and these are some of the amethysts  
6 that came out of there, as well as some of the other  
7 gems.

8 I have just a few more here. You can just see the  
9 wide range of people that are interested in seeing  
10 these things, from the youngest child up to the parents  
11 and grandparents were all fascinated. How often are  
12 you going to be able to get face-to-face with a lion?

13 So at this point, as I said, we have received --  
14 the collection has been gifted to us for all of the  
15 animals. The big thing at this point, our next step,  
16 is figuring out where we're going to permanently  
17 display them. The museum in the Historic Belton Depot  
18 does not currently have the space. So we are looking  
19 for another location in which to have that collection.

20 One of the stipulation to the gift of the animals  
21 is that the collection has to stay in Belton. The  
22 Finleys are from Belton. They had their taxidermy  
23 business in Belton. They want it to stay in their  
24 hometown. But as Elizabeth and Allison both mentioned,  
25 this would be a boon, not just to Belton but to the  
26 entire county. We're already talked to people from  
27 Clemson University about the feasibility of are people  
28 going to come if we build this? And they have said  
29 without a doubt. We'll be getting people coming from  
30 the upstate, from Georgia, North Carolina. This will  
31 be a tourist attraction. And when they're coming to  
32 see the museum, they're going to be coming and staying,  
33 eating, spending money in Anderson County.

34 It also will be a -- we're hoping to partner with  
35 schools. We're going to be meeting with the Secretary  
36 of Education, Spearman, in the next month to get her  
37 endorsement to see that this will be a wonderful  
38 educational opportunity, as well. It aligns with a lot  
39 of the science standards that the students will have  
40 going from elementary up to high school. It also would  
41 be a perfect opportunity for those students that may  
42 have difficulties going and looking at animals in a  
43 zoo, whether it be just the cost of going to a zoo.  
44 But even those students earlier this evening were  
45 recognizing the disability and employment amongst those  
46 students that have sensory issues that couldn't handle  
47 the noise, the smells that come with going to a zoo,  
48 that come with seeing animals live, would still have an  
49 opportunity to see what this animal looks like without  
50 those extra sensory issues that can be problems for

1 some students. They'll also, in some cases, be able to  
2 put their hands on some of these things, which you're  
3 not going to be able to do in most zoos.

4 As I said, one of the challenges now is figuring  
5 out where it's going to go. And then also the money to  
6 either retrofit a building if we take over an existing  
7 building or to build a new building. The first step,  
8 though, is getting the support from -- we've already  
9 gotten the support from the city of Belton endorsing  
10 this project. Now we're asking for your support to  
11 endorse this project; that you see the benefit to the  
12 county of Anderson; that this would be a boon for  
13 everyone if we can make this happen.

14 Once we've got endorsements and we have a location,  
15 the next step will be the capital campaign to raise the  
16 money to make this happen. And we hope that in the  
17 next year or so we'll be able to come back and thank  
18 you for your support and show you an amazing museum.

19 Thank you very much for your time.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all. Appreciate  
21 it.

22 ABIGAIL BURDEN: Do you have any questions?

23 TOMMY DUNN: Anybody got any?

24 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

26 RAY GRAHAM: If it's okay with council,  
27 I'd like to get with Leon and possibly do a letter of  
28 support on this and maybe present it at the next  
29 council meeting.

30 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

31 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am, Ms. Wilson.

32 CINDY WILSON: There are a lot of families  
33 in the county that have various collections that would  
34 be willing to contribute more collections. So I guess  
35 the first thing -- did y'all make an application for  
36 accommodations tax funds this year?

37 ABIGAIL BURDEN: Not for this, only because  
38 we're not -- we didn't feel that we were to the point  
39 that we could justify asking for the money and how it  
40 would be spent in the calendar time for the  
41 accommodations. But definitely we're hoping next year  
42 we'll be to a point that we can.

43 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all again.

45 We're going to move on at this time to item number  
46 6(a). This will be ordinance's third reading, be 6(a),  
47 2019-014, an ordinance to amend Chapter 70, Article 6,  
48 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances so as to  
49 clarify storage of commercial equipment in residential  
50 zones. This is only for areas in Anderson County that

1 are zoned. It's already in the books. All this is  
2 doing is putting some teeth in legislation if somebody  
3 is violating this where they can take them to Court and  
4 get something done about it. Thus far it's been thrown  
5 out. That's what it's all about.

6 At this time we'll go into a public hearing on  
7 this. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter please  
8 step forward and state your name, district and address  
9 the chair. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none,  
10 public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to  
11 put this on the floor?

12 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

17 Moving on to item number 6(b), 2019-049, an  
18 ordinance authorizing the termination of a Lease  
19 Agreement between Anderson County, South Carolina and  
20 Project Lilac; the conveyance of certain property from  
21 Anderson County, South Carolina to Nutra Manufacturing  
22 LLC or its designee; the execution and delivery of an  
23 Infrastructure Credit Agreement, by and between  
24 Anderson County, South Carolina and Nutra Manufacturing  
25 LLC or its designee, to provide for Special Revenue  
26 Credits. From my understanding this is just taking the  
27 name, Anderson County, out of it. It was an original  
28 thing. We get out of it no money, no nothing. Cost  
29 nothing. We're just getting our name off the title  
30 where they can move on. This will be a public hearing.  
31 Anyone wishing to speak to this matter please step  
32 forward, state your name and district and address the  
33 chair. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, public  
34 hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to move  
35 this forward?

36 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

39 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham.

41 Discussion? Mr. Burriss, you got anything you want to  
42 add or say to this?

43 BURRISS NELSON: No, sir. You covered it  
44 exactly, that this is an opportunity for us to take our  
45 name out of the chain of title, which is a good thing  
46 for us and it gives them an opportunity not to have to  
47 explain it to others in any of their business  
48 transactions, why their company -- their property is  
49 not in their own name. Just a simple change of those  
50 things. But it unwinds their fee agreement, as well,

1 and offers -- and moves to the multi county industrial  
2 park infrastructure credit agreement. Exactly like you  
3 said.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor  
5 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.  
6 Show the motion carries unanimously.

7 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, sir.

8 TOMMY DUNN: If you would, Mr. Graham,  
9 would like to have a comment.

10 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

11 BURRISS NELSON: The ordinance?

12 TOMMY DUNN: No. This is something  
13 different. You might be leaving so we want to go ahead  
14 and take care of this housekeeping; okay?

15 RAY GRAHAM: I assume you're probably  
16 getting ready to head out. I know you've had a long  
17 day. I just wanted to publicly thank you and your  
18 staff for all the hard work and the commitment that  
19 you've given city of Belton and staff at Wells  
20 Aluminum. I've got a lot of feedback from that and  
21 they are forever indebted to you guys for all the work  
22 that y'all have done. And I personally just wanted to  
23 thank each of your staff members for all the work that  
24 y'all done as far as getting that together. It was a  
25 great turnout. I think it really put a sense of ease  
26 to their minds and basically they're looking at losing  
27 jobs right here at Christmastime. That's when it's  
28 going to be wrapping up. I know that day with y'all  
29 guys coming together and getting all those resources,  
30 it really kind of gave them a sense of ease on that.  
31 And I definitely appreciate that. Thank you so much.

32 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Nelson, that goes,  
34 without saying, the whole council feels the same way.

35 BURRISS NELSON: Certainly appreciate that.  
36 But thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve  
37 our fellow citizens in our community. Thank you so  
38 much.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all.

40 Moving on to item number 7, and this will be second  
41 reading of ordinances; 7(a), 2019-050, an ordinance to  
42 amend the zoning map to rezone plus or minus 49.44  
43 acres on Garrison Road from R-20 single family  
44 residential to R-A residential agriculture, tax map  
45 number 066-011-017 and 66-00-11-005. Do we have a  
46 motion to move that forward?

47 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

50 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis.  
2 Discussion? Dr. Parkey, you got anything you'd like to  
3 add or need to add?  
4 JEFF PARKEY: No, sir.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion,  
6 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion  
7 carries unanimously.  
8 Moving on to 7(b), 2019-051, an ordinance to amend  
9 the zoning map to rezone plus or minus 5.72 acres at  
10 1150 Garrison Road from R-20 single family residential  
11 to R-A residential agriculture, tax map number 066-00-  
12 11-020. Do we have a motion to move this forward?  
13 CINDY WILSON: So moved.  
14 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we  
15 have a second?  
16 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.  
17 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any  
18 discussion? Dr. Parkey, do you have anything?  
19 JEFF PARKEY: No, sir.  
20 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion  
21 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion  
22 carries unanimously.  
23 Moving on to item number 7(c), 2019-052, an  
24 ordinance to amend the zoning map plus or minus 5 acres  
25 at 1140 Garrison Road from R-20 single family  
26 residential to R-A residential agriculture. Tax map  
27 number is 066-00-11-021. Do we have a motion to move  
28 this forward?  
29 CINDY WILSON: So moved.  
30 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we  
31 have a second?  
32 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any  
34 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of  
35 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
36 unanimously.  
37 Moving on now to item 8(a), ordinance first  
38 reading, 2019-054, an ordinance to amend Chapter 2,  
39 Article V of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances so  
40 as to add Section 2-613 regarding policy related to  
41 minority businesses in the procurement process and  
42 other matters related thereto. I think we've been  
43 asked to do this for some government agency. I'll let  
44 Mr. Burns speak to that.  
45 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, we already do  
46 this in our procurement policies in Anderson County.  
47 This is a request that we make this part of an  
48 ordinance so we will have it going forward. And it's  
49 really just a formality because as I said before, we  
50 already do this.



1 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to move  
2 this forward?  
3 CINDY WILSON: So moved.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson.  
5 CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Wooten. Any  
7 discussion?  
8 CINDY WILSON: Just a quick comment. Even  
9 on our bids that go out, it spells out that there's  
10 preferential treatment, from what I remember, in  
11 reading those materials. That they're invited to bid.  
12 Thank you.  
13 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor  
14 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.  
15 Show the motion carries unanimously.  
16 Moving on to item number 9(a), R2019-046, a  
17 resolution expressing intent to cease maintenance on  
18 and to authorize county consent to judicial abandonment  
19 of Woodson Drive, designed as C-05-0056 (verbatim),  
20 District 4. Do we have a motion to move this forward?  
21 JIMMY DAVIS: 0059.  
22 TOMMY DUNN: 0059. Sorry about that.  
23 Thank you. Do we have a motion to move this forward?  
24 CINDY WILSON: So moved.  
25 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we  
26 have a second?  
27 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.  
28 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis.  
29 Discussion? I'd just like to add for the record, Mr.  
30 Sanders -- this is Mr. Sanders' district. He wants  
31 this done. He's got no objection to this. All in  
32 favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.  
33 Show the motion carries unanimously.  
34 Moving on to item number 10, road acceptance into  
35 the county inventory. Oaks at Shiloh Creek  
36 Subdivision, be District 6, Cane Hill Drive, Monocacy  
37 Way, Picketts Mill Drive, Vicksburg Drive. Is there  
38 any reason we can't do all of these at one time? Do we  
39 have a motion to get this on the floor?  
40 JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.  
41 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis. Do we  
43 have a second?  
44 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson.  
46 Discussion?  
47 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Hogan? These roads  
48 aren't that old. How old are they? They're good?  
49 Thank you.  
50 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion

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

3 Moving on to item number 11. Are there any  
4 appointments to be made?

5 Requests by council members. Mr. Davis, do you  
6 have any?

7 JIMMY DAVIS: I have nothing at this  
8 time, sir.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham, do you have  
10 any?

11 RAY GRAHAM: Several meetings back I  
12 requested seven hundred and fifty dollars to Big Water  
13 Marina for their celebration of July the 4th fireworks.  
14 Due to some paperwork issues, they basically failed to  
15 put Cancer Association of Anderson on it. I just want  
16 to amend that and include Cancer Association of  
17 Anderson and Big Water Marina for that seven hundred  
18 and fifty dollar partnership for the fireworks show.

19 Mr. Burns, will it be easier to take that other one  
20 off and just do this one or just amend it? Take it  
21 off?

22 RUSTY BURNS: I would remove the other  
23 one and do this fresh.

24 RAY GRAHAM: I would ask support from  
25 council that we remove the one a few months back and  
26 put it back into my recreational fund. And in return  
27 I've got two for tonight. One of them is for seven  
28 hundred and fifty dollars to Cancer Association of  
29 Anderson and Big Water Marina on a partnership with  
30 July the 4th fireworks show.

31 The second one is for Iva Recreation Association,  
32 five thousand dollars for a batting cage baseball and  
33 softball for their recreational program.

34 I bring this in the form of a motion.

35 CINDY WILSON: Second.

36 TOMMY DUNN: If it's all right we're  
37 going to take that off first and put it back in your  
38 account. We'll do that one first.

39 CINDY WILSON: I'll make the motion that  
40 we take it out and put it back into the District 3  
41 recreation account.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?

43 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham will second  
45 that. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show  
46 of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
47 unanimously.

48 Now Mr. Graham has got a motion on the floor to  
49 reappropriate that money back to the Cancer Association  
50 and to the ---

1                   RAY GRAHAM:           Five thousand dollars to  
2 Iva Recreation.  
3                   TOMMY DUNN:           Do we have a second?  
4                   CINDY WILSON:        Second.  
5                   TOMMY DUNN:           Second Ms. Wilson. Any  
6 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.  
7 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
8 unanimously.  
9                   Anything else, Mr. Graham?  
10                  RAY GRAHAM:           No.  
11                  TOMMY DUNN:           Mr. Wooten?  
12                  CRAIG WOOTEN:        No, sir.  
13                  TOMMY DUNN:           Ms. Wilson?  
14                  CINDY WILSON:        (No audible response).  
15                  TOMMY DUNN:           I'd like to appropriate out  
16 of District 5's special appropriation account fifteen  
17 hundred dollars for the Bridge Recovery. They've got  
18 some worthwhile programs. They've run into an issue  
19 with a fire hydrant over there, having to put in. So I  
20 will put that in the form of a motion.  
21                  CINDY WILSON:        Second.  
22                  TOMMY DUNN:           Second Ms. Wilson. Any  
23 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of  
24 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
25 unanimously.  
26                  Secondly, -- Ms. Lacey, how much money has Mr.  
27 Sanders got? He gave me authorization to spend it  
28 tonight, so I want to make sure I get it all. I'll  
29 leave him a dollar in there. Mr. Sanders agreed also  
30 for fifteen hundred dollars to the Bridge Center  
31 Recovery. So I put that in the form of a motion out of  
32 District 4's special account.  
33                  CINDY WILSON:        Second.  
34                  TOMMY DUNN:           Second Ms. Wilson. She's  
35 just as guilty as I am now. Any discussion? All in  
36 favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.  
37 Show the motion carries unanimously.  
38                  Thank y'all very much.  
39                  Moving on to item number 13, administrator's  
40 report.  
41                  RUSTY BURNS:           Nothing at this time, Mr.  
42 Chairman.  
43                  TOMMY DUNN:           Thank you, Mr. Burns.  
44                  Now, moving on to item number 14, citizens  
45 comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your name you've got  
46 three minutes. Please address the chair, state your  
47 name and district for the record.  
48                  LEON HARMON:           Mr. Chairman, we have one  
49 speaker signed up. Elizabeth Fant.  
50                  ELIZABETH FANT:        Elizabeth Fant, District

1 3. Two separate things. I'm not sure why we keep  
2 adding roads into our roads that we're responsible for  
3 when we are so low on funds. I don't know why that  
4 benefits us or who it benefits, but I just want that  
5 question answered from somebody.

6 The main thing I want to talk about is the monthly  
7 sheriff's report, the back page. If you'll look at  
8 that you'll see that the average daily population is a  
9 hundred and seventy percent which means a hundred  
10 percent would be how many we're supposed to have.  
11 Seventy percent is that much more than we're supposed  
12 to have. So we're almost at double capacity that our  
13 jail will accommodate.

14 I would like to suggest, and I don't know the  
15 procedure of who is responsible for this, but I would  
16 like to suggest that we get another magistrate, one  
17 that will do night court. Some of those people that  
18 are sitting in jail have been there for over two years  
19 or up to two years. So the amount that we're paying  
20 for detention center people, meals, housing, space and  
21 all of that, if we could move those people quicker  
22 through the system, either get them down to Columbia if  
23 that's where they need to be, or out or bonded or doing  
24 public service, we need to do that. In my mind there  
25 is no reason why we should be -- will be penalized and  
26 will be at the point of having to build a new jail when  
27 some of what we need to do is just to move these people  
28 through. I don't know what it takes, where it comes  
29 from. Does it come from Columbia? Does it come from  
30 you all to decide to get a new magistrate? But the  
31 funds to have a new magistrate would way offset the  
32 cost of a jail.

33 Now, the jail does need updates. Not to say that a  
34 building built in the 1950s is going to hold out like  
35 it should. But I don't want to see us go to millions  
36 and millions of dollars poured into a facility when  
37 what we really need to be doing is moving those people  
38 on, getting them rehabilitated, getting them mental  
39 health if that's what they need, and not having so many  
40 bodies that are just in the jail.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else, Mr. Harmon?

42 LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

44 Moving on now to remarks from council members. Mr.  
45 Davis.

46 JIMMY DAVIS: I have nothing, sir.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Graham?

48 RAY GRAHAM: I have nothing, sir.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wooten.

50 CRAIG WOOTEN: We've gone so quickly

1 tonight I feel obligated to speak till eight thirty,  
2 but I don't have anything at this time.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson.

4 CINDY WILSON: Just a quick comment.

5 There is a massive effort going on between the county  
6 and all parties related to jails, incarceration,  
7 trials, everything, right now. There's an effort to  
8 put together a mental health court. There's an effort  
9 to put together a facility at Patrick Harris where  
10 those type people can go and have rehabilitation and so  
11 forth. The solicitor, the public defender, we have an  
12 incredible county employee, Ms. Casey Collins, who does  
13 all the statistical work. And she's been pulling  
14 together statistics that have been very helpful in that  
15 effort to try to add some kind of shape and common  
16 sense to what the increased numbers of arrest and so  
17 forth are. So there is a lot going on. And a lot of  
18 these meetings have been public. So people are invited  
19 to come to those meetings. I've not heard of one  
20 within the last month. I think they had the last  
21 meeting maybe in July or August. But anyway, there's a  
22 lot going on. Thank you.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

24 Appreciate everybody. Just to address a couple of  
25 things. Our ordinance claims when they build roads to  
26 a certain criteria that meets our standards, we've got  
27 to accept them in our subdivisions. Those people pay  
28 taxes, too, and that's the reason those roads are  
29 coming in. We can't deny them just because they got a  
30 new house and new subdivision. If they meet our  
31 standards and ordinances we take them in after a year.  
32 And they've got to stand behind that for a year.  
33 That's where that comes up.

34 As far as the jail issue, I just want to make it  
35 very -- we've been on this for probably going on a year  
36 and a half or better. We had a big meeting here in  
37 council where federal folks come in and they made the  
38 statement that really rings out in my mind, if we build  
39 a jail big enough to hold twenty-five hundred people,  
40 we'll fill it up. That's not the answer. Ms. Fant's  
41 talking about it -- we've got a lady -- we've got a  
42 criminal coordinating committee that's been working.  
43 They meet all the time. Ms. Collins is constantly  
44 across the road talking with magistrates trying to get  
45 it through the system. But unfortunately to get  
46 through this, county council don't have the club that  
47 makes things happen. We've doing all we can do.  
48 Council sure don't appoint magistrates. That'll be two  
49 state senators who appoints magistrates and makes that  
50 happen. Wish we did have more things to get this up.

1 But we do have to do something another. We're working  
2 on it. We've got meetings coming up. And I can tell  
3 you, I was just out there at the jail Thursday.  
4 Invited. I wasn't ... But anyway, a jail is coming,  
5 folks. I'm just going to tell you right now, get  
6 prepared for it. From what the federal people are  
7 telling us and the state thing, we've got all this  
8 thing to get through and do it right and that will be  
9 coming down the pike. I can assure you on that.  
10 Appreciate everybody. Council meeting adjourned.

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**(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:08 P.M.)**