

State of South Carolina)

County of Anderson)

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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
RAY GRAHAM
BRETT SANDERS
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 November the 5th special presentations county
3 council meeting to order. Welcome each and every one
4 of you. Thank y'all for coming out tonight.

5 We'll start off with Resolution 2(a), 2019-047.
6 This will be from all council members. Councilman
7 Craig Wooten.

8 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir.

9 THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FAITH
10 LINE UPON HER INDUCTION INTO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY
11 ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME.

12 WHEREAS, Faith Line, a Kentucky native and South
13 Carolina resident since 1970, holds a Bachelor of
14 Science in History from Charleston Southern University,
15 a Master of Library Science from the University of
16 South Carolina, and a Master of Public Administration
17 from Troy University, and has served as Director of
18 the Anderson County Library System since 2007; and

19 WHEREAS, the South Carolina Library Association
20 Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding individuals with a
21 longstanding, distinguished record of professional
22 achievements and significant accomplishments who have
23 made substantial, lasting contributions to the
24 development of library and information services in
25 their local community, the state of South Carolina, or
26 the nation; and

27 WHEREAS, Line has a track record of excellence in
28 library leadership in South Carolina over a career that
29 has spanned more than thirty years, including service
30 in the Pickens County Library System, as Director of
31 the Sumter County Library System, and, since 2007, as
32 Director of the Anderson County Library System, where
33 she has overseen improvements and renovations of six
34 Anderson County Library branches, led innovative
35 initiatives like the addition of fishing equipment to
36 Library inventory that patrons can borrow, and has been
37 instrumental statewide in establishing consortiums of
38 South Carolina libraries, first with Palmetto Polaris
39 group and then with SCLENDS, allowing twenty South
40 Carolina libraries to share materials and greatly
41 expanding the resources available to Anderson County
42 citizens; and

43 WHEREAS, Line, in addition to her service at the
44 Library, gives of her time and expertise to
45 organizations such as the Alston-Wilkes Society, First
46 Steps, Foothills Alliance, United Way, Anderson Area
47 Chamber of Commerce, Anderson University Lifelong
48 Learning, and Rotary International and received the
49 2018 Athena Award for professional excellence,
50 community service, and active assistance of women in

1 their attainment of professional excellence and
2 leadership skills.

3 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, in meeting duly assembled
4 this fifth day of November 2019, to take effect and be
5 in force immediately upon enactment, that the Anderson
6 County Council recognizes and honors Faith Line for her
7 service to Anderson County and the State of South
8 Carolina through her achievements in the field of
9 librarianship and congratulates on her induction into
10 the South Carolina Library Association Hall of Fame.

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

12 CINDY WILSON: Second.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Motion. Do we have a
14 second?

15 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Discussion? Second Mr.

17 Sanders; I'm sorry. Do we have discussion?

18 CRAIG WOOTEN: I just want to say as a
19 lifelong Andersonian, my parents took me to the
20 Anderson County Library, and I know the impact that it
21 makes in this community. I was talking to my wife
22 about it tonight, and you know, people joke
23 historically -- they even say historically that, you
24 know, the gun is the great equalizer. I'd make an
25 argument that the library is the great equalizer
26 because it gives everybody in our community access to
27 learning and about whatever topic they want; either for
28 entertainment or for professional development. It's a
29 wonderful resource. And for Ms. Line to have this
30 honor bestowed up on her from her peers and the
31 association is just a testament to the great work she's
32 done for our county.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson.

34 CINDY WILSON: Very quickly to repeat
35 what Mr. Wooten said and also to recognize what a
36 treasure Ms. Line and her staff are to our county. I
37 remember going to the reference desk with help for my
38 daughter. And the library is just an incredible asset
39 for the county. And I, like you, started at a very
40 early age, my mother taking me to the library and we'd
41 check out books every summer and be done in two or
42 three days and have to make another trip down there.
43 It is just a wonderful place. So we're very proud of
44 our library. Thank you.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
46 Anyone else? I'd just like to say, Ms. Line, this is
47 greatly deserved. Appreciate you getting it and
48 Anderson County is very fortunate and very lucky to
49 have you leading our library system. Very fortunate
50 since I've been on council now going on eleven years,

1 you've done an outstanding job and before I got on
2 council you did an outstanding job. And I just want to
3 say we really do appreciate it. We might not be able
4 to go to all the events because we have a lot going on
5 at the library, thank goodness. That don't mean we
6 don't support you and think about you. We do
7 appreciate what all you do. The library does a great
8 job for the citizens of Anderson County. It's run very
9 good. We get very few comments but the comments we do
10 get is always very positive. Thank you very much.

11 All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed
12 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously with
13 the council members here and Ms. Floyd is absent
14 tonight.

15 Moving on now to item number 2(b), be Resolution
16 R2019-048, A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ANNIE
17 SUTTON UPON HER SELECTION AS THE 2019 RECIPIENT OF THE
18 SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING
19 LIBRARIAN AWARD.

20 Mr. Sanders.

21 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir.

22 WHEREAS, Annie Sutton, an Indiana native, holds a
23 Bachelor of Arts in English Literature with minors in
24 Psychology and Business and a Master of Library
25 Science, both from Indiana University, and currently
26 serves as Head of Access Services for the Anderson
27 County Library System, overseeing staff and operations
28 in all ten branches of the Library, after having served
29 in progressively responsible roles, including Reference
30 Librarian, Teen Librarian, Branch Manager, Head of
31 Extension, and, now, Head of Access Services, since
32 she began her career with the Library in 2006; and

33 WHEREAS, the South Carolina Library Association
34 Outstanding Librarian Award recognizes and honors a
35 mid-career librarian who has initiated or developed an
36 imaginative or creative program, service, or work of
37 enduring value for the effective use of or increased
38 interest in libraries or a particular library with
39 contributions including excellence in leadership,
40 significant professional writing, instrumental role in
41 building programs, or promotion of the profession
42 through teaching or influence; and

43 WHEREAS, Sutton, throughout her distinguished
44 career with the Anderson County Library System, has led
45 the Library in innovative initiatives and improvements,
46 including spearheading the establishment of
47 dedicated teen library services through the Jonathan
48 Gambrell Teen Room, managing multiple major branch
49 library renovation projects and a reworking of the
50 Anderson Main Library for improved accessibility to the

1 fiction, audio/visual, and magazine collections, and
2 creating community outreach programs that have brought
3 thousands into the Library and significantly increased
4 library card sign-ups; and

5 WHEREAS, Sutton, in addition to her service at the
6 Library, is active in the Anderson community,
7 volunteering her time at the United Way, the LOT
8 Project, PAWS Animal Shelter, and other organizations;

9 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, in meeting duly assembled
10 this 5th day of November 2019, to take effect and be in
11 force immediately upon enactment, that the Anderson
12 County Council recognizes and honors Annie Sutton for
13 her service to Anderson County and the State of South
14 Carolina through her achievements in the field of
15 librarianship and congratulates her on her selection as
16 the 2019 recipient of the South Carolina Library
17 Association Outstanding Librarian Award.

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

19 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr.
20 Sanders; second Ms. Wilson. Any further discussion?

21 I'd just like to say that we are very blessed. Ms.
22 Wilson said her thing and very fortunate to have the
23 staff that we have and people that care about what they
24 do. Very fortunate and very appreciative of what
25 happens and goes at the library and very thankful that
26 we have great people like Ms. Sutton on our staff. We
27 really do appreciate the job they're doing. Anyone
28 else? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
29 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
30 unanimously.

31 At this time we'd ask Ms. Faith and Ms. Sutton to
32 step up.

33 **APPLAUSE**

34 **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION**

35 FAITH LINE: I just want to thank you
36 all for this. This was a lovely honor. It was very
37 unexpected and I appreciate it greatly. And thank you
38 for the support. If you all had not supported the
39 library as you have over the years, we would not be in
40 the shape we are. So it's due to the fact that you all
41 support the library and realize the importance of it,
42 and we appreciate that greatly. Thank you.

43 **APPLAUSE**

44 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll be
45 moving on to item number 2(c), R2019-049. Vice
46 Chairman Graham.

47 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
48 Mr. Chairman, I bring this resolution in the form of a
49 motion. It's R2019-049.

50 THIS IS A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF

1 BELTON AND THE BELTON AREA MUSEUM ASSOCIATION'S JOINT
2 EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF
3 NATURAL HISTORY WITHIN BELTON'S CITY LIMITS.

4 WHEREAS, the Belton Area Museum Association,
5 founded in 1975, collects, exhibits, preserves, and
6 interprets the artifacts, sites, antiquities, and
7 genealogical, archival, cultural, and natural history
8 of Belton, Anderson County, and the State of South
9 Carolina, operating the Ruth Drake Museum, the South
10 Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame, the North End Gallery, a
11 gift shop and a performance venue, all housed in the
12 historic Belton Train Depot; and

13 WHEREAS, the City of Belton and the Belton Area
14 Museum Association have worked in close partnership for
15 many years to complete a multitude of projects, the
16 latest of which is the proposed creation of the South
17 Carolina Museum of Natural History within Belton's city
18 limits; and

19 WHEREAS, the stated vision of the proposed South
20 Carolina Museum of Natural History is to become an
21 educational resource for students across South
22 Carolina, providing one-on-one experiences with animal
23 mounts, fossils, and gemstones native to the state of
24 South Carolina and from around the world; and

25 WHEREAS, the City of Belton and the Belton Area
26 Museum Association have approached Anderson County
27 Council for guidance and general support in their joint
28 efforts to create the proposed South Carolina Museum of
29 Natural History;

30 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED in a meeting duly
31 assembled this 5th day of November, 2019 that the
32 Anderson County Council, on behalf of the citizens of
33 the County, expresses its support for the City of
34 Belton and the Belton Area Museum Association in their
35 efforts to create the proposed South Carolina Museum of
36 Natural History within Belton's city limits.

37 Mr. Chairman, I bring this forth in the form of a
38 motion.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Do we
40 have a second? Second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion?
41 All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
42 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

43 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, if we could
44 I know we've got Ms. Darby and Ms. Abigail Burden here
45 tonight. If you guys can come up we'd like to present
46 this to you.

47 PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

48 APPLAUSE

49 ABIGAIL BURDEN: I would like to take this
50 opportunity to thank the county council for their

1 support, not only in this endeavor but in other
2 endeavors that you've supported the museum throughout
3 the years. This endorsement will join those from our
4 city. We've also met with some state agencies down in
5 Columbia. And all of this will go together to put
6 forth a packet that our state legislators will be
7 presenting to the legislature to be on the agenda for
8 the 2020 legislative season. Thank you.

9 **APPLAUSE**

10 TOMMY DUNN: At this time that will
11 conclude this portion or part of our council meeting.
12 We'll adjourned. We'll meet back here at 6:30 to start
13 our regular council meeting.

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15 **(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:16 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 November the 5th to order. I'd like to welcome each
4 and every one of you here tonight and thank y'all for
5 coming. I'd like to especially welcome, I think
6 Leadership Anderson class here thirty-six; appreciate
7 y'all being here. Thank y'all for coming.

8 At this time we're going to move on and I would
9 like to ask Councilman Davis if he will lead us in
10 invocation and pledge of allegiance. If we'd all rise,
11 please, the ones that can.

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

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

14 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: I want a personal
16 privilege, please.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Sometime really nice
19 happened to me coming here today, and I'm not going to
20 let it go by because it's so seldom that people think
21 about other people. But there are two people in the
22 audience that I really want to bring special attention
23 to. She told me her name, but you know how I am about
24 names. She is on the second row and she's wearing a
25 yellow blouse. Okay. That's her. She's trying to
26 hide her face. But when I got here today I had one of
27 those brain things and I couldn't get the stuff out of
28 the car and I couldn't cut my lights out on the car.
29 But this lady came up and turned my lights out for me.
30 She showed me how to do it. And you talking about
31 something that was ... but she did it. She did it.
32 And she helped me in. I want to thank her. She told
33 me her name. What was your name again? Whitaker,
34 okay. Mrs. Whitaker, I thank you.

35 And then there's a young lady way in the back, back
36 there. She knows to be quiet. She was one of my
37 students, y'all, in middle school and look at her now.
38 She is working for Tri-County Tech, and I'm very, very
39 proud of her. And I told her to keep that little group
40 quiet and don't make me have to come back there. And
41 she would do it. But thank y'all so much for coming
42 tonight. And I thank you both from the bottom of my
43 heart.

44 And I cannot forgot my other student from high
45 school is here with me and I love her to death. But
46 y'all thank you for giving me this privilege to say
47 this tonight.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

49 Moving on now to approval of October 15, 2019
50 minutes. Are there any corrections to be made? Do we

1 have a motion to move this forward?

2 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a
4 second?

5 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. All in
7 favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
8 Show the motion carries unanimously.

9 At this time we're going to ask for citizens
10 comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your name, the first
11 round is only on agenda items only. You have three
12 minutes. When Mr. Harmon calls your name if you would,
13 for the record, state your name and district. Mr.
14 Harmon.

15 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first speaker
16 is Elizabeth Fant.

17 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3.
18 I'm speaking on a bunch of things tonight; number 5,
19 number 6, finance, lots of things. Basically they all
20 revolve around two things. One is publicizing the good
21 things that are going on in Anderson County, and the
22 second thing is no matter how much we want to look at
23 the good things, we always need to look at the deficits
24 and see where we are amiss and what we can improve on.

25 The detention center is on there. We know we need
26 to have improved facilities. We need to have a night
27 court magistrate. Some of those people have been over
28 there for almost two years waiting to be seen. That's
29 really not good. So we're cluttering up the detention
30 center by all these people that if they had been seen,
31 bonded, done whatever has to be done, we wouldn't have
32 the high numbers that we're having.

33 I also want to talk about Homeland Park. I went to
34 the meeting that was there about a week ago. And those
35 people are really angry. They're angry that all the
36 assets that are going on in Anderson County, whether it
37 be roads, street lights, safety, whatever, that their
38 surroundings are not being looked at. Everybody else
39 gets the goodies and Homeland Park gets nothing. Did
40 you know the average median salary down there is
41 twenty-one thousand dollars? That's a rough row to
42 hoe.

43 The atax money, that's good, it's going to a lot of
44 things to promote Anderson. We've got to realize,
45 though, that we can't just promote the good guys or the
46 people who already have the money, who already have the
47 facilities; we need to be helping those that don't.
48 I'm concerned about the website. I don't know anything
49 about the people who are going to do it. We need to
50 make sure that they are bonded, that they know what

1 they're doing and in the contract we have a caveat that
2 if something goes wrong that they're responsible and
3 that we don't pay them until it gets fixed. We don't
4 need another Obama -- five million dollars Obamacare in
5 the ditch website.

6 I'm glad to see that we're getting a K9 vehicle for
7 Belton. We recently got a Belton police car. We now
8 have a new policeman. I think we've hired a couple of
9 new police. That helps Belton. But you've got to
10 realize that the small towns are really at a
11 disadvantage because they don't have this money that's
12 being pumped into Anderson County to a lot of the
13 facilities. And their little towns, they don't have
14 money for roads, they don't have money for
15 infrastructure, water, sewer and all the amenities that
16 seem to get on the 81 side of Anderson or the Pendleton
17 side. And we've got to step up and make sure that the
18 small towns get their share, including when we get to
19 the roads ---

20 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

21 ELIZABETH FANT: --- that that happens, too.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon. Who
23 you got next?

24 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Tonya
25 Winbush.

26 TONYA WINBUSH: My name is Tonya Winbush.
27 I'm in District 1; Craig Wooten is my county council
28 person. But the thing that I want to bring up is --
29 and it was really not expounded on at the last meeting,
30 but it is about number 8. This is the ordinance for
31 the second reading. It's to amend Chapter 2, Article V
32 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances so to add a
33 section 2-613 regarding a policy related to minority
34 business in the procurement process, and other matters
35 related thereto.

36 I don't even know what this is about. I would, I
37 guess, have to dig and try to find where the Anderson
38 County Code of Ordinances so that I could find what
39 it's talking about. It's too vague. I need to know
40 what -- it says the procurement process, which is
41 purchasing process, but purchasing process of what? Of
42 other businesses, of property in Anderson County, and
43 other matters related thereto. I don't know what the
44 other matters related thereto are.

45 I think I've addressed things before when
46 Councilwoman Gracie Floyd is not here to expound on
47 things and to slow things down, it goes really, really,
48 really fast. I think last county council meeting I was
49 here and she wasn't. There was a comment made that
50 that was the fastest meeting ever. You know, just kind

1 of zoomed straight through things. And I know that
2 some of the things can be mundane, boring, but when it
3 comes to information and what's going on, especially
4 when it comes to the citizens that it could affect,
5 when I see something that says minority and I'm a
6 minority, then I want to know what you're talking
7 about, what's going on, especially if it's going to
8 affect me and my community.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon?

10 LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up,
11 Mr. Chairman.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

13 Moving on to item number 5, South Anderson
14 Community Development, Ms. Floyd. Ms. Floyd.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
16 have a lot to tell you and a lot to talk about tonight.
17 But it's not going to take me the whole fifteen
18 minutes. But I -- in my district I am responsible for
19 the Homeland Park area. And Homeland Park is one of my
20 -- well, in fact, they're all favorites of mine. But
21 I've spent a lot of time in Homeland Park since I got
22 it about seven years ago. It wasn't always mine. But
23 I've worked very hard there. But it's a situation
24 where the harder you work the further you get behind.
25 And that's what's happening. I found out -- you're
26 going to get sick of this story because I'm going to
27 talk about it until the day I die, which won't be soon;
28 okay? But I found out that in District 2, Homeland
29 Park, that I have seventy-seven houses that are
30 delapidated, burned, needs to be fixed up or people
31 left it and abandoned the houses. I have seventy-seven
32 houses. Okay.

33 District 1, you have five. I'll swap with you any
34 day. You have five, according to the report that I
35 have.

36 District 3, you have fourteen.

37 District 4, you have thirteen.

38 District 5, twenty-six.

39 District 6, six.

40 District 7, three.

41 How many do I have? Seventy-seven. All the time I
42 have been here no one ever said that. No one ever told
43 us that. No one ever told me that. I was devastated
44 how much money it takes to remove a house, to tear a
45 house down. I think -- is it thirteen thousand dollars
46 to tear down one houses -- one house? In the budget
47 this year they gave us, all of us, they gave us fifty
48 thousand dollars. Fifty thousand dollars. What in the
49 heck am I supposed to do with fifty thousand dollars?
50 Nothing. We begged them. Then we got a hundred

1 thousand. What can I do with a hundred thousand?
2 Nothing.

3 So I came up with this brilliant idea. I had
4 already packed my luggage. Went to talk to Mr. Burns
5 and told Mr. Burns that I wanted him and me and some
6 other people to go to Washington, D.C. because we are
7 going to go and talk with -- what was his name, Mr.
8 Burns? No, it wasn't a congressman. It was Ben -- his
9 name is Dr. Ben somebody. What is it?

10 FEMALE: Carson.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Carson. That's his name.
12 I don't do names, folks. But anyway, we were going to
13 go up there and we were going to talk to Dr. Ben Carson
14 and we were going to come back down here with
15 something. Well, poor Mr. Burns, he talked me out of
16 it.

17 So we come up with another idea. Let's write a
18 grant. We found out that the CDBG grant, that's a
19 grant that gives folks money, different counties, to do
20 the things with houses and community. And they did
21 away with it for a while, but then they brought it back
22 this year.

23 So I begged Mr. Burns to please give me, body and
24 soul, Mr. Steve Newton. Steve Newton writes grants.
25 And he did. I guess he was afraid not to. But he gave
26 me Steve Newton. So Steve Newton and I brought a --
27 some people in from the district to help us, to be our
28 eyes, ears and anything else that we needed to get this
29 thing done.

30 Well, the first thing we had to do was to take it
31 to the people. And we took it to them. They were
32 very, very pleased. They were very pleased. They want
33 it. They're going to help us. But we are going to
34 have to show something. I'm scared. I'm scared.
35 Because if we don't get that grant what is poor
36 Homeland Park going to do? A lot has been done to
37 Homeland Park, but very little has been done for
38 Homeland Park. Now it's time for us to get together.
39 I don't care what district you live in. I'd like for
40 you to come and help us get over this doing what we
41 have to do for Homeland Park.

42 We are writing for -- I wish Steve were here
43 tonight -- but we are writing for -- is it a three
44 hundred thousand dollar grant? That's what it was?
45 Five, okay, five hundred thousand dollar grant. And
46 council members, some of you I just love to death. You
47 ain't getting none of the money. It's all going to
48 District 2 to clean up Homeland Park and the area down
49 there near South Fant Elementary School and may go as
50 far up as the streets near the old Boys and Girls Club;

1 I think it's Evergreen Street. We've got to do
2 something. It's not fair. It's not fair what we have
3 done.

4 Homeland Park was the end of -- the south end of
5 Anderson County one time. They have the most wonderful
6 people that you want to meet. Real down to earth,
7 honest people that you want to meet. But what can they
8 do?

9 My apology to them is that I did not know, I did
10 not know that I had seventy-seven. Nobody told me
11 that. Nobody. But I found out. We've started --
12 we're about ready to go from neighborhood to
13 neighborhood now to look at the houses to see just what
14 has to be done. We have a demolition project, a
15 process, in Anderson County. But out of seven
16 districts, and each of us have a total of about twenty-
17 two to twenty-four thousand people in each district.
18 I'm only going to get two houses torn down unless you
19 let me have yours. I didn't think so. But we're going
20 to get two or three houses torn down off of that
21 demolition project. We need the money.

22 So when it's time for you to write letters for us
23 to get this grant, please don't hesitate. Nobody's
24 going to hurt you. Nobody's going to take what you
25 have. All we need is your voice when we get ready to
26 write that letter to say this is a highly, highly
27 needed area.

28 The young lady asked a question a few minutes ago.
29 You will soon find out that it's related to this
30 project that I'm going to do. All right.

31 But my name is Gracie Floyd and that's my story and
32 I'm going to stick to it. We're going to do this.
33 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

35 Moving on to item number 6, Mr. Burns will give us
36 an update on the detention center. I think he's got
37 some -- I think Ms. Casey is going to give us some,
38 too.

39 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, we have put
40 together our detention report -- detention center
41 report. It's an offshoot of the Criminal Justice
42 Coordinating Council. We have been studying
43 extensively -- the major and the warden are handing out
44 copies to each member of council. You have already
45 received a preview in your boxes sometime ago. And
46 we're going to begin with, with council's permission,
47 to let Ms. Casey Collins go through that briefly.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead. Thank you, Mr.
49 Burns.

50 CASEY COLLINS: Thank you, council. Thank

1 you, Mr. Burns. You guys just received phase two of a
2 nine-phase facility development process as outlined by
3 the National Institute of Corrections. The contents of
4 this document analyze trends within the criminal
5 justice system that are intended to direct facility
6 planning. Data follows the National Institute of
7 Corrections, observing some metrics like average daily
8 population, average length of stay, classification, and
9 accounts for peak populations.

10 As you move through the packet you will notice four
11 very distinct population models; actual, low, moderate
12 and high. This data was gleaned from the 2010 census
13 data and preliminarily provided and reviewed by both
14 the County Planning and Government Affairs Divisions.
15 Based on these projection models, the Anderson County
16 Detention Center would need to house max rated
17 capacity, depending on which project you look at,
18 anywhere between seven hundred to eleven hundred beds.
19 That projection takes this facility into the year 2027.
20 And please keep in mind our goal is to be at
21 operational capacity, not rated capacity. So those
22 numbers would bring us to between five sixty and eight
23 eighty operationally.

24 Please note that these numbers are reflective of
25 current laws, charging practices and our current rated
26 capacity at the time. Since the needs assessment was
27 complete, the South Carolina Department of Corrections
28 lowered our rated capacity in the current detention
29 center from two fifty-seven to two forty-five, which
30 brings our operational capacity to a hundred and
31 ninety-six individuals.

32 Today we had four hundred thirty, which puts us at
33 a rated capacity of a hundred seventy-five percent and
34 operational capacity of two hundred nineteen percent.

35 A feasibility study which Mr. Burns is going to
36 provide an overview for consideration would move us
37 into phase three, four and five, which would address
38 site and financing options, as well as design and
39 implementation planning. This would incorporate
40 architects, technical assistance and subject matter
41 experts to help guide through the planning and
42 development process for your consideration.

43 Thank you.

44 RUSTY BURNS: Thank you, Casey. And with
45 that, Mr. Dunn, I believe every member of council has
46 expressed this desire that it is now time to do
47 something about the jail. And the first step that we
48 would request from council is that we would be allowed
49 to do a feasibility study.

50 Staff has done a great deal of background work on

1 this and we've had numbers from one hundred twenty
2 million dollars to build a jail to twenty million
3 dollars to build a jail. We have had people talk about
4 this type of construction, that type of construction.
5 There are a lot of variables out there. And in order
6 for us to make a concrete decision to give council the
7 information they need, we would request this
8 feasibility study which we believe we could get for
9 thirty thousand dollars with a qualified architect who
10 has a background in building jails and prisons. That
11 would be the first step.

12 Also, almost simultaneously we would request
13 permission to go do a request for qualifications for
14 people who are able to do this type of work. But first
15 we need to know exactly how many beds we have. There
16 are a lot of new concepts in prison construction these
17 days; double-bunking, things like that. But this
18 request is tonight only for the feasibility study and
19 the request for us to do a request for qualifications
20 with firms who could possibly do this type work.

21 All of these decisions will come back before
22 council. All of this information will come back before
23 council. But I believe every council member has said,
24 we're at a critical phase to put any more lipstick on
25 that pig. We can't do anything else. Everything is
26 wearing out. We're at a hundred and seventy-five
27 percent capacity. And so we're in crisis conditions.

28 And so I'm open for questions, Mr. Chairman.

29 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

30 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

31 CINDY WILSON: What would it cost to do a
32 feasibility study and how long would it take?

33 RUSTY BURNS: I think it would take three
34 months. I think we would have it before January 1st,
35 Ms. Wilson. And I think that we could get it between
36 twenty and thirty thousand dollars from a qualified
37 person who builds jails for a living.

38 CINDY WILSON: And then that would be part
39 of sending out requests for qualifications?

40 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

41 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair? Mr. Burns?

43 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: What happened to the last
45 one that we did.

46 RUSTY BURNS: There was one done, and I
47 believe that was done eleven years ago, if I'm not
48 mistaken; eleven or twelve years ago on the jail study.
49 I believe they paid twenty-five thousand dollars for
50 that study at that time. And I believe the price --

1 the major can may help me remember, but I believe the
2 price tag on that jail was a hundred million dollars.

3 Through our research that we've looked at, talking
4 to various firms, looking at different prisons, new
5 prisons that have been recently constructed in South
6 Carolina and in our neighboring counties and in Georgia
7 and surrounding areas, we believe that we're possibly
8 looking somewhere between thirty and forty million to
9 build the type of facility that would serve the needs
10 for Anderson County into the foreseeable future.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. When the study was
12 done years ago, attempts were made to go out and find
13 the people that could do it. I remember going down to
14 the Association of Counties meeting and we talked to
15 people there, people who actually build jails, and they
16 looked over the one that we had. And it was accepted.
17 We didn't do a bid or anything, but we had a company
18 that was very interested in it. And I don't think it
19 was a hundred thousand dollars -- a hundred million
20 dollars, you said, it wasn't that much.

21 But my concern is this: we pay twenty-five -- how
22 much did you say? Twenty-five thousand?

23 RUSTY BURNS: Between twenty to thirty,
24 Ms. Floyd.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Twenty to thirty
26 thousand dollars to have the feasibility -- here we are
27 getting ready to do nothing, the same thing we did with
28 the first one that we had. There were people at the
29 time that thought -- okay, there were people at the
30 time that thought that we didn't need a bigger jail.
31 They had some things that they were planning on doing
32 and they tried this and they were going to get the
33 Courts to stop sending so many people to jail. You
34 remember that one?

35 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: And we were going to cut
37 down the population. Didn't work. And now here I'm
38 sitting -- I'm here now getting ready to sit through
39 another one; feasibility study.

40 Okay. So just answer this for me. The feasibility
41 study back then would not suit for this time?

42 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. Because
43 construction costs have increased dramatically.
44 Corrections law has changed drastically. We have also
45 become more aware that a lot of the population in our
46 local detention center suffers from mental illness. We
47 are also embarking on and have already done some
48 successful re-entries into society to try to break that
49 vicious cycle. So prison, jail, detention center,

1 whatever you call it, would take into consideration all
2 of these advances in that field up to this point.

3 CASEY COLLINS: And Mr. Burns, if I may ---

4 GRACIE FLOYD: We have done a good job and
5 what we've had to work with all of this time, for this
6 long time of -- long time. But we don't need another
7 do-nothing project that we have to pay a whole lot of
8 money for again. We wasted the twenty-five, thirty
9 thousand that we spent the last time. We can't afford
10 to keep doing that.

11 RUSTY BURNS: And I would agree with
12 that, Ms. Floyd. But also in that request that I just
13 made after that, as part and parcel of this, we would
14 request qualifications. The qualifications would be
15 people who have designed jails, know how to design
16 jails, and to also -- how to construct jails, who have
17 a track record in this line of work.

18 So this is not another stopgap measure. This is
19 not something just to do this to humor people. We're
20 at the critical point where Anderson County has to
21 build a new detention facility or somebody else is
22 going to come into Anderson County and build it for us
23 and give the taxpayers a bill ---

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Isn't that the feds ---

25 RUSTY BURNS: --- which is going to be a
26 lot more.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Isn't that the feds who
28 said they would come in and build us a jail?

29 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. No.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: It wasn't the feds? Who
31 was it?

32 RUSTY BURNS: Nobody is going to come
33 build us a jail.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, no, it was said years
35 ago that if we didn't build it somebody else was going
36 to build it, but we were going to have a new jail. And
37 how we got along this far I do not know.

38 RUSTY BURNS: I do not know either, but
39 it's a compliment to the staff that we have out at our
40 detention center. Those people risks their lives every
41 day, the men and women who work out there. They're
42 actually -- if you haven't toured the jail or if there
43 are any citizens groups that would like to tour the
44 jail, we would be more than happy to arrange that. But
45 we're at a crisis point. This is not going to get
46 better.

47 And it would be our suggestion we do the
48 feasibility study knowing full well that this is not
49 something to wave around and say, look, we're doing

1 something. Because if you stop there nothing is going
2 to change. Somebody is going to come in here and tell
3 us to build a jail. They're going to tell us how to
4 build the jail. And we will have no control over that.
5 The only thing we will be able to do is pay for it and
6 say, thank you very much.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But what I'm saying
8 it's fine, but this time we can't get back that thirty
9 million dollars -- thirty thousand? Thirty thousand
10 dollars that we spent doing this. We can't keep having
11 these projects and paying for the project and not do
12 the project. We've done that a lot. But it's got to
13 stop now. It's got to stop.

14 RUSTY BURNS: Tonight.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Tonight, yes. Thank you,
16 Ms. Collins.

17 BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Collins has something
19 she wants to add.

20 CASEY COLLINS: I'm sorry. Point of
21 clarification major pointed out, as he does daily, I
22 made a mistake. These projections are through 2070, a
23 fifty year project; not 2027. Excuse me. I misspoke.

24 And Ms. Floyd, if you reference the last page of
25 your needs assessment, it does make mention of the
26 feasibility study that was done in 2007. A note there
27 is that based on those numbers that they did at the
28 time, eleven years later we would already be
29 overcrowded.

30 So this needs assessment did multiple population
31 projections for your consideration to avoid running
32 into that same situation eleven years from now.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, your point is well
34 accepted. But we just got this a few minutes ago. We
35 had no time to look at it.

36 Secondly, 2090, what we're planning today may, as
37 well, be obsolete.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

39 BRETT SANDERS: The study that you guys are
40 talking about before in the past was a ten or eleven
41 year old study.

42 CASEY COLLINS: Yes, sir, 2007.

43 BRETT SANDERS: And for that twenty to
44 thirty thousand dollars it actually bought the county
45 eleven years without having to spend thirty million
46 dollars? This thirty thousand that we're talking about
47 now, we've already had people come in and tell us we're
48 at a critical state to where we have to do something
49 now. And I wasn't on council then, but if I could
50 spend twenty thousand dollars to buy another ten years,

1 I think that was an investment well made. Now that the
2 federal has come in and inspected and the safety of our
3 officers and our personnel, we're at a point now to
4 where we're going to have to do something. I would
5 support moving forward with such a study.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.

7 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

8 Thank you, Casey and Major Vaughn. This is eye-opening
9 information that we've had. We've had some of this and
10 we've had some discussions as I came on council this
11 year and there's no doubt that we are in critical need
12 in this county as we are growing at the rate we're (end
13 of audio) have a detention center to match our needs.

14 It is my opinion that thirty thousand dollars is a
15 drop in the bucket in light of a possible lawsuit that
16 we could face by not having the appropriate facilities
17 for a county with the growth potential as Anderson
18 County. I represent one of the fastest unincorporated
19 areas in the state, a little place called Powdersville.
20 We're growing rapidly up there. And so the county is
21 experiencing great growth. We've got great new
22 employment opportunities that we see every month thanks
23 to the economic development folks, Mr. Nelson and his
24 staff, that we're seeing this great growth. And with
25 that comes some bad things.

26 So we've got to make sure that we're building the
27 appropriate detention center. I don't want to call it
28 a prison because it's not a prison. It's a detention
29 center. It's a jail. And most of the people there are
30 awaiting trial. So we have got to do something to
31 protect our inmates. They have a right, by the law of
32 the land, that they have a right to be protected. And
33 we have to make sure that we have a protection for the
34 mentally ill patients and protection for juveniles.
35 And we've got to make sure that we do this right. And
36 I think thirty thousand dollars is a mere drop in the
37 bucket in light of the possible lawsuit which we could
38 be facing down the road. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

39 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

40 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson and then Mr.

42 Graham.

43 CINDY WILSON: The formation of a Criminal
44 Coordinating Council provided a more comprehensive
45 analysis of the whole situation from recidivism to the
46 Court factor. I mean every factor, it gave this county
47 the benefit of a more deep study of what we actually
48 need and how to go about it. I will certainly support
49 a feasibility study to nail it down closer. So thank
50 y'all very much for your hard work.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

2 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

3 You know, looking at this, and some of this is kind
4 of going back on what some of the other council members
5 has stated. But Ms. Collins, Major Vaughn, Director
6 Mattison, Sheriff McBride, you guys have moved us so
7 far in this process right here. The Criminal Justice
8 Coordinating Council, I mean we are so far ahead with
9 this versus where we were two years ago, four years
10 ago, ten years ago. Prime example with the other
11 feasibility study. You know, the money we're talking
12 about here is a small investment when you're looking at
13 spending the money that we're fixing to have to spend.
14 And note I did say have to, because it is something
15 that we have got to address as a council and as the
16 citizens of Anderson County.

17 You know, not only do we have to look at the
18 liability of our officers who works in these
19 conditions, and I would encourage each and every one of
20 you guys to take that time, go out there and tour the
21 facility. It's not something we're proud of. By no
22 means, it is not something we're proud of. But you
23 will see the needs that is there. The needs where
24 these guys is working in that condition every single
25 day. And not only is our officers liability at stake,
26 but we've also got the inmates out there. Well, those
27 inmates has family. A lot of them lives right here in
28 Anderson County. Who, guess what? They're also
29 citizens of Anderson County. We've got to address this
30 issue. The liability in itself is unreal. And it far
31 exceeds thirty thousand dollars, by far. By far. But
32 I mean if you look at some of the issues we have out
33 there, you'll see right quick that we do need to
34 address this.

35 The feasibility study, what that does is it polices
36 this process because we're not going to -- I'm going to
37 pick on Major Vaughn. We go way back. We're not going
38 to build a jail that fits his needs. We've not going
39 to build a jail that fits the sheriff's needs or the
40 council's needs. We're building a jail that fits
41 Anderson County's needs.

42 This feasibility study is an assessment of what is
43 our needs. Again, the Criminal Justice Coordinating
44 Council, they have done studies on what works in
45 detention facilities. What can we offer to prevent
46 that same individual that has been going through that
47 door, that rotating door, day in and day out? And I
48 hear all the time, well the judge lets them out too
49 quick or they stay in there too long. Well, you're not
50 going to please everybody. But at the end of the day

1 what we need to do is fix the problem. Is it drugs?
2 Is it alcohol? Is it some type of addiction? Well,
3 that's what these programs that the Criminal Justice
4 Committee has identified is going to address. And
5 hopefully the unfortunate luck that some of these
6 families here in Anderson County has had with one of
7 their loved one taking that path going down the wrong
8 road, hopefully through some of these programs it's
9 going to correct that path. And all of a sudden a year
10 down the road instead of being in jail they're going to
11 be out and be productive in the community. They're
12 going to be giving back. They're going to change that
13 path. They're going to break that cycle.

14 Thirty thousand dollars is a drop in the bucket for
15 what we're investing here. And it's the citizens'
16 money. I'm not paying for the jail. We're going to
17 pay for the jail; every single one of us. And it's
18 something we've got to do.

19 Again, I would encourage each and every one of you,
20 contact Major Vaughn, Director Mattison, the sheriff.
21 I assure you it's not that they're proud of it, but
22 they want you to go out there and see that facility
23 because they know the needs. They've been working in
24 it every day.

25 I definitely appreciate the fellow council members.
26 I know this is something everybody feels like we need
27 to do. And I look forward to this moving forward. And
28 thank you guys for all y'all's hard work with this.

29 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, do we need a
30 motion on the floor to fund this? May I make a motion
31 that we fund a feasibility study appropriate for the
32 need here? And would that come out of the contingency
33 fund or where would we pull the funds for that?

34 TOMMY DUNN: Professional Services?

35 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I second
36 that.

37 TOMMY DUNN: If you would, Ms. Wilson,
38 if you don't mind, I think it would be a best to do a
39 caveat and put a cap on that thirty thousand; not to
40 exceed thirty thousand.

41 CINDY WILSON: What now?

42 TOMMY DUNN: Not to exceed thirty
43 thousand.

44 CINDY WILSON: Okay. May I make the
45 motion that we fund a feasibility study appropriate to
46 this need, not to exceed thirty thousand dollars.

47 RAY GRAHAM: Second that.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Now any more discussion?

49 Ms. Floyd.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I, too, will

1 vote for this. I will. But I cannot vote for this for
2 the second time just to have the money gone and getting
3 nothing done. That is my point. If we're going -- it
4 was a small investment back then, as well. You're
5 saying how it was a small investment, I don't mind
6 paying thirty -- it was a small investment then.
7 Nothing happened. At the time we did it, it would have
8 been a good time, as well as now. The liability that
9 we have now, we had it then, but it's just that it's
10 gotten bigger this time because we didn't do.

11 All I'm saying is this is not new. We have been
12 here before. And those two men over there are doing a
13 fantastic job. I've been there several times. I've
14 been there. And I've had one of the guys in my home
15 talking to me about the situation out there, telling me
16 what's going on out there. I mean, you can't go any
17 further than that.

18 The only thing I'm saying, if we're going to go do
19 this a second time, let's not put a third time on the
20 people. Let's go ahead and do it this time; okay?

21 And there was one more thing. Guys out there, I'm
22 not going to thank you for the hard job that you're
23 doing. That's why we pay you the big bucks. Okay.

24 TOMMY DUNN: I just want to say I wasn't
25 around in 2007 when this happened.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: I was.

27 TOMMY DUNN: So I don't know why it
28 wasn't. I wish it would have been solved. We wouldn't
29 be doing this now. We are.

30 First of all, I want to thank Casey, the Criminal
31 Justice Coordinating Committee for what all y'all have
32 done, council, to get us to this point. I think it's
33 great. It's not something we're looking forward to
34 quitting, even if we had a new jail today, that's
35 something that council will keep going. Appreciate the
36 hard work y'all have done and everybody. I want to
37 thank Major Vaughn and Director Mattison for their fine
38 job and working and all y'all's staff.

39 My concern is not just the jail; it's the people
40 that has to work out there, for their safety. At this
41 time we know -- we're not throwing money. If you're
42 going to spend thirty, forty million dollars, you need
43 to know what you're doing. I don't know how to build a
44 jail. That's what this feasibility study is going to
45 be about; about helping; not no ten years ago.

46 And again, my hat is off to y'all for the job y'all
47 are doing in this. And I think this will get us in the
48 right direction. And Ms. Wilson's thing and Mr. Burns'
49 thing was to start the process simultaneously about
50 requests for qualifications, to get this and see where

1 we're at and get the funding and get this started. You
2 know, even once you pick somebody to design a jail,
3 it's going to take a few months. This is a process.
4 This is a big step that we're going to do and we've got
5 to do it. And I want to commend the sheriff for
6 putting the staff together you put out there at the
7 jail, Sheriff, and doing this and keeping this. I know
8 we've got it and I know the first meeting Ms. Collins
9 had when the federal people was here and I won't never
10 forget what they said, you can build a jail for a
11 thousand people and you'll fill it up. There's more to
12 this. Y'all have been working on that and I appreciate
13 what all y'all have done.

14 And I think for ones that's interested, there will
15 be some trips lining up to go look at some other
16 facilities. Council is more than welcome to go.

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

19 Again, thank y'all.

20 CASEY COLLINS: Thank you for council and
21 administration support.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now to item
23 number 7(a), third reading, 2019-040, an ordinance (1)
24 authorizing pursuant to Title 4 of the Code of Laws of
25 South Carolina 1976, as amended, including sections 4-
26 1-170, 4-1-175 and 4-29-68 thereof, and Article VIII,
27 Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution, the
28 execution and delivery of an Infrastructure Credit
29 Agreement by and between Anderson County, South
30 Carolina, Strategy Plastics, LLC and certain related or
31 affiliated entities, including CJG US Properties LLC
32 (formerly identified by the County as Project Swan), to
33 provide for certain Special Source Revenue or
34 Infrastructure Credits, (2) authorizing the receipt and
35 administration of a State Grant for the benefit of the
36 Project, and (3) other related matters. And again,
37 this is Project Swan.

38 Do we have a motion on the floor to move this
39 forward? I'm sorry. Looking at the wrong paper here.
40 This will be a public -- Mr. Nelson, if you will, will
41 you just speak to this before we go into a public
42 hearing?

43 BURRISS NELSON: Certainly, Mr. Chairman,
44 members of council. Appreciate this opportunity. Last
45 week we had a press release announcing Strategy
46 Plastics which is Project Swan, creating a hundred
47 jobs, investing 4.2 million dollars in capital
48 investment. Project Swan has an annual payroll of 3.2
49 million dollars and going into the Williamston
50 Community over on Highway 29. Great opportunity for

1 growth for that community and well placed and certainly
2 needed in that particular area. But it produces in
3 projected taxes for that property next year, 2020, will
4 be forty-one thousand seven hundred twelve dollars,
5 where taxes in 2018 that were paid were nineteen
6 thousand four hundred and seventy-one dollars. And
7 this comes to council as a recommendation from staff,
8 as well as from the Economic Development Advisory
9 Board.

10 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to go into a
11 public hearing on this. Anyone wishing to speak to
12 this matter please step forward and state your name and
13 district and address the chair, please. Anyone at all?
14 Hearing none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we
15 have a motion on the floor?

16 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I make
17 the motion that we pass this tonight.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Ms. Wilson
19 to move forward on third reading. Have a second?

20 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Now
22 discussion.

23 CINDY WILSON: Very quickly to point out
24 that the folks around Williamston, especially the mayor
25 and the council, are very, very encouraged by this
26 development. It's at their front door and with all the
27 Highway 29 projects to improve that roadway and raise
28 the bridges, it's a very exciting project. Thank you.

29 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
30 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion
31 carries unanimously.

32 Moving on to 7(b), 2019-041, an ordinance to amend
33 an agreement for the development of a Joint County
34 Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park) of Anderson
35 and Greenville County so as to enlarge the park to
36 include certain property owned by CJG US Properties,
37 LLC. This is to put Project Swan, the one we just
38 voted for, into that.

39 Mr. Nelson, you got anything you want to add to
40 that before we go into public hearing?

41 BURRISS NELSON: No, sir. It's the same
42 project. It's just a contingency ordinance that goes
43 along with the same project. Thank you.

44 TOMMY DUNN: We do this where they can
45 get a tax benefit ---

46 BURRISS NELSON: Oh, yes, sir; yes, sir.
47 The Multi-County Park Agreement allows them to get
48 additional benefits, state benefits, and gets their
49 corporate income tax right. And so it gives them the
50 opportunity to garner those benefits in that process.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Be a public hearing.
2 Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please step
3 forward and state your name and district and address
4 the chair, please. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing
5 none the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a
6 motion to move this forward?
7 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we
9 have a second?
10 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Davis. Mr.
12 Sanders. Disguising his voice there. Any discussion?
13 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed
14 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
15 Moving on to item number 7(c), third reading, 2019-
16 050, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone
17 plus or minus 49.44 acres on Garrison Road from R-20
18 single family residential to R-A residential
19 agriculture, tax map number is 066-011-017 and 66-00-
20 11-005. This is in District 4. Do we have a motion to
21 move this forward?
22 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders; second
24 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
26 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, is this the
28 same thing that we had the families here -- it's not
29 the same one?
30 TOMMY DUNN: Their family has been here,
31 but it's just one family up behind ---
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, but I'm wondering is
33 this ---
34 TOMMY DUNN: This ain't the one about
35 the rezoning for business park up on 187 south with the
36 families, the bunch of people ---
37 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.
38 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. That ain't come
39 back to us yet.
40 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Thank you.
41 TOMMY DUNN: This particular thing I
42 think has got three pieces of property. We'll be
43 talking about this same family. Anyone else? All in
44 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed. How
45 you voting, Ms. Floyd?
46 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm sorry.
47 TOMMY DUNN: He bothering you? I know.
48 I know. Shove one of them cakes if he gets to talking
49 too much.
50 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm sorry. The mistake is

1 mine. I vote for.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Unanimous?
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, uh-huh (affirmative).
4 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item number
5 7(d), 2019-051, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to
6 rezone plus or minus 5.72 acres at 1150 Garrison Road
7 from R-20 single family residential to residential
8 agriculture, tax map number 066-00-11-020. Do we have
9 a motion? Again this is the same family in District 4.
10 Do we have a motion to move this forward?
11 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
12 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson; second
14 Mr. Sanders. Discussion? All in favor of the motion
15 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
16 carries unanimously.
17 Moving on to item number 2019-052, an ordinance to
18 amend the zoning map to rezone plus or minus five acres
19 at 1140 Garrison Road from R-20 single family
20 residential to R-A which is residential agriculture,
21 again tax map number 066-00-11-021, District 4. Do we
22 have a motion to move this forward?
23 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.
24 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders; second
25 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the
26 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
27 motion carries unanimously.
28 Moving on now to Item number 8(a), ordinance second
29 reading, 2019-054, an ordinance to amend Chapter 2,
30 Article V of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances so
31 as to add Section 2-613 regarding a policy related to
32 minority businesses in the procurement process and
33 other matters related thereto.
34 Again, before we put this on the floor, as I did
35 last meeting, I'd like to ask Mr. Burns if he would
36 explain this a little bit. And also, any time you
37 don't understand something, you ain't got to wait to
38 council meeting night. You can ask your council member
39 or call the administrator or the clerk to council and
40 we'll make sure you get the information you need.
41 Mr. Burns.
42 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, this is
43 something that we already do in our bid process, but we
44 want to put it in our county ordinance codification to
45 make sure it's clear and unambiguous. And it is also
46 one of the requirements that we need to have reaffirmed
47 in terms of grants and procurement and anything that we
48 do in business in this county.
49 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to move
50 this forward?

1 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson; second
3 Mr. Wooten.
4 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yep.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion?
6 CRAIG WOOTEN: I would say from my point
7 of view, I had a constituent from District 1 who asked
8 for clarification. She might have already left, but
9 it's basically a statement that says to promote free
10 competition and equal opportunity, Anderson County is
11 committed to assisting small minority-owned and women-
12 owned businesses in becoming active vendors of the
13 county. So it's a direct statement that just says we
14 support this. And it's overtly out there. So that's
15 the gist of it.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?
17 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. The problem was that
19 we're trying to write this grant to get this money to
20 do the houses that I was telling you about. But we're
21 working with the feds and tax money. So we have, in
22 everything that's done, it has to be -- this statement
23 has to appear somewhere. It appears on all of our
24 applications that we do. It appears -- there you are.
25 It appears on all our applications we do. It appears
26 in all our books. But it does not appear anywhere in
27 the, in the articles in our procurement -- in our big
28 old book, rules book. It doesn't appear there. I
29 never knew that. And I thank the federal government
30 for pointing it out to us, that it's got to be done
31 before we can do anything else in Anderson County. We
32 have to be inclusive to everybody. And this statement
33 makes it inclusive in our book, in our rule books, and
34 on everything else that we do. That's all that is;
35 okay? Because, I too, when I saw it I went straight to
36 Mr. Burns. Okay? And he got it straightened out for
37 me. But that's what it's for. It was caught in time
38 before we did this big grant. Do you understand? I
39 thank you.
40 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Ms. Floyd,
41 I've just got to ask. A vote for this maybe get us a
42 smidgen of that for ---
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Who? For y'all? No. I
44 told Mr. Burns already, guys, -- listen to me carefully
45 -- I won't use that H-E-L-L word, but I'll use heck.
46 Heck has no fury than it would be if you touch a dime
47 of that money if I get it. Uh-uh (negative).
48 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion on the
49 floor. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
50 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries

1 unanimously.

2 Moving on now to item number 9(a), ordinance first
3 reading, be 2019-053, ordinance to amend the zoning map
4 to rezone plus or minus one acre at 5351 Copeland Road
5 from R-A residential agriculture to C-1R which is
6 residential -- I'm sorry -- which is rural commercial,
7 tax map number 222-00-14-006. This is in District 7.

8 Before we go into a public hearing I'd like to ask
9 Dr. Parkey if he'd talk on this and then we'll have the
10 public hearing. Dr. Parkey.

11 JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes,
12 this rezoning request is on Copeland Road to change the
13 zoning from R-A, which is our residential agriculture
14 classification, to C-1R which is our rural commercial
15 classification, for the purposes of having a vineyard
16 and winery on two acres of the property, is what was
17 requested at the Planning Commission meeting on October
18 8th.

19 I also want to point out here that a special
20 exception will also be required from the Board of
21 Zoning Appeals if the rezoning is approved.

22 The staff recommended approval of the request and
23 the Planning Commission, in their October the 8th
24 meeting, voted three to three, with one abstention and
25 so that does not end up being a recommendation for
26 approval of this request.

27 That's all I have, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Dr. Parkey, did I misspoke
29 or do we need to amend this before we -- is it two
30 acres or one acre? I've got plus or minus one acre.
31 Is that going to cover it, Leon, Mr. Harmon, if we need
32 to do something?

33 LEON HARMON: We probably should amend
34 it. I think what happened at the -- it was initially
35 presented to the staff as a one-acre rezoning. Some
36 survey work was done on the property. The owners
37 realized they needed about two acres to be able to put
38 the facility they wanted to put there. So I think we
39 do need to amend it to say two acres.

40 CINDY WILSON: And that's out of eighteen
41 acres.

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

49 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I make
50 the motion that we amend the application request to two

1 acres. And I have some information if I get a second
2 to move forward with it.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second.

4 CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Wooten.

6 Ms. Wilson.

7 CINDY WILSON: There was confusion over
8 this situation. This is a very delicate area over
9 there. I don't know if you remember years ago there
10 were rezonings that were kind of **bait** and switch deals
11 that damaged the neighborhood. This is a really good
12 prospective property project, but people were concerned
13 that they were going to be exposed to some negative
14 impacts.

15 Meanwhile what we learned is that the property
16 itself is under covenants and restrictions. And if you
17 look in your backup information that you got this week,
18 there's been a variance signed by the two adjoining
19 neighbors who are affected by this who are part of the
20 properties that are under covenants and restrictions,
21 and they -- the original restrictions were used for
22 residential and/or agricultural purposes and no mobile
23 homes or junkyards. But if you'll see, the neighbors
24 who were very active in the zoning process in that
25 community have both agreed to allow the use for a
26 vineyard, wine tasting and wedding venue.

27 And if there are any other concerns, I will be
28 talking with the three or four people who were
29 expressing concerns. And I would request that we pass
30 this tonight. Thank you.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All
32 in favor of Ms. Wilson's motion show of hands. Wait a
33 minute, you got a question? Go ahead.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: (Mic cutting out) what
35 we're getting ready to vote on?

36 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. What was she talking
38 about?

39 TOMMY DUNN: Talking about that certain
40 piece of property has already got restrictions on it,
41 what it can do and what it can't do.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

43 TOMMY DUNN: So that's going to protect
44 the neighbors there. Like nobody couldn't go in there,
45 even if we rezone this, couldn't nobody go in there and
46 put a junkyard.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But that's not
48 written in the ---

49 TOMMY DUNN: It's written in their deed,
50 covenants.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: The covenants?
2 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But that won't
4 affect what we're voting on now because it'll be too
5 late to change ---
6 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
8 CINDY WILSON: Actually it enhances it.
9 Thank you.
10 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
11 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
12 carries unanimously.
13 Moving on now to item number 9(b), an ordinance
14 proposing prohibition on certain motor vehicle traffic
15 on Sullivan Road. I put that in the form of a motion.
16 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
17 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any
18 discussion?
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Where is Sullivan Road?
20 TOMMY DUNN: It's right off Dixon Road,
21 runs between Dixon Road and Highway 28. That's where
22 ---
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Whose district is that?
24 TOMMY DUNN: Mine. That's where the --
25 about three weeks ago or somewhere around in there we
26 had a bad wreck out there at the sheriff's department
27 right there on 28 Bypass.
28 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I just needed who
29 district and if you agree; it's in your district.
30 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All
31 in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
32 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
33 Moving on to 9(c), 2019-056, an ordinance to amend
34 an agreement for the development of a Joint County
35 Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park) of Anderson
36 and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park,
37 various Greenville County projects. Mr. Nelson, would
38 you like to speak to this?
39 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, thank you,
40 member of council. This is what we do many times over
41 in the past adding projects from Greenville County into
42 the Anderson County Park and us putting, placing
43 projects that are in Anderson County into the
44 Greenville Park, sharing with the multi-county park
45 agreement. This is a first for us, however, to -- and
46 I wish we could do this every time -- to put multiple
47 projects in at one time. All of the first six are
48 Greenville County projects that have already announced
49 and are in place. And if you'll notice, the last four
50 are actually the same project. They're all solar farm

1 opportunities. And the first three -- the first two
2 are business park projects much like we did with
3 VanTrust and with the other project that we're working
4 on that we haven't finished announcing yet. But
5 anyway, the only one that's industrial there is
6 Accurate Brazing Corporation, Project Charm, and then
7 for us the Anderson County projects are the VanTrust
8 property, the Anderson Industrial COI, Center of
9 Investment -- it's just an acronym they use within
10 their business -- but Anderson Industrial LLC is
11 VanTrust and then the Blue Bird Solar Project, which we
12 finished up weeks ago, as well as the Anderson Solar
13 Farm, which we just discussed with -- which we'll
14 discuss next in the Intergovernmental Agreement. But
15 that's part of Project Tarpan that we finished about
16 three months ago.

17 So this comes to council as a recommendation from
18 staff and from the Economic Advisory Board and is
19 merely the opportunity to put these in the park to give
20 each one of these additional state incentive
21 opportunities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to move
23 this forward?

24 JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.

25 CINDY WILSON: Second.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis; second
27 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the
28 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
29 motion carries unanimously.

30 Moving on to 10(a), R2019-050, a resolution to
31 express the intention of Anderson County Council of
32 Anderson County -- County Council of Anderson County to
33 cause Anderson County, South Carolina to be reimbursed
34 with proceeds of tax-exempt obligations in connection
35 with a lease-purchase transaction. What this is is
36 this pertains to our -- we had a special meeting on
37 last week about our computer program, paying for it on
38 this bond. Mr. Harmon, you got anything else you want
39 to add to that?

40 LEON HARMON: No. It's a typical lease-
41 purchase arrangement whereby we would do a lease
42 purchase much like we did on vehicles a year or so ago
43 and then ---

44 TOMMY DUNN: This is about the computer
45 program we talked about in that meeting?

46 LEON HARMON: That's correct. This would
47 be strictly for the computer programs that we talked
48 about last meeting.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to put
50 this on the floor for discussion? Motion Ms. Wilson.

1 Have a second?

2 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Ms.

4 Floyd, you got any discussion?

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I do.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, please,

8 somebody please, the way this thing is worded, I didn't

9 even know what it is, and I was at the meeting and

10 understood it perfectly. But the way this thing is

11 worded, we need to explain this in layman's terms.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Can you do that, Mr.

13 Harmon? Or would you want Ms. Davis to do it?

14 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. What this does

15 basically is if we have to spend money we pay Central

16 Squares, our vendor that won the bid for our public

17 safety and our public administration software, if we

18 have to pay them money in advance of a lease-purchase

19 being let, then we can get reimbursed. We can get our

20 money back. That is all that this does. In an

21 abundance of caution we are asking council to approve

22 this. That's all it does, Ms. Floyd; we get our money

23 back.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I understand it. But

25 I didn't -- Mr. Harmon, did you write this?

26 LEON HARMON: No, ma'am. Our bond

27 attorney wrote this.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, we need to talk to

29 him; okay? Because when I read it when I got my book,

30 I didn't know what they were talking about. But I

31 understand it so clearly when we were in a meeting.

32 But I thank you, Mr. Chair.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor

34 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.

35 Show the motion carries unanimously.

36 Moving on to item number 10(b), R2019-051, a

37 resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an

38 Intergovernmental Agreement with the city of Anderson

39 County, South Carolina; and other matters related

40 thereto. This is Project Tarpan.

41 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, thank you,

42 members of council. Project Tarpan, a solar project

43 that we passed and the new council members passed about

44 three months ago. Project Tarpan actually had three

45 sites within it. One of those was the site at the

46 Anderson -- former Anderson Country Club property. And

47 that falls inside the city limits. And the city has

48 requested this Intergovernmental Agreement so that

49 there's language within the document that that

50 particular site, the property tax dollars that proceed

1 off of that for that fee stream, those will be
2 allocated proportionally to every one of the taxing
3 entities, which includes the city and the schools,
4 which is what we normally do. That's the standard
5 process we normally have. But the city had requested
6 this additional language and the ordinance allows it to
7 be added to the ordinance by resolution.
8 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of council.
9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have any
10 more discussion?
11 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, Mr. Chairman.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Since this is my district,
14 okay, since this is my district I'd like to go over
15 this thing again.
16 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am. This ---
17 GRACIE FLOYD: No, Mr. Burriss, I want to
18 do it.
19 BURRISS NELSON: Oh, okay. I'm sorry.
20 GRACIE FLOYD: I want to do it because I
21 want to make sure because you know the city -- well,
22 just let me do it; okay? If you don't mind I'm going
23 to pair it to what you say to make sure that I
24 understand this for my district; okay?
25 Now, what you're saying is three months ago we all
26 got together and we talked about this power thing that
27 they want to put out there at the old golf course. It
28 was called Anderson what? Old country club; okay.
29 They're going to put some power thing out there. Okay.
30 Now, the thing is this, the city is going to get some
31 money back, but we're going to split the money that
32 they're going to get back; am I right?
33 BURRISS NELSON: Well, there's one pot of
34 money and they're going to get a slice of that money,
35 which was the standard way we -- if there's a city
36 project and the county is involved in it, just like the
37 schools get their proportional amount, everybody gets
38 their fair share, their slice of the pie ---
39 GRACIE FLOYD: We're going to get a
40 slice, too?
41 BURRISS NELSON: Oh, yes, ma'am. Yes,
42 ma'am.
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That's my point
44 right there. We're going to get a slice of it, too.
45 BURRISS NELSON: That's correct.
46 GRACIE FLOYD: And that's all they're
47 going to do. Now, we're going to sign this
48 Intergovernmental Agreement that we're okay with this.
49 But we will get the money; right?
50 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank 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 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you for your
6 support.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you and your team.
8 Thank you very much.

9 Moving on to item number 11, road acceptances into
10 the county. This will be in Mr. Davis's district and I
11 think it's all in Hunts Meadows Phase II Subdivision,
12 be South Harvest Moon Way, McBride Drive and Heirloom
13 Court.

14 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair, can I make this
15 motion for all three at one time?

16 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

17 JIMMY DAVIS: I would like to make a
18 motion that we accept all three roads, South Harvest
19 Moon Way, McBride Drive and Heirloom Court into the
20 Anderson County inventory of roads and bridges.

21 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

22 TOMMY DUNN: After meeting all of our
23 requirements? We have a second by Mr. Sanders; motion
24 made by Mr. Davis. Any further discussion? All in
25 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
26 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

27 I want to ask y'all. It don't matter to me. Mr.
28 Wooten's got a little bit on this agenda. Do y'all
29 want to take a break before we go into this? We'll
30 take about a five minute break.

31 **BREAK**

32 TOMMY DUNN: Back into session now.

33 Going to be moving on now to the report from the
34 Finance Committee; Chairman Wooten. Chairman Wooten.

35 CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
36 This is a report from the Finance Committee held on
37 Monday, November 4, 2019. The first line item was to
38 accept a bid for a web design for the county. This was
39 a bid to overhaul the county website and to integrate
40 and make all the things that work available.

41 We had sent out for a number of bids, but the
42 winning one that came back was a group called Design
43 Sensory for about twenty-nine thousand four hundred
44 ninety dollars as an initial cost, with a twenty-four
45 hundred dollar a year maintenance. This is a larger
46 company than we've used in the past. And one of the
47 things, they had notable examples of past work was the
48 Department of Commerce, Clemson University, Bristol
49 Motor Speedway, Tennessee Economic Development and the
50 Biltmore Estates. So with that kind of past work we

1 feel confident in their ability to perform. And as
2 always, we put them through the procurement process and
3 made sure that we were selecting someone who had the
4 ability to perform and that they were doing it at a
5 price that was good for the taxpayer.

6 So I'd like to put forth in the form of a motion
7 that coming as a recommendation from the Finance
8 Committee that we accept this bid price.

9 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Coming
10 from the Finance Committee, it doesn't need a second.
11 Is there any discussion? All in favor of the web page
12 show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.

13 Chairman Wooten.

14 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. The second amount
15 was ATAX recommendations from staff. And this is
16 accommodation tax funding that we receive from the
17 county each year. And what happens is different
18 groups, non-profit groups, can make applications to
19 receive money from this. And this is money that comes
20 in when people stay at hotels in Anderson. So if
21 somebody stays at a hotel in Anderson, they're probably
22 from out of town and there's a little bit extra on
23 their bill. Well, that goes into a pot of money that
24 then can be spent on recreation items in the county.
25 So non-profit groups make an application and then our
26 staff looks at it and says does it meet certain
27 requirements and are they a good group in good
28 standing? And then we have an ATAX committee of people
29 who look at it and make recommendations also.

30 So these recommendations came forward as a group
31 for council approval, but then they also -- we also had
32 some adjustments that council wanted to make based on
33 different priorities we knew in our districts. So just
34 as a point of, I guess, clarification, shall I put
35 forth a motion that we accept as is and then we make
36 the adjustments or do we allow the adjustments ---

37 TOMMY DUNN: Make a motion as is ---

38 CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay.

39 TOMMY DUNN: --- and then there will be
40 the adjustments.

41 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

42 Item number 51 on page 13, I serve on that board.
43 This was originally a county council initiative and I
44 provide funds -- personal funds and volunteer time.
45 But it wouldn't look right so I ---

46 TOMMY DUNN: I was going to say ---

47 CINDY WILSON: If we could separate that
48 one out.

49 TOMMY DUNN: --- if you would, pull
50 that out and do that separate. That way Ms. Wilson has

1 already recused -- has a form here to recuse herself.
2 CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay.
3 TOMMY DUNN: And we've done that in the
4 past for other council members.
5 CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay. Well then with the
6 removal of item 51, I'll make a motion to move ahead
7 with the requests/recommendations from the ATAX
8 Committee.
9 BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman?
10 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion from the
11 Finance Committee pulling 51 out. Coming from Finance
12 Committee, it doesn't need a second. Mr. Sanders. I
13 open up for discussion and Mr. Sanders asked for the
14 floor.
15 BRETT SANDERS: Well, I was going to make
16 a motion to exclude the Upstate Equine Council, but
17 Councilman Wooten has already done that. That's fine.
18 I'm fine then.
19 TOMMY DUNN: All right. Any more
20 discussion? Ms. Floyd.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I, too, Mr. Wooten
22 just said something about -- now, I know there was some
23 changes made at the meeting and I know there was
24 concern because others didn't think they got as much as
25 they should have. So are we going to vote on just what
26 we have here and do we have to vote again when they get
27 more money?
28 TOMMY DUNN: We've got to vote again to
29 get more money.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: When they get more money?
31 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Because I know that some
33 of them will be getting money out of another part of
34 this. So do we have to ---
35 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. That'll have
36 to be voted on separate.
37 GRACIE FLOYD: Separately; okay. Good.
38 And the second thing is I want to commend the
39 committee today because this is the first time -- when
40 I looked over this as best I could this time I didn't
41 see as many double dippers or triple dippers as I have
42 seen in this thing. Usually they have people that come
43 and get money out of the budget. They get money from
44 this, and then you can see them up here getting money
45 from the recreational fund that we have. And I always
46 thought that was too much; too much I call it triple
47 dipping. But I didn't see as much of that. I only saw
48 one entity like that. But it wasn't a whole lot.
49 Smile Mr. Burriss. But anyway, maybe next year we
50 won't see as much as them -- as they? As they. But

1 that's all I wanted to say.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.
3 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
4 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
5 unanimously.
6 Chairman Wooten.
7 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. The third item ---
8 BRETT SANDERS: I'd like to ---
9 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me.
10 BRETT SANDERS: I'd like to make a motion
11 to approve the ATAX recommendations as submitted by the
12 Advisory Committee and staff recommended by the Finance
13 Committee, by giving two thousand to the Upstate Equine
14 Council from the accommodations tax.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: What?
16 TOMMY DUNN: Put that -- that's what
17 we've been talking about.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.
19 TOMMY DUNN: Put that in the form of a
20 motion. Do we have a second?
21 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
22 TOMMY DUNN: That's coming -- his
23 motion is to take two thousand dollars out of
24 accommodations tax to give to ---
25 BRETT SANDERS: Upstate Equine.
26 GRACIE FLOYD: But where are we taking it
27 from?
28 TOMMY DUNN: Accommodations. Not ATAX,
29 accommodations.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, yeah. How can we do
31 that, take it from the ---
32 BRETT SANDERS: Take it from
33 accommodations.
34 GRACIE FLOYD: How much is in that
35 accommodations ...
36 BRETT SANDERS: I'm not sure. They
37 requested two thousand actually to help balance the
38 ATAX stuff, take money from one and do to the other.
39 GRACIE FLOYD: But why?
40 BRETT SANDERS: Because they actually got
41 cut more than ---
42 GRACIE FLOYD: A whole lot of them did,
43 so are we going to ---
44 BRETT SANDERS: But not at that
45 percentage. And you're welcome to ---
46 TOMMY DUNN: If we could just for a
47 minute let Mr. Burns see if we can get something ---
48 RUSTY BURNS: Council is looking to take
49 the accommodations tax as recommended by the committee
50 as is. There were two instances which are separate

1 instances where two groups were cut, but they needed
2 that money to make themselves whole. So you have the
3 original recommendation which is one thing. Then you
4 have the second recommendation divorced from what you
5 just voted on for two thousand dollars and I think
6 you'll have another one for five thousand dollars.

7 BRETT SANDERS: For four and another one
8 for five.

9 RUSTY BURNS: Another one for five,
10 which would be additional accommodations tax money
11 which we have.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, this is just
13 new because we've never had anything like that before.

14 RUSTY BURNS: We will be having a
15 Finance Committee meeting that's been scheduled coming
16 up to request additional expenditures of accommodations
17 tax money coming from a separate pot, Ms. Floyd, and we
18 will be requesting about a hundred thousand dollars,
19 off the top of my head, for Broadway Lake out of this
20 same fund.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: When?

22 RUSTY BURNS: At the next council
23 meeting.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: You're going to give ---

25 TOMMY DUNN: No, there's going to be a
26 committee meeting ---

27 RUSTY BURNS: There will be a Finance
28 Committee with a recommendation and then it will come
29 to full council.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, this what I don't --
31 pro -- what do they say?

32 RUSTY BURNS: Quid pro quo?

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.

34 RUSTY BURNS: If it is, you're coming
35 out ahead.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative). I
37 see what Trump feels like now. All I have to do is
38 vote for this and I get that other one; right? Okay.
39 Thank you.

40 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of Mr.
41 Sanders' motion, show of hands. All opposed. Show the
42 motion carries unanimously with Ms. Wilson recusing
43 herself. She's outside. She can come back in.

44 BRETT SANDERS: We need to also do -- I'd
45 like to put in the form of a motion before Ms. Wilson
46 comes back in ---

47 LEON HARMON: He's got another one, I
48 think, for the Equine Council.

49 TOMMY DUNN: My apologies. Go ahead,
50 Mr. Sanders.

1 BRETT SANDERS: Yeah, I'd also like to
2 make a motion to award the South Carolina Upstate
3 Equine an additional three thousand out of the
4 accommodations fee. I'd like to put that in the form
5 of a motion.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second?
7 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Now
9 discussion. All in favor of the motion show of hands.
10 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
11 unanimously. Again, Ms. Wilson is out of the room,
12 recused herself. Now is that through with Ms. Wilson?
13 Can she come back in?
14 BRETT SANDERS: Ms. Wilson can come back
15 in; yes, sir.
16 TOMMY DUNN: You've got one more?
17 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. We'll wait.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Go ahead.
19 BRETT SANDERS: I'd also like to put in
20 the form of a motion an award from the accommodations
21 fee four thousand to the T. Ed Garrison Arena and five
22 thousand to the Iva Community Recreation.
23 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Mr.
24 Sanders. Do we have a second?
25 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
26 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Davis. Now
27 discussion.
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, you know, I want to
29 discuss it, but I don't know what to discuss. This is
30 the first time I knewed that we could do this. First
31 time in twenty years and I've been sitting here waiting
32 on money and all I had to do was go to the
33 accommodations tax to get it and give it to the ATAX.
34 Somebody say something.
35 RUSTY BURNS: Accommodations tax and
36 ATAX are exactly the same thing. But by state law they
37 are segregated into categories. The first one, the
38 larger one that we voted on, requires us to give thirty
39 percent of that money to qualifying organizations that
40 request it. What we're doing now is dipping into our
41 accommodations tax money to flesh out these requests
42 from those organizations. And in doing this tonight
43 then we will also have in the next Finance Committee
44 meeting and the next council meeting, more
45 appropriations from that accommodations tax fund.
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, Mr. Burns, thank you
47 for explaining it.
48 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
49 GRACIE FLOYD: But Mr. Burns, I didn't
50 know that we get pots of this money. I never knew

1 that. Never knew that. I've been here twenty years.
2 I'm the longest sitting body up here. And I never knew
3 that.

4 So can we discuss the Broadway thing now in front
5 of people.

6 RUSTY BURNS: Sure we can. What we are
7 going to be requesting is we already have some money
8 for the two walls at Broadway Lake in additional to the
9 other work that we want to do down there, which is to
10 move some of those delapidated structures and things of
11 that nature. So we will need approximately -- we
12 opened the bids last week, off the top of my head, and
13 the bids came in. The low bid was around two hundred
14 twenty thousand dollars. We're still reviewing that
15 bid, but we think it to be a just bid. So in order for
16 us to match the money that was already allocated in
17 last year's budget ---

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.

19 RUSTY BURNS: --- we're going to need
20 some additional money and we're going to take that
21 money out of the accommodations tax fund to make it
22 reach that level.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Mr. Burns, I
24 think that we need to sit down together to discuss
25 this.

26 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So we'll do that
28 tomorrow.

29 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: So folks, stay tuned.
31 Come back next week for the same time and place to get
32 the results ---

33 JIMMY DAVIS: I won't be here next week.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Why not?

35 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of Mr.

36 Sanders' motion show of hands. All opposed.

37 Abstentions?

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Opposing.

39 TOMMY DUNN: You abstain?

40 GRACIE FLOYD: I abstain.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Show the motion carries
42 with Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr.
43 Wooten and Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd abstains.

44 Mr. Chairman, moving on to number 5.

45 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir. We had a K9
46 vehicle donation to the city of Belton. This was a
47 vehicle that was identified by Stone internally as one
48 that I believe it had a hundred and ninety-three
49 thousand miles on it, but it was one in our fleet that
50 we could afford to work with the city of Belton who

1 needed it. They put forth which item it was, and it's
2 a 2009 model, currently a hundred ninety-three thousand
3 miles, and comes as a recommendation from Joe Stone,
4 our Fleet manager. I put that in the form of a motion.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion coming from
6 the Finance Committee doesn't need a second. Any
7 discussion?

8 RAY GRAHAM: Yes, Mr. Chairman, just
9 wanted -- I know we haven't voted on this yet, but
10 definitely wanted to thank the council members for
11 considering this for the city of Belton, and also for
12 the sheriff. Hopefully in the future, Sheriff, we can
13 get rid of the cars from you guys with less miles so we
14 can help these municipalities out. But this is a big
15 part to these municipalities and the willingness for
16 everybody working together to assist them, I mean it's
17 huge in their mind because they just do not have the
18 funding to do that. But definitely appreciate
19 everybody's support.

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

23 Moving on, Mr. Chairman.

24 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. The next item, if
25 you all will permit me, I'll put the different county
26 workers from selected departments in a single motion.
27 But before I do that we were looking for a customer as
28 a recommendation -- or a request from the Register of
29 Deeds, they're looking for a customer service
30 specialist. Brian Richardson from Facilities asked for
31 a custodian and building maintenance technical. Greg
32 Smith came and asked for a solid waste truck driver.
33 And then Dr. Sanders had asked for a senior caretaker,
34 animal caretaker. In all of these instances except one
35 these were already existing positions that were in the
36 budget that just have not been filled yet. So they're
37 open positions where we haven't been paying anybody
38 because they've just been absent.

39 One, the custodian, is an actual new position and
40 that is for the TTI facility out on 28 Bypass which is
41 a massive facility. And we do not have, currently,
42 staff that can be the custodian of that facility and
43 also take care of the other workload around the county.
44 So that was a logical additional. But I wanted to make
45 that clarification, that all of them were existing
46 positions that they were requesting to fill except for
47 one for the custodian of TTI.

48 So with the permission of Council and chairman, I'd
49 like to put all of that together in the form of a
50 motion.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Again,
2 coming from the Finance Committee it doesn't need a
3 second. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion
4 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
5 carries unanimously.

6 Moving on to item number 7. Mr. Chairman.

7 CRAIG WOOTEN: Ms. Rita Davis finished
8 with a quarterly update. And this was an item that
9 Councilman Sanders had talked with the committee about
10 and with Ms. Davis about and this was a really good
11 thing in the fact that it shows what our budget numbers
12 are for the year in different departments when it comes
13 to personnel, spending, capital requirements, and then
14 it shows us each quarter how much we've spent to-date
15 so far and what percentage of that is of the entire
16 budget. So it allows us to line item and look, is
17 there a department or key area that is spending money
18 quicker than their yearly budget, and that can allow us
19 to ask questions and figure out what's going on.

20 In many cases it's logical because departments
21 don't always spend money evenly every month throughout
22 the year. They have peak times of expenses. But in
23 seeing that breakdown, it's very informative and allows
24 us to make decisions. And if there are problems or if
25 there are successes, we're able to see them as they're
26 transpiring through the year and they're not surprises
27 at the end of the year. And I think it'll aid in the
28 budgeting process as we enter next spring.

29 After that we didn't have any citizens comments.
30 And before we adjourned we agreed to shoot for a
31 meeting, I believe it's November 18th. It's the Monday
32 before the next meeting. We're going to try to have
33 the Finance Committee meeting at 1:00. That's what
34 we're shooting for right now. We'll have to schedule
35 that with the Clerk to Council.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Davis, if you haven't
37 already done it, make sure all council members get a
38 copy of that report, quarterly report, just for
39 information. It's the first one; there will be a
40 second one; third one. That's to help out in the
41 budget process.

42 At this time do we have a -- thank you, Mr.
43 Chairman. At this time do we have a motion to go into
44 executive session? This is for legal issues regarding
45 the opium litigation thing.

46 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.

47 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

48 BRETT SANDERS: Motion Mr. Sanders; second
49 Ms. Wilson. All in favor of the motion show of hands.
50 All opposed. Show the motion carries unanimously.

1 We'll go right back here for a couple of minutes.

2 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

3 CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion that
4 we come out of executive session, having received legal
5 information regarding the opioid litigation, with no
6 decisions voted on.

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

10 Moving on. Mr. Wooten.

11 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. I'd like to read
12 Resolution number 2019-052 into the record.

13 This is a resolution to opt out of the nationwide
14 class certified for negotiation purposes in a national
15 prescription opiate litigation MDL 2804 and other
16 matters related thereto.

17 WHEREAS, Anderson County (the "County") is a
18 plaintiff in the consolidated South Carolina state
19 court action In re: South Carolina Opioid Litigation
20 and is represented in that action by Harrison White, PC
21 (South Carolina Opioid Counsel);

22 WHEREAS, a class has been certified under Rule 23
23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (the "Class")
24 in the multi-district litigation In Re: National
25 Prescription Opiate Litigation that is intended to
26 encourage and facilitate negotiations between opioid
27 defendants and Class members;

28 WHEREAS, the Class encompasses all cities and
29 counties in the United States, including the County;

30 WHEREAS, membership in the Class allows the County
31 to share in any approved nationwide settlement reached
32 with the Class (an Approved Settlement) and binds the
33 County to any such settlement;

34 WHEREAS, opting out of the Class foregoes the
35 County's right to share in an Approved Settlement and
36 prevents the County from being bound by any such
37 settlement;

38 WHEREAS, the deadline for opting out of the Class
39 is November 22, 2019 (the Opt-Out Deadline), after
40 which there is no guarantee that the County will be
41 permitted to change its position relative to the class;

42 WHEREAS, the failure to affirmatively opt out of
43 the class by the Opt-Out Deadline will result in the
44 County remaining a member of the Class; and

45 WHEREAS, the County recognizes that it could choose
46 to be a member of the Class but desires to opt out of
47 it.

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Anderson
49 County Council in meeting duly assembled that:

50 1. The County will opt out of membership in the

1 Class and the Council will authorize its County
2 Attorney to sign the appropriate exclusion request
3 form, thereby affirmatively opting out of the Class and
4 to communicate the Council's decision and deliver the
5 exclusion request form to South Carolina Opioid Counsel
6 as soon as is practicable after the adoption of this
7 resolution.

8 2. All orders and resolutions in conflict herewith
9 are, to the extent of such conflict only, repealed and
10 rescinded.

11 3. Should any part or portion of this resolution be
12 deemed unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by
13 any court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall
14 not affect the remainder hereof, all of which is hereby
15 deemed separable.

16 4. This resolution shall take effect and be in
17 force immediately upon enactment.

18 RESOLVED this 5 th day of November, 2019, in
19 meeting duly assembled.

20 In reading this into the record, I'd like to make a
21 motion that we approve this resolution on the basis of
22 recommendation from our legal counsel.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr.
24 Wooten. Have a second?

25 CINDY WILSON: Second.

26 CINDY WILSON: Second.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson.

28 Discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
29 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
30 unanimously.

31 Thank you, Mr. Wooten. Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

32 Moving on to item 14, appointments. I have one
33 appointment to the Ad-Hoc Airport Committee. The
34 County Council Ad-Hoc Airport committee will examine
35 all airport operations and policies with the goal of
36 improving function, safety, growth and financial
37 sustainability. Opportunities related to runway and
38 hangars will also be under the purview of this
39 committee. I appoint Mr. Sanders chairman, Mr. Davis
40 and myself. Put that in the form of a motion. Have a
41 second?

42 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any
44 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
45 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
46 unanimously.

47 Do we have any other appointments?

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Anybody can come to those
49 meetings; right?

50 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. They'll be

1 public notified.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Hearing no more requests,
4 now requests for council members. Mr. Davis.
5 JIMMY DAVIS: I have none.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders?
7 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman,
8 the GAMAC, I'd like to request (mic cutting out).
9 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Sanders;
10 second Ms. Wilson. Discussion?
11 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. What is that?
12 TOMMY DUNN: GAMAC.
13 RUSTY BURNS: It's the Greater Anderson
14 Musical Consortium.
15 TOMMY DUNN: It's a choir.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute. It's too
17 many people at one time. You say GAMAC?
18 JIMMY DAVIS: GAMAC.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, okay. I'm sorry.
20 GAMAC. Yeah, excuse me. I know what that is.
21 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
22 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
23 carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Sanders?
24 BRETT SANDERS: No, sir.
25 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
26 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. I have the South
27 Carolina Dogs Therapy Group. This is a group that goes
28 around to the children and the dogs help them to read.
29 They interact with the dogs and the dogs interact with
30 them. They are called -- they read to the therapy
31 dogs, but that's what it is. It's a recreational
32 thing. I would like to allocate fifteen hundred
33 dollars from District 2's recreational account. That's
34 in the form of a motion.
35 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Do we
36 have a second? Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in
37 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
38 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
39 Mr. Graham?
40 RAY GRAHAM: Nothing at this time, Mr.
41 Chairman.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?
43 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. From District 1 I'd
44 like to allocate fifteen hundred dollars to GAMAC. Put
45 that in the form of a motion.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second.
47 CINDY WILSON: Second.
48 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
49 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
50 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries

1 unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Wooten?
2 CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?
4 CINDY WILSON: Also from District 7's rec
5 account, two hundred dollars for the GAMAC proposal for
6 the children's scholarships. Thank you.
7 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a
8 second?
9 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
10 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any
11 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
12 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
13 unanimously.
14 Out of District 5's account, allocate two hundred
15 dollars also to GAMAC. Put that in the form of a
16 motion. Second Mr. Davis. Discussion? All in favor
17 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
18 Show the motion carries unanimously.
19 Moving on to item number 16, administrator's
20 report.
21 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.
22 Chairman.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
24 Now, going on to number 17, citizens comments.
25 When Mr. Harmon calls your name you've got -- please
26 state your name and district for the record. Also you
27 have three minutes. Please address the chair. And
28 keep in mind, according to our ordinance, this is not a
29 question and answer session. Go ahead.
30 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first
31 speaker is William Simpson.
32 TOMMY DUNN: Help him out. Help him
33 get to the mic and make sure the mic is working.
34 WILLIAM SIMPSON: Thank you, County Council
35 and thank you, Mr. Davis, District 6. My name is
36 William Simpson. I live in Bentwood I Subdivision in
37 Piedmont. We have a dog problem. And I have a
38 petition with sixteen names that has signed it, all
39 within hearing distance of the dogs. They are really a
40 nuisance. And I would like to have something done
41 about it; either he move the dogs out of the
42 subdivision to another location where we wouldn't hear
43 them at all. I know you can't do anything about
44 barking dogs, but they are a nuisance, as you see with
45 all the signatures. And they're Doberman Pincers.
46 Doberman dogs, the big dogs. And they are very loud
47 and they're adult dogs. And we'd like to have
48 something done about it.
49 The property in question is on 1808 River Road,

1 which backs up to our subdivision. It is very loud.
2 We'd like to get something done about it if we can.
3 He's got big dogs and he's got puppies. They're both
4 howling and it just annoys the whole neighborhood. I'd
5 like to have something done about it; change the code,
6 location of puppy mills. I don't know the definition
7 of a puppy mill, but he's raising all these dogs and
8 selling them. Hearsay, he's making a good profit off
9 of them. Anyway, they don't need to be in our
10 neighborhood; bottom line. I have some neighbors here
11 who signed the petition. I'd like to turn it over to
12 them. Thank you very much.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Harmon.

14 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next

15 speaker is Angie Hernandez.

16 ANGIE HERNANDEZ: Good evening. My name is
17 Angie Hernandez and thank you for your time. I am with
18 Mr. Bill, as well. It's very upsetting that they're
19 doing that. There is a puppy mill because he is
20 selling them. He is going even farther as Illinois to
21 sell them.

22 And one of them came into my property. We have a
23 fenced-in yard. I have video that my daughter -- she's
24 an eighteen year old and wet she's a hundred and twenty
25 pounds. So she took a video, but she was scared for
26 her life. And the next slide that she has, the dog is
27 coming toward her. And he is at our back door, which
28 is glasses, to my kitchen and she's taking pictures
29 because she's calling me and telling me, mom, the dogs
30 came out; they're after me. She says I can't even walk
31 in my own yard. And so it's more towards our property
32 which ends up on 105 Bentwood Road, but it's still -- I
33 don't have the pictures but he went ahead and put tarps
34 to pretend that they're not there. But still he is
35 clinging from our fence line. So we've been there for
36 nineteen years. Nothing has ever happened. We were
37 fine with the neighbors everywhere. But all of a
38 sudden they move in and this is what we have. We have
39 video from Mr. Bill Simpson's recordings where he is
40 across the street from us at 107 and you could hear it
41 from his front door the loud barking and stuff. The
42 nuisance is not only the dogs but the vocabulary that
43 comes out of the owner's mouth.

44 So with that said, I don't want my children around
45 that. So my husband says I don't know what's worst,
46 the mouth of the lady or the dogs barking. So you
47 know, their thing is that they spoke to their neighbor
48 saying it is farmland, which I'm not aware that that
49 was ever -- it was twenty years further. But we've
50 been there for nineteen years and it has never been a

1 farm. So that's what I bring to the floor. Thank you
2 for your time.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

4 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, we do have
5 puppy mill ordinances. Has that ever been looked into?

6 TOMMY DUNN: I think Mr. Davis is on
7 top of this. This is in his district. Give the man a
8 chance to do something another. He's got the sheriff's
9 department and talked to them, too.

10 Mr. Harmon.

11 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next
12 speaker is Donald P. -- I think it's Curry. I may have
13 that wrong.

14 DONALD P. CURRY: Mr. Chairman, not much I
15 can say because they pretty much got it covered. But
16 I've been there since '74 when they first built the
17 subdivision and never had no problems with each other's
18 dogs till now. The person don't seem to want to get
19 along with neighbors just trying to explain to him that
20 we're having problems. He seems to think that we're
21 wrong and he's right. We don't need that. We have
22 children in our neighborhood. We don't need dogs
23 running after our children. If you would in your heart
24 would you think about maybe doing something to make a
25 change. Bless you. Appreciate it. The neighborhood
26 appreciates it.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

28 DONALD P. CURRY: Thank you.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

30 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Elizabeth
31 Fant.

32 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District
33 3. One of the things that most people treasure is
34 their home environment where they live. Most people
35 have put a lot of investment of heart and money into
36 where they live and it needs to be a safe and secure
37 place.

38 I mentioned Homeland Park. The other night I'm
39 trying to drive out of Homeland Park -- I've not been
40 in it much, although I have some friends who live
41 there, I don't go that way very often -- I couldn't
42 find my way out. There weren't street lights. There
43 weren't sidewalks; at least where I was there weren't
44 any. People were burning trash. It was so strong that
45 my eyes were just burning, so I don't know how and why
46 they're allowed to do that in the city.

47 But I'm going to coin a word tonight, a word that
48 I'm going to make up, and I'm going to call it chelegal
49 (phonics); taking the word cheat and adding legal and
50 saying it's chelegal. I don't know how many of you

1 have been bombarded, but in the last two weeks my phone
2 doesn't stop ringing before I get some kind of robo
3 call. And one of the types of the calls is, they'll
4 call and if I miss the call and I call back thinking
5 it's an animal call, they'll say this is Nancy, are you
6 calling about the Medicare something? And they're
7 wanting you to say yes. And when you do that, somehow
8 another that triggers your buying something or they can
9 hook you into some sort of scandal. Another one I'm
10 getting is social security. They're calling to say you
11 owe a fine and if you don't contact so-and-so-and-so,
12 you're going to go to Court because this fine shows
13 that you're doing money laundering. Another one is
14 somebody from the something another sheriff's fund
15 trying to raise money for the sheriff. They don't do
16 that. And another one that's happening, that's
17 happened twice to me at QuikTrip; once in Greenville
18 and once in Anderson. QuikTrip employees have their
19 backs to the machines outside. They're looking at the
20 counter and the people who are coming up to pay so
21 they're not aware of what's going on out. Twice there
22 have been people out there who are, oh, we just ran out
23 of gas or we need money for a car part or whatever.
24 And QuikTrip I consider to be one of the better gas
25 stations. But it's happening because where they're
26 doing it on the extremities of the place next to the
27 doors where the attendants can't see.

28 And another thing when we're talking about the web
29 and so forth, I want to make sure that our county
30 computer ---

31 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

33 Anyone else?

34 LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Remarks from council

36 members now. Mr. Davis.

37 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
38 thank the citizens from District 6 for coming up. We
39 have another one, Ms. Bodner (phonics), here in the
40 back that is here with this same complaint about some
41 barking dogs. The gentleman at his residence is
42 raising many Doberman Pincers. I'm a dog lover, but
43 this dog barking is going on for long, long periods of
44 time. What I will say is your voice is heard. We have
45 one of our best deputies, Deputy McCarley, on this
46 case. We've got the sheriff. And we're not going to
47 drop it. We're going to investigate it. You have a
48 right to live a peaceful existence on the property that
49 you pay Anderson County taxes on. And I appreciate you
50 being here and we will continue the investigation. And

1 if it's okay I'll work through Mr. Simpson here. He
2 can give you the information from there. But your
3 voice is heard, and thank you for the petition. That's
4 all I have, Mr. Chairman.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis. Mr.
6 Sanders.

7 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. I
8 would just like to say I'm glad to be back and I
9 appreciate members of council reaching out to me. I
10 apologize to my constituents for the one that I missed.
11 I'm back and will be a hundred percent before long.
12 Thank you.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Have you been gone?

14 BRETT SANDERS: Yeah. No, I'm glad to be
15 back.

16 TOMMY DUNN: We're glad to have you
17 back. Ms. Floyd.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, I want, Mr. Davis,
19 if I can, I'd like to thank your folks for coming up
20 there. I really, really enjoyed them. I enjoyed
21 talking with them and I hope that they will come back.
22 Don't let this be your last time, even if I don't get
23 there to fix the (not speaking into mic). But I was so
24 -- you made me feel like it was worthwhile. Thank you
25 so much.

26 About the dogs and cats thing, I too think it's
27 terrible. I suffer from cats. For some reason people
28 drop the cats off at my house. The children were
29 telling me today I've got a new one that looks like a
30 bear. There are my neighborhood children; okay? I
31 need help. I need help. They're sleeping all over my
32 carport. I have the cushions, chairs out there for my
33 comfort, but I have so many cats at nighttime that you
34 can't -- you know, you just ... Mr. Burns, we need
35 help. They need help with the dogs. I need help with
36 the cats. Okay?

37 Now I know we've got these rules what you can't do,
38 what you can't do, but nobody never tell you what you
39 can do. I don't like cats; I don't want them around my
40 house.

41 Okay. I told you today I need your help in getting
42 these houses torn down in District 2. If you can help,
43 if you'd like to help, if you'd like to write a letter
44 or whatever you can do to help us, we would certainly
45 appreciate it. I think that Anderson is a beautiful
46 town. I have some people I'd like to move out, but you
47 can't do that. But it's a beautiful, beautiful town; a
48 good place to live. But all of it has to be
49 considered. You can't just leave people behind while
50 you just keep on building everywhere else that's nice.

1 As long as I have breath in my body I will fight it.
2 The jail thing, I believe in the jail thing, but my
3 only thing is we've been here before. We've had this
4 rodeo right here in Anderson. We spent over thirty
5 thousand dollars trying to get a -- the money is gone
6 but nothing has happened. The only thing I'm saying
7 now, if we're going to do this, let's do it. No more
8 wasted money or time.

9 Mr. Leon, I have something to tell you but I can't
10 remember what it is. But all night long I remembered
11 until I had a chance to talk with you and now I can't
12 think of what it is now.

13 But other than that, Lord, it's a hard time these
14 days. There's nobody else, but I'm going through a
15 personal crisis. I don't even know it is, but if you
16 are a praying person -- now I don't mean the people
17 that'll stand up and pray, you know, like the Pharisees
18 did, good ole long prayer for nothing -- I'm talking
19 about praying people. Remember me in your prayers.
20 And that's all I have.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

22 Mr. Graham.

23 RAY GRAHAM: Nothing at this time, Mr.
24 Chairman.

25 CRAIG WOOTEN: Nothing at this time.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

27 CINDY WILSON: Nothing at this time.

28 TOMMY DUNN: I'd just like to say I
29 want to appreciate Mr. Burns and his staff, all they're
30 doing. They've got another fishing trip this week for
31 Anderson County, and all the work they're doing on that
32 to make that successful. Also want to thank staff and
33 all the people involved on my garage, looking at moving
34 it to TTI and work done on it. We continue to work. I
35 think the committee is meeting Thursday. That's one
36 thing.

37 And for these folks out here, I want you to know
38 y'all's voice has been heard. Y'all are welcome to
39 come to council any time. You've got a good council
40 member. All you need to do is talk to Mr. Davis. If
41 there's anything he can do, he'll sure do it. What we
42 do, we've got to find out what we can do if there's any
43 ordinances to change. We've also got to keep in mind
44 what we do, then people -- if we do something they're
45 going to more than likely go to Court and we've got to
46 make sure a judge is going to uphold it. Anything we
47 can do, we'll do. And I echo Mr. Davis's sentiments
48 about Officer McCarley. He's good. He's helped us in
49 my district many a time; does a good job.

50 Meeting be adjourned. Thank y'all.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:38 P.M.)