

State of South Carolina)
County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
GRACIE FLOYD
RAY GRAHAM
CRAIG WOOTEN
KEN WATERS
TOM ALLEN
M. CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to
2 call the regular December 18th regular Anderson
3 County Council meeting to order. I'd like to welcome
4 each and every one of you here today and thank you
5 for coming.

6 At this time I'd like to ask Councilman Wooten if
7 he'll lead us in the invocation and pledge of
8 allegiance. If we'd all rise, please.

9 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY TOM ALLEN)**

10 TOMMY DUNN: At this time are there any
11 corrections to be made to the December 4th, 2018
12 council meeting? Hearing and seeing none, do we have
13 a motion to move these forward?

14 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may we accept
15 the minutes as presented.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes a motion to
17 accept as presented. Second by Mr. Allen. All in
18 favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
19 sign. Show the motion carries.

20 At this time we'll have citizens comments for
21 agenda matters only. Have three minutes.

22 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one is
23 signed up to speak at this time.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

25 At this time we have Item number 5, Presentation
26 on Cleanup. Don't have a name by that.

27 RUSTY BURNS: The people were not able to
28 attend today, Mr. Dunn.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

30 Item number 6, third reading, 6(a), ordinance
31 2018-057, an ordinance authorizing the execution and
32 delivery of special resource credit agreements by and
33 between Anderson County, South Carolina, Ace Solar,
34 LLC and Pelzer Solar I, LLC, with respect to certain
35 economic development in the County including
36 provision of certain special source revenue credits.
37 Project Avocado. This will be a public hearing.
38 Anyone wishing to speak to this, please step forward
39 and state your name and district and address the
40 chair, please. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing
41 none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we have
42 a motion to move this forward? Motion Ms. Wilson,
43 second Mr. Graham. Any discussion? Hearing none,
44 all in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the
45 motion carries.

46 Moving on to Item number 6(b), 2018-058, an
47 ordinance to amend Chapter 66, Article II, titled
48 Sewers, in its entirety. Mr. Burns or Mr. Harmon, do
49 you want to give this -- this will be a public
50 hearing. Do y'all want to give a recap on this so

1 the people will know what the public hearing is
2 about?

3 LEON HARMON: Yes, Mr. Chairman and
4 members of Council. What this matter involves is a
5 complete amendment to Chapter 66, Article II,
6 entitled Sewers. We need to do this from time to
7 time to keep up with changing environmental
8 regulations. And DHEC requires that, as well. The
9 new ordinance that was in the packet is fairly
10 substantial, but it's what we are required to do from
11 time to time.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon. At
13 this time we'll be in a public hearing. Anyone
14 wishing to speak to this matter please step forward,
15 state your name and district for the record and
16 address the chair. Anyone at all? Seeing and
17 hearing none, the public hearing will be closed. Do
18 we have a motion to move this forward.

19 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

20 TOM ALLEN: Second.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson; second
22 Mr. Waters. Any further discussion?

23 CINDY WILSON: Just a quick comments, ---

24 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

25 CINDY WILSON: --- if I may. This is a
26 very comprehensive amendment, fleshing out a lot of
27 detail that we lacked before in our sewer ordinance
28 that directly applies to the sewer enterprise fund.
29 And I think it's a great improvement for us. Thank
30 you.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
32 All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed
33 like sign. Show the motion carries.

34 Moving on to Item number 6(c), 2018-059, an
35 ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article V, Purchasing,
36 of the Code of Ordinances, Anderson County, South
37 Carolina to add Section 2-655 Titled "Project
38 Delivery Methods Authorized For Infrastructure
39 Facilities." We have a public hearing. Anyone
40 wishing to speak to this matter please step forward,
41 state your name and district and address the chair,
42 please. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, the
43 public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion
44 to move this forward?

45 RAY GRAHAM: So moved.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham; second by
47 Mr. Waters. Any further discussion? All in favor of
48 the motion show of hands. All opposed. Show the
49 motion carries.

50 Moving on to Item number 6(d), 2018-060,

1 ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not
2 exceeding eight million five hundred thousand dollars
3 aggregate principal amount of general obligation
4 bonds of Anderson County. Motion to move this
5 forward?

6 TOM ALLEN: So moved.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen; second Mr.
8 Graham. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion
9 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion
10 carries.

11 Moving on to Item number 7(a), second reading,
12 2018-062, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to
13 rezone plus or minus 8.75 acres from C-1N, that would
14 be neighborhood commercial district, to C-2, highway
15 commercial, at 83 Princeton Highway. Be in District
16 7. Do we have a motion to move this forward? Motion
17 Ms. Wilson; second Mr. Waters. Any discussion? All
18 in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
19 sign. Show the motion carries.

20 Moving on to Item number 8; there are none, first
21 readings.

22 This is Item number 9, R2018-63, a resolution
23 approving the assignment of certain economic
24 development property with respect to fee-in-lieu of
25 ad valorem taxes and Economic Development Agreement
26 between Anderson County, South Carolina and One World
27 Technologies, Inc., pursuant to the requirements of
28 Title 12, Chapter 44 of the South Carolina Code;
29 approving a termination of a Joinder Agreement and a
30 Project Infrastructure Agreement. Mr. Nelson, do you
31 want to ...

32 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
33 members of Council. TTI, this is kind of a
34 complicated sounding and looking resolution, but TTI
35 is simply buying back the distribution center and the
36 property where that distribution center sits from the
37 leasing company that they had used early on or from
38 the beginning with that project. Lexington-Anderson
39 is the real estate company or real estate trust
40 company that owned and operated and held the lease
41 for the building and property. And TTI is buying the
42 building and property from Lexington-Anderson. And
43 there are a number of legal name changes that have to
44 be made to work through all of that sale of property.
45 That's what this resolution is about; it's just a
46 name change. It does not change our incentive
47 package in any way; doesn't change the deal in any
48 way. It just simply changes the names of the owners
49 of the distribution center and the property that it
50 sits on. Thank you, sir.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
2 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I quickly
3 ---
4 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, Ms. Wilson.
5 CINDY WILSON: Out of curiosity, where is
6 that warehousing complex?
7 BURRISS NELSON: It's the distribution
8 center that's at the end of Orange Way at Exit 27.
9 It's the property that they built and we have an
10 ordinance on that we passed three years ago or four
11 years ago. It was -- I've forgotten the project name
12 now. NASA was the office complex. Can't remember
13 the other.
14 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.
15 BURRISS NELSON: What? Project Machine.
16 Thank you.
17 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Do we have a
18 motion to move this forward? Motion Ms. Wilson;
19 second Mr. Graham. Any discussion? All in favor of
20 the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show
21 the motion carries.
22 Moving on to Item number 10, bid approval, chairs
23 for 911 dispatch. I'll ask Vice Chairman Graham if
24 he would lead us off before we get into it, then Mr.
25 Carroll and Mr. Williamson can come up and talk about
26 a little bit if they would.
27 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
28 Members of Council, citizens, this is basically in
29 reference to purchasing chairs for 911 dispatch. I'm
30 going to get Mark to give the final bid price, what
31 we got the chairs for. However, just to kind of let
32 everyone know, these chairs are very pricy, but
33 please keep in mind these chairs are literally
34 utilized twenty-four hours a day by people sitting in
35 and rolling around basically doing their job
36 functions. So it's not your average Office Depot
37 chair, but it is something that's needed to continue
38 to operate our 911 Center. So that's the reason
39 we're moving forward with this.
40 Mark, if you could give us that final bid price
41 on that. I just don't have that with me.
42 MARK WILLIAMSON: Robert can correct me;
43 that was thirty thousand three forty-three and change
44 for twenty of those chairs.
45 TOMMY DUNN: Thirty thousand three fifty
46 even, Mr. Carroll? Thirty thousand three fifty?
47 Okay.
48 MARK WILLIAMSON: And that did go through
49 the committee process, as well as the bid process, to
50 get the price on those chairs.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Do you have anything else
2 you'd like to add?
3 MARK WILLIAMSON: Just that those -- what we
4 have existing, I think those chairs are ten years
5 old. This is a replacement of those. And we did
6 size those accordingly to dispatchers. And what we
7 have is in need of repair. Those folks are sitting
8 in those chairs twenty-four seven, seven days a week,
9 three hundred and sixty-five days a year.
10 RAY GRAHAM: And we're also going to
11 repurpose the chairs we're taking out of service and
12 put into the backup 911 Center which will be utilized
13 in case of an emergency or whatever, as well. So
14 it's not that we're doing away with those chairs
15 completely. We're kind of shifting them down where
16 they won't be -- naturally they wouldn't be used as
17 much on a backup 911 system.
18 MARK WILLIAMSON: We'll take the best of
19 the twenty and repurpose those to back up 911.
20 CINDY WILSON: May I quickly make an
21 addition to this? It says for November the average
22 daily calls for service were a thousand fifty-three.
23 So in addition to being twenty-four/seven, there is
24 more than a thousand calls a day. That's staggering.
25 Thank you.
26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
27 Ms. Floyd.
28 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't know if I should
29 address this question. Maybe if Mr. Carroll -- can
30 you hear me?
31 ???: No, ma'am, we can't.
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I have it on.
33 ???: We can't hear anybody except
34 ??
35 GRACIE FLOYD: The mistake is mine. Thank
36 you. Can you hear me now? Mr. Carroll? Mr.
37 Carroll, I know that you can only do what you do.
38 But I am kind of concerned because for the last
39 couple of purchases, we haven't been getting that
40 many responses. And I think there was one recently
41 that we only got one response. Is there anything
42 that we can do to encourage other folks to bid on
43 these things? Because I don't understand all these
44 people -- you sent this out to all of these people;
45 right?
46 ROBERT CARROLL: Correct.
47 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Do we have an
48 Anderson firm in here?
49 ROBERT CARROLL: Not -- no, ma'am, not on
50 this one.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Do we have an
2 Anderson company in town that sell these items?
3 ROBERT CARROLL: Not that I'm aware of.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. We have
5 one, but I guess it's closed down now; office
6 supplies. But anyway, that's concerning me, that we
7 don't get many responses. Now, one time back it was
8 said that Anderson County wasn't sending out enough
9 -- or the other people, especially here in Anderson,
10 didn't get a break. What I mean by a break, they
11 didn't know anything about it or they were slapped
12 down and they felt that it wasn't fair. But we have
13 since corrected that. But can more be done so we can
14 get more bids?
15 ROBERT CARROLL: We can attempt to, Ms.
16 Floyd, but again, in this case we had eight. One I'm
17 working on right now. We've already sent it to over
18 twenty-something vendors. They request it, but you
19 can't make them bid sometime. And maybe they can't
20 bid because they can't meet the specs or some other
21 reason.
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I fully understand
23 that you can't make them bid. I understand that.
24 But what I don't understand is why they don't bid.
25 Do you think we need to find out from them why they
26 won't bid, and maybe we can fix whatever it is.
27 Maybe it's not the fact that the bids are higher than
28 anybody else. Because how would they know that
29 unless they put in a bid? Do you understand what I'm
30 saying?
31 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, anyway, that's one of
33 the things that's been bothering me. But anything
34 that you can do to encourage them to, you know, come
35 up with bids.
36 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.
37 GRACIE FLOYD: I know it would be
38 appreciated. Maybe we need to talk to more people.
39 I thank you for talking with me about it.
40 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do you have
41 anything else, Mark?
42 MARK WILLIAMSON: No, sir.
43 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate what all y'all
44 done. You, too, Mr. Carroll. Ms. Wilson.
45 CINDY WILSON: Just a quick comment. The
46 only places that I could be aware that might offer
47 these type items would be Office Depot or Staples.
48 Of course, they're a national chain. Fant's Office
49 Supply used to be a good supplier, but I don't think
50 they're even in existence anymore. I don't know of

1 anything local.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Keep in mind, these chairs,
3 and I'll let Mark, who's got more expertise than I
4 do, but these chairs ain't just your -- as Vice
5 Chairman Graham said at the start, but these chairs
6 aren't just every day office chairs that you might
7 find in somebody's office. These chairs are really
8 somebody's -- some dispatchers, it's a part of their
9 tool they use every day, having to sit in this thing,
10 and wear and tear. If y'all remember when we first
11 come on council, I think about ten years ago, is when
12 we bought the last ones. These chairs are
13 experience. But if we go cheap, they might not last
14 long. Trying to keep our people as comfortable as
15 possible. This is a very -- and we've had,
16 unfortunately, more turnover than we care to have the
17 last little bit, and we're trying to help with that.
18 But this is a very stressful job we've got in there.
19 I know I couldn't do it. I admire the ones that do
20 do it and appreciate the job they do do and hope this
21 will make them be able to do their job, because I
22 know if me or my family needs emergency services, I
23 want the dispatcher to be at his utmost to be able to
24 get it to me.
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?
26 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: How many chairs are we
28 talking about?
29 TOMMY DUNN: Twenty, I believe. Is that
30 correct? Twenty.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Twenty chairs?
32 MARK WILLIAMSON: Yes, ma'am.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And we're going to
34 use Elite Ergonomics?
35 MARK WILLIAMSON: Yes, ma'am.
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Twenty chairs for thirty-
37 five ... Okay. Thank you.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
39 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
40 Again, it is -- dispatch is a very important process
41 of the public safety. So it is very important that
42 they do have the correct tools to do their job.
43 Also, as far as the liability standpoint, as far as
44 lost work day case or anything else, it does have to
45 be a chair where they can literally sit in for twelve
46 hours a day and still function and do their job
47 properly. Mark and Mr. Carroll, I appreciate you
48 guys doing due diligence on getting these bids out
49 and appreciate y'all bringing that back to us.
50 Mr. Chairman, I would bring this forth in the

1 form of a motion that we approve this.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Graham;
3 have a second?

4 CINDY WILSON: Second.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
6 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show
7 of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion
8 carries.

9 Moving on to Item number 11, Capital. Who's
10 going to handle this, Mr. Burns? I think first on
11 capital is Economic Development Smart LED TV.

12 MARK WILLIAMSON: This is a TV similar to
13 what Mr. Burns has in his conference room to allow
14 for video conferencing between the two and to other
15 areas.

16 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman?

17 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

18 CINDY WILSON: I mean no offense to anyone
19 here, but when we purchased the other one, it was
20 stated that part of the use would be for economic
21 development to have conference calls. So this one
22 kind of gives me a little trouble. I don't know how
23 y'all feel -- like it's probably very badly needed.
24 That makes two of them within sixty days, I guess.
25 Just a comment.

26 TOMMY DUNN: And I appreciate the
27 comment. My thoughts on that is I can understand
28 perfectly, but I've been first hand of the Smart
29 Board or whatever they've got at the Economic
30 Development Office. It's used very poorly. In fact
31 it's very embarrassing when you've got people over
32 there trying to show them something, at times. And
33 Mr. Burns, as y'all see, has used -- we've used this
34 one here to keep from us having to go all the way
35 over yonder or back or if we've got two meetings at
36 one time. I think it's money well spent to get
37 something on today's technology. That's my opinion
38 on this. Do we have a motion to put this on the
39 floor for discussion?

40 RAY GRAHAM: I make a motion.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham makes a motion to
42 put it on the floor. Have a second?

43 KEN WATERS: Second.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. Now
45 discussion. Anybody?

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

47 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: I have seen the television
49 in the room in there. It's a really nice television.
50 It's huge. I think it's the biggest one I've ever

1 seen. But I do have one thing, and if I upset you
2 ... Any purchases above whatever the amount is, is
3 supposed to be brought to Council. And Council is
4 supposed to discuss it. We may or may not. But that
5 television never came before the Council. They just
6 went out and bought it. And it's more like asking
7 for forgiveness rather than for permission. In the
8 past couple of years Council have lost several of its
9 responsibilities. We've had people just take an
10 initiative on their own deciding for us, rather than
11 it goes to a group. This is the same thing that
12 happened to the television. If we needed it, we
13 would have gotten it. It could have been shown that
14 -- how important it was to the base and how important
15 it was for us to get our work done; we would have
16 gotten it. But just to go out and buy it and say,
17 okay, we got it; now what you gonna do? I don't
18 think it's right; I don't think it's fair, and it
19 needs to be stopped.

20 At one time this was a thing that happened all
21 the time. But it was, it was stopped, and we got
22 back on what we were supposed to be doing. We nipped
23 it in the bud, I thought. But we're beginning to
24 start up again.

25 Now, I don't know how many Council people feel
26 this way, but I do. I do. Because it's the law of
27 the Council, it's the law of the County, and it's the
28 law of the people. No representation was held during
29 that time to include the taxpayers by coming to
30 Council with it about anything. So good TV; good TV.
31 But let's follow the procedure. And as far as asking
32 for forgiveness, I don't forgive. I don't forgive
33 it. Thank you.

34 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

35 TOMMY DUNN: I just want to make clear.
36 We're back on track. We've going back -- what's done
37 is water under the bridge. We've addressed that.
38 This TV is going through the proper channels and
39 that's what we're today for. Mr. Graham.

40 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you. That's what I
41 was going to confirm. This is a TV that has not been
42 purchased and y'all are coming to us asking for
43 permission to purchase it. My question, and it's
44 really more just clarification for everyone else, the
45 Smart Boards are really, I guess old technology,
46 something that's kind of going out. And
47 realistically speaking, this TV has more capabilities
48 and probably more room for growth than the Smart
49 Board does.

50 MARK WILLIAMSON: That's true. The

1 Smart Boards were somewhere -- six, seven year old
2 technology-wise. And in technology that is
3 equivalent to twenty years.

4 RAY GRAHAM: I definitely don't think
5 it's something we need to put in every conference
6 room in Anderson County. But I think it has been
7 very useful. The ones that we put in the
8 administrative conference room, I think it's been
9 very useful on different meetings. And I also feel
10 like it'll be beneficial to economic development in
11 their conference room. I definitely don't think it's
12 something we need to be looking at spending this type
13 of money on all conference rooms. But I definitely
14 think it'll be beneficial on those. Thank you.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?
16 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. Burns, the
18 television in the conference room.

19 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Was that the one that was
21 bought without permission?

22 RUSTY BURNS: That's the one that was gone
23 through channels and then I brought it to Council.
24 Yes, that's the very one that you're talking about.
25 That is the one.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But I think it was
27 you who told me that the TV didn't come to Council.
28 You told ---

29 RUSTY BURNS: It eventually came to
30 Council because I ---

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Eventually, after it was
32 purchased?

33 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, I did.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. After it was
35 purchased.

36 RUSTY BURNS: I did.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: And that's what I'm talking
38 about. We need to stop doing that.

39 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Let's follow the rules ---

41 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: --- as we wrote them
43 ourselves; okay? Good. Thank you.

44 RUSTY BURNS: One thing, Mr. Chairman.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

46 RUSTY BURNS: I think to call this a TV is
47 a misnomer. Because it is much more than a
48 television. Can you watch television on it? Yes,
49 you can. But as you know when we had the sewer
50 presentation, you were able to see things, as opposed

1 to the Smart Board. The fact that we have one here
2 and one over there, I'm pretty sure both will be in
3 regular use, as they are now, because a lot of people
4 use that conference room, not for administrative
5 reasons, but for everything going on in the County.
6 And sometimes we need something special over there.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

8 CRAIG WOOTEN: I think the only comment
9 that I would make is we have economic development
10 operating in over a hundred year old parsonage. We
11 operate in over a hundred year old courthouse. We're
12 dealing with 5.5 billion dollar Hong Kong-based
13 companies, TTI; billion dollar companies in Florida,
14 which we're giving massive incentives to do a
15 business deal with them. So you know, I agree the
16 procurement process needs to be followed and needs to
17 be accountable, but we need to see the big picture
18 that if Anderson is going to operate on the stage
19 that it needs to, that we need to represent ourselves
20 (glitch in recording).

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten. Do
22 we have a motion? I've already done a motion; I'm
23 sorry. Any more discussion? All in favor of the
24 motion show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion
25 carries with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr.
26 Graham, Mr. Wooten, Ms. Wilson in favor; Ms. Floyd
27 opposes.

28 Moving on next to the firewall, capital project
29 (b). You got anything to say on that?

30 MARK WILLIAMSON: Yes, sir. This is
31 a replacement of our existing firewall. And what a
32 firewall does is protects our network, our computer
33 network, from threats that come through us on a daily
34 basis. Now, I know that might get technical for some
35 folks, but think about someone trying to break in
36 your house over two thousand times a month. And
37 that's the current rate at which we face threats.
38 Our existing firewall has served us well, but this
39 will be -- it has reached end of life. And this will
40 be the replacement for that to allow that continued
41 protection of our network.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion?

43 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

45 Second by Mr. Graham. Now discussion.

46 CINDY WILSON: Quick question.

47 TOMMY DUNN: I don't think we can have
48 enough protection this day in time the way we are
49 now. We need to do everything we can to try to
50 protect something. Ms. Wilson.

1 CINDY WILSON: I was trying to understand
2 the bid and the quotes and so forth. Being non-
3 technical, what is HA Option?
4 MARK WILLIAMSON: That is an option that we
5 don't normally use. To put that in layman's terms,
6 that was an add-on by the sales team, and we didn't
7 need it. That allows for ---
8 CINDY WILSON: And we don't need it?
9 MARK WILLIAMSON: We don't need it. It
10 won't ?? our network so we just stopped it.
11 CINDY WILSON: What is it?
12 MARK WILLIAMSON: You know, I don't know
13 what the HA stood for either, but the presentation of
14 it was that that will handle more band width and more
15 threats than you would possibly have. What we've
16 narrowed down and what we actually need, this device
17 covers. We would not need that extended higher
18 coverage to be able to do that. So this is buying
19 for our need, not for necessarily just what a
20 salesman wants to sell.
21 CINDY WILSON: So you've also got that your
22 choice is FortiGate for nineteen thousand one eighty-
23 four and it's an on-state contract. Does that
24 include the installation for that?
25 MARK WILLIAMSON: Nineteen thousand is for
26 the installation included.
27 CINDY WILSON: Okay.
28 MARK WILLIAMSON: And just to give some
29 context to this, Mr. Chairman, if I could, we had a
30 threat last night. We had a crypto virus that came
31 in on an email that had the potential to shut down
32 our entire network. A device similar to this
33 actually stopped it and contained it where it needed
34 to be. Now, the end result of that was that we had
35 our grants file corrupted and we did -- and were able
36 to isolate that threat to right there. But had we
37 not had an existing device like this, it could have
38 spread throughout our network and we could have had a
39 Charlotte or an Atlanta last night. These threats
40 are real and they're out there every single day
41 trying to creek through.
42 CINDY WILSON: The FortiGate is the same as
43 Spartan Tech here?
44 MARK WILLIAMSON: Spartan Tech is the
45 vendor for the FortiGate; yes, ma'am.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, all this comes in
47 our budget; correct?
48 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir, it comes out of
49 capital.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Any more questions,

1 comments? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
2 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
3 unanimously.

4 Moving on to Item number (c), capital, Dataworks
5 Plus Livescan System. Mark. I believe Mr.
6 Williamson.

7 MARK WILLIAMSON: This is a replacement
8 that -- for hardware and software that is actually a
9 machine and console located in our detention center.
10 What this enables us to do from that side is once
11 someone has been arrested and brought into the intake
12 portion of the jail, they'll be fingerprinted. This
13 system connects with the FBI. It connects with SLED.
14 And this allows us to see any record that's out there
15 on that particular individual should they pop up in
16 that system. We already have DataScan in our current
17 jail situation, but it has reached end of life. I
18 think that system has been around for ten years.
19 This is the upgrade to that, keeping with the same
20 vendor, keeping with the same technology base,
21 keeping with the same function.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

23 CINDY WILSON: Question. This system as
24 proposed would prevent the terrible thing that
25 happened in Charleston where the FBI overlooked an
26 item in another county. This is comprehensive enough
27 to prevent such as that?

28 MARK WILLIAMSON: It is possible; yes. We
29 can link to any other system to do it in reverse to
30 actually see what has been charged of an individual
31 before that. But more importantly it speeds up the
32 intake time that we spend with each person. If
33 you've ever visited and seen an intake process and
34 seen the highlight, there are people standing in
35 lines to be able to be processed to put into the
36 jail. This expedites that process.

37 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

38 MARK WILLIAMSON: Yes, ma'am.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Do we have a
40 motion to move this forward? Motion Ms. Wilson;
41 second by Mr. Waters. Any more discussion? All in
42 favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion
43 carries.

44 Moving on to Item number 12, radio ID activation
45 approval. Mark, I guess this is you again.

46 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, this -- no, I
47 have this one. This one, the Town of Honea Path
48 purchased a new police vehicle. They needed to have
49 the radio activated on that vehicle. They will be
50 deactivating another vehicle so there will be no net

1 gain in the cost. But it was an emergency situation
2 to get this vehicle in service, so we approved it.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to move
4 ---
5 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a
7 second?
8 TOM ALLEN: Second.
9 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Allen. Now
10 Mr. Graham, got anything?
11 RAY GRAHAM: Have we have ever ones for
12 the cars that's coming in?
13 MARK WILLIAMSON: I think we did.
14 RAY GRAHAM: Are we good on all ---
15 MARK WILLIAMSON: Yeah, we're good on that;
16 yes, sir.
17 RAY GRAHAM: I didn't know if we could
18 put them together.
19 MARK WILLIAMSON: Right.
20 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Everybody good? All
21 in favor of the motion show of hands.
22 I want to appreciate and thank you for what all
23 you do for the county. Appreciate your expertise.
24 Thanks.
25 MARK WILLIAMSON: Thank you.
26 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 13,
27 appointments. Does anyone have any? I've got one
28 from District 5. This is will Board of Assessment
29 Appeals; Mr. William A. McClain, Jr. I put that in
30 the form of a motion.
31 CINDY WILSON: Second.
32 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Ms. Wilson. Any
33 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
34 hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.
35 Anyone else have any appointments?
36 Requests by council members. Mr. Waters, do you
37 have any?
38 KEN WATERS: I don't have any.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?
40 TOM ALLEN: None.
41 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
42 GRACIE FLOYD: I have one. This is to the
43 Shalom House Ministries from District 2's
44 recreational account. They are asking for a thousand
45 dollars for the Christmas and Holiday recreational
46 activities. And I put this in the form of a motion
47 that District 2 would like to allocate a thousand
48 dollars to the Shalom House.
49 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Ms. Floyd
50 to come out of District 2's recreation account. Have

1 a second by Ms. Wilson. Now any further discussion?
2 All in favor of the motion show of hands. Motion
3 carries unanimously.

4 Mr. Graham, do you have any?

5 RAY GRAHAM: None.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?

7 CRAIG WOOTEN: None at this time.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?

9 CINDY WILSON: None.

10 TOMMY DUNN: District 5 has two. I'd
11 like to request twenty-five hundred dollars out of
12 District 5's recreation account to the Parks and
13 Recreation Department. That'll be for some work
14 being done at the Equinox Park and this will be some
15 matching stuff from the United Way of Anderson. I
16 put that in the form of a motion.

17 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
19 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show
20 of hands. Show the motion carries.

21 The second out of District 5's recreation
22 account, I have one thousand two hundred and fifty
23 dollar request for the Welcome Park to be transferred
24 into the Parks and Recreation Department. And this
25 will be helping a PARD grant and this is for some ADA
26 parking. I put that in the form of a motion.

27 CINDY WILSON: Second.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
29 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show
30 of hands. Show the motion carries.

31 Does anybody have anything else?

32 Moving on to Item number 15, Administrator's
33 Report.

34 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 16,
36 Council Recognition. Mr. Burns, I'll let you handle
37 this, if you would. I think we've got some special
38 guests here that want to come up. I'll let you
39 handle this.

40 RUSTY BURNS: Several groups, yes. But
41 you might, Mr. Chairman, have citizens comments
42 before if council so moved.

43 TOMMY DUNN: There's no problem with
44 that. We can do that. Anybody got any problems with
45 moving the agenda up? Okay. We'll start out with
46 citizens comments. Citizens comments, you have three
47 minutes. Please address the chair and state your
48 name and district for the record. Mr. Harmon.

49 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one
50 citizen signed up; Frank Pressly.

1 FRANK PRESSLY: Frank Pressly, District 4.
2 HA stands for high availability. Basically it's
3 where you have two firewalls in a system that are
4 synchronized to act as a fail-over or a redundancy
5 for the original system. So that's what HA stands
6 for.

7 Madam Chairwoman, as regards bidding, there is a
8 means to narrowly construct a bid so that, as the
9 gentleman suggested, the others are not able to meet
10 the specs. And that's not to say this is being done,
11 but it's an artful way of directing a bid to a
12 particular party when they only have the assets or
13 the personnel that are asked for. For example, if
14 you ask for a left-handed cowboy who speaks Chinese
15 and Pashto, there may only be one person in one
16 company that does that. The other twenty cannot meet
17 the specifications. Sometimes there are time limits
18 asking them to be able to respond within a couple of
19 hours and companies who are from out-of-town can't
20 meet that specification. So what we need to do is we
21 need to not be so specific in our bidding that we
22 exclude everyone else, because you'll really kind of
23 find it a stretch of the imagination when you have
24 twenty companies who are in a business and none of
25 them can qualify. That does raise a red flag.

26 This is the end of the year. And in our next
27 meeting, we're going to have an important election
28 regarding our leadership. And I hope that all of you
29 think very carefully about the path that we are
30 leading. The path that we're on, we've been on for
31 several years now. And I think that there is a time
32 that comes when we need fresh ideas, a fresh
33 perspective and things that will allow this county to
34 move along and not be stuck in a rut.

35 Thank you. Y'all have a Merry Christmas.

36 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one else is
37 signed up.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

39 At this time we'll go back to Mr. Burns, if you
40 would, for council recognition.

41 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, we have had
42 some requests from some citizens' groups to have a
43 special place on the agenda. This is a very bitter
44 sweet moment for me and I know it is for a lot of
45 other people. But with that said, Ken, if you and
46 your group would like to come up, please.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Medlin, be Ann Medlin.

48 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Waters, could you (mic
49 not on.)

50 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, if you would, or

1 you can use mine, get a microphone where everything
2 can be recorded.

3 ANN MEDLIN: Tommy is our leader here.
4 Let me let him ...

5 TOMMY FORREST: My name is Tommy Forrest.
6 I'm the Anderson County Coordinator for the Quilts of
7 Valor Foundation, and a very proud resident of the
8 Joe Brown Senior Center. And for that I thank Mr.
9 Burns and Council. We love our new home. We're very
10 proud of it. Our organization here in Anderson makes
11 quilts and awards them to veterans. And we have two
12 distinguished veterans with us today that we want to
13 honor with the Quilts of Valor.

14 (Inaudible) made right here in Anderson. Ann
15 Medlin made both of them.

16 ANN MEDLIN: No, I -- let me say this
17 about this quilt. I've known Tom for a while. And
18 we've been through a few rough things together, along
19 with Tommy. And when I saw this quilt -- I mean,
20 when I saw this panel on this quilt, the first thing
21 that popped in my mind was Tom Allen, because he fits
22 all of these. And you probably can't see this out
23 there but it says courageous, responsible, soldier,
24 patriot, leader, fearless, role model, guide, mentor,
25 friend and hero. And I thought, you know, every one
26 of those things fits Tom Allen.

27 TOM ALLEN: (Inaudible.)

28 ANN MEDLIN: Now you can put that in
29 front of her and show her that.

30 And I know that Ken was -- actually he was
31 deployed the first time he ran for County Council,
32 and so he was on active duty then.

33 We appreciate so much what these men have done
34 for our County. But our part is we want to honor
35 them for their service to our Country.

36 **APPLAUSE**

37 ANN MEDLIN: And we want you guys to use
38 these quilts. You know, they're not just something
39 to put out there and look at. And Tommy is going to
40 tell you -- say a little bit more here.

41 TOMMY FORREST: Your Quilts of Valor carries
42 a three-part message from our hearts. First, we
43 honor you for your service, for your willingness to
44 lay down your life for your country. Second, we
45 thank you for your service. Your sacrifice and your
46 valor in serving our nation. Last, we hope your
47 quilt provides healing, peace and comfort. Please
48 know you are forever in our thoughts and in our
49 hearts.

50 **APPLAUSE**

1 TOMMY FORREST: The group here in Anderson
2 has produced in four years a little over a thousand
3 quilts. And this year these two quilts have put us
4 over the four hundred mark for this year. The
5 foundation ---

6 **APPLAUSE**

7 TOMMY FORREST: The foundation, as of this
8 morning, was -- since 2005, two hundred seven
9 thousand seven hundred ten quilts. And this morning
10 we added twenty. These two make twenty-two that
11 we've added to that total today.

12 TOM ALLEN: I want to say just a quick
13 word and thank Ann and Tommy for this. And I want to
14 tell a story about Ann. This was at one of our
15 retired military officers association meetings, what,
16 about not quite a year ago, I guess. It's been
17 several months back. But they did a presentation
18 over there to Bob Fant. Bob was in the Navy. He was
19 captured. He was in the Hanoi Hilton, a beautiful
20 resort area in Viet Nam, and all during that time you
21 wore his bracelet. Ann wore his bracelet as a POW
22 that entire time. I'm going to get through this,
23 Ann. But that night was something. She had the
24 bracelet on that night that she presented the quilt
25 to Bob. And it was extremely moving. And I want to
26 thank all of you for that. Thank you.

27 KEN WATERS: I promise you this will be
28 in the Lazyboy tonight. It means a lot to me. Thank
29 you very much.

30 ANN MEDLIN: I want to thank Rusty for
31 lining this up. I wanted to wrap Tom and I knew when
32 he was retiring this year. I talked with Rusty and I
33 said, we've got to wrap Tom Allen before the year is
34 out. And then Ken wasn't going to be returning, and
35 so I said, well, we've got to get both of them. So
36 thank you Rusty and thank you, Council, for letting
37 us have this opportunity to do this.

38 We love what we do. This is our passion in life;
39 to wrap as many veterans as we can. And thank you
40 for giving us the opportunity to get two more of
41 them.

42 **APPLAUSE**

43 TOMMY DUNN: I want to thank y'all for
44 what all y'all have done for the veterans and what
45 y'all do for citizens of Anderson County. We very
46 much appreciate it.

47 Mr. Burns?

48 RUSTY BURNS: (Inaudible.)

49 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, get the mic.

50 MALE VOICE: Mr. Allen, it's been my

1 honor and privilege to be part of the air show
2 committee for the past. And this County Council and
3 our County have been great supporters of that air
4 show. But any operation needs a champion and you
5 have been our champion for the air show. Anything
6 we've ever needed, basically it's what do you need
7 and when do you need it? And it has appeared. The
8 entire County, every department that I can think of,
9 has been involved in this. And you have been the
10 leader of that and the champion of the very
11 successful air shows. It's been a privilege to do
12 that for the County. We want to thank you for
13 everything that you've done.

14 In honor of that, we have something for you sent
15 down from Canada from the Snowbirds. It's honoring
16 you for all you've done for the air shows and the
17 Snowbirds when they're here. In many respects they
18 actually feel like Anderson is their home. They've
19 been like family and treated like family. So that's
20 from the Snowbirds to you for all you've done in the
21 years. Actually it says, Presented to Anderson
22 County Councilman Tom Allen in appreciation for his
23 contribution and support for the Anderson Regional
24 Airport. Our sincere thanks, Anderson Regional Air
25 Show Committee, December 18, 2018.

26 There is one other thing; one other thing. Those
27 of you that attended the air show, you may have seen
28 the pyrotechnic displays that we had. We had calls
29 from all over the County thinking there was
30 explosions, there were plane crashes, something
31 really had gone one. But the pyrotechnics were part
32 of the air show and we were real happy to bring that
33 to the air show. What many of you don't know is that
34 that was Mr. Allen's brain child. So in honor of
35 that, I reached out to the A-10 Pilots that flew the
36 A-10's that actually were part of that demonstration.
37 And they sent this.

38 TOM ALLEN: Oh, my. Oh!!

39 MALE VOICE: You should put that anywhere
40 you want, but the A-10's from the Air Force and the
41 explosion at the bottoms, that was your brain child
42 and your idea.

43 TOM ALLEN: I just want to thank these
44 two gentlemen. You know, they've given me these
45 things, but these guys are the workhorses that make
46 the air show go, and especially Butch. And I'm very,
47 very proud of the work that you and Bill have done.
48 Hopefully we can keep this thing going. And the
49 airport, again, I'll always support it as a critical
50 aspect to Anderson County here. It's a doorway to

1 Anderson County. I was out there last night at a
2 meeting and there's a great big beautiful jet sitting
3 out there. That was TTI, you know, getting ready to
4 take off. And we have those kind of planes coming
5 in. Anderson is really on a roll right now and this
6 airport is going to be critical. And thank you guys
7 for all the work that you do on getting the air show
8 together and really pulling the yeoman's weight when
9 it comes to it. Thank you so much.

10 **APPLAUSE**

11 TOMMY DUNN: We'll be moving on now to
12 remarks from Council members. Ms. Wilson.

13 CINDY WILSON: I'll try to say this without
14 choking up. But thank you to both of these good
15 gentlemen at the far end; Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen.
16 I've already spoken to your successors and
17 recommended that they keep y'all on speed dial. But
18 thank y'all and have a wonderful Merry Christmas.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
20 Mr. Wooten.

21 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yeah. I would like to echo
22 some of those same sentiments. And I know when you
23 first come on, you don't know people that well until
24 you get to work with them. And I'm always a big
25 believer in politics or business. It's always
26 personal. And you guys have always shared wisdom
27 with me, been very kind with me, and it didn't mean
28 that we didn't have our differences or our discussion
29 topics, but I was very proud to work with you and
30 what we did. And I really appreciate that. And I
31 wish y'all all the best. And I mean that in
32 sincerity. Thank you.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.
34 Mr. Graham.

35 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
36 One thing I want to mention to Mr. Hopkins in the
37 open meeting, I did get a letter of appreciation on
38 River Road. I just want to, again, thank you and
39 your staff of Roads and Bridges for taking care of
40 that issue that was out there. The citizens was very
41 pleased on that. And I definitely your guys doing
42 that.

43 As far as, again, with Ken and Tom, it seems like
44 it was just yesterday, but really it was two years
45 ago Craig and myself came onboard. I guess we was
46 the young bucks in the group. You know, getting to
47 know each and every one of you guys, and Tom and Ken,
48 working with both of you guys. One thing I can
49 honestly say, you always came to the meetings
50 prepared. You was always willing to share your

1 knowledge and your expertise that you've gathered
2 over the years and I can't tell you enough how much I
3 appreciate it. Enjoyed the opportunity of getting to
4 know you. The friendship and also working with you
5 guys as far as Council members. Definitely wish you
6 the best of luck. Hope to see you around. And
7 again, thank you so much for everything you guys have
8 done for Anderson County.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.
10 Ms. Floyd.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I have something here.
12 I talked to some folks shopping -- well, I wasn't
13 really shopping this weekend because of other
14 problems. But people are telling me that they don't
15 understand when they come to Council meetings that
16 they are encouraged to come but when they get here
17 they don't understand what we're talking about. Some
18 of the wording is so esoterica that they don't know.
19 And they feel like there's no sense in coming because
20 nothing is explained. And I was thanked for
21 encouraging the Council to explain to people what
22 they're talking about.

23 So in the next year coming up, I'm hoping we can
24 do a better job than that. I know a lot of us up
25 here have used cheat sheets where everything is
26 written down for them. Maybe we can do the same
27 thing for our constituents who will take the time to
28 come up here to listen to us. Maybe we can give them
29 a sheet where the things are explained to what we're
30 talking about. For example, okay, an ordinance
31 authorizing the execution and delivery of special
32 resource credit agreements by and between Anderson
33 County, South Carolina and some more folks, with
34 respects to certain economic development in the
35 County including provision of certain special source
36 reserve credit. I mean, do you understand what that
37 is? But yet you sit there and you watch us vote on
38 it. Sometimes I don't even know what it is. And I
39 know for a fact sometimes several of us don't know
40 what they're talking about. But anyway, I'm hoping
41 that we can get that better.

42 About the television, I have been on Council for
43 a long time. And I am not one to sit quiet and not
44 say anything. Nor am I one who will go along to get
45 along. Isn't that right, Ann? Ann and I used to
46 work together a long, long, long time ago. And she's
47 one of my best people. I just enjoy her so much.
48 But anyway, I'm not one to go along just to get
49 along. I know that after I talk sometimes, somebody
50 will come behind me and just trash me. But that's

1 all right, too. That's all right, too. But the
2 thing is -- I want to impress upon you is when
3 something is going on in Anderson, we -- on Council,
4 we need to talk about it. We need to say something
5 about it. The television is a good one. It's the
6 best I've ever seen. And I don't know what else to
7 call it, so I'll just call it a television. But
8 procedure should have been followed.

9 And I want to tell you, if you're going to shop
10 downtown over the Christmas holidays, would you send
11 me your receipt, please? They have a thing over at
12 the park over there that if you bring a receipt to
13 them from a shop downtown, the children can go
14 skating for one dollar. I think that's still on. I
15 am going to pay the one dollar. It won't come out of
16 the Council thing. But if you could just send me
17 some receipts from downtown, I sure would appreciate
18 it. Our secretary is Lacey. Lacey, raise your hand.
19 That's Lacey. If you will just send them to her, she
20 will get them to me.

21 I'm wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy
22 New Year. We have some new members coming on, but
23 I'm going to miss you. I am going to miss you.
24 Yeah. He never votes for what I want him to vote on,
25 but he picks on me all the time. And before God and
26 man, I will say, I love you and I hope you get the
27 best of everything.

28 And folks, have a merry one. Thank you.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, I want you and
30 your staff, appreciate the job y'all have done this
31 year.

32 TOM ALLEN: You've not going to let us
33 talk?

34 TOMMY DUNN: I'm going to get y'all two.
35 I'm saving y'all for last. A little bit different.

36 TOM ALLEN: All right, man.

37 TOMMY DUNN: I want to appreciate the job
38 y'all have done this year. Hoping y'all have a safe
39 holiday. I know we'll be out -- some people will be
40 at home in warm beds. Some of the County staff is
41 out doing their job, and we appreciate each and every
42 one of y'all, what all y'all do for the County to
43 make life better for the citizens of Anderson County.
44 Appreciate all the hard work that the staff, Mr.
45 Burns has done for making betterment for the citizens
46 of Anderson County. Even sometimes y'all have to put
47 up with undue ridicule, but I do appreciate the job
48 and the majority of the citizens of Anderson County
49 do.

50 At this time, Mr. Allen, we have been through a

1 lot together. I don't know how I would have ever
2 made it through some of the stuff when me and you
3 first come on Council, some of the stuff we went
4 through, some of the Council meetings we had that
5 lasted till twelve, one o'clock at night.

6 TOM ALLEN: Right.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Some of the craziness that
8 went on with some council members that me and you
9 would have to deal with it and go on through it. And
10 I want you to know of the meetings that we had, I
11 thoroughly enjoyed your friendship, your togetherness
12 being a colleague on Council. We haven't agreed
13 always a hundred percent, but you've always been good
14 to talk to. You've led the charge for animal rights
15 in the County, the air show, a lot of other things.
16 And I've always known you to be very thoughtful and
17 look at all the sides and try to come up with. Like
18 I said, just being able to talk through things with
19 you before a meeting and after a meeting have been
20 very, very good for me, and I'm going to miss that
21 very much. Like I said, what all we went through,
22 it's hard to believe, it looks like you're going to
23 leave us and we still ain't going to have no
24 resolution to it. But that's life. But I want you
25 to know I expect to still talk to you and still have
26 a conversation with you. Your guidance has been a
27 very good credit and been a very blessing for the
28 citizens of Anderson County. And I appreciate very
29 much your hard work and what all you've done for the
30 citizens of Anderson County. My heart is one percent
31 breaking. I wish you hadn't left us, but I
32 understand perfectly why. And like I said, wish you
33 nothing but the best, you and your family. Hope you
34 get to travel and see a lot of stuff. Going to miss
35 you. Okay.

36 Mr. Waters, only the citizens will ever know what
37 all you've done for them in Anderson County. You
38 have left your vacation more than once to come back
39 and make sure a budget would pass. You have, as Ms.
40 Medlin mentioned beforehand, when you first run for
41 office you was serving this country overseas. You
42 come back and your family and friends helped you come
43 back. You've been a stout supporter. I'm going to
44 very much miss your friendship that we've had on
45 Council. Not just as a Council person; just us as
46 friends. I'm going to miss the conversations we had.
47 And I know I'll probably call you after a Council
48 meeting. You've got me through a lot of hard
49 meetings before with some pretty rough stuff going
50 on. I've enjoyed getting to know you. You've got an

1 outstanding family. And I hate to lose you, but I
2 understand. And I think you've going to be all
3 right. But I really do want you to know, like I
4 said, we've had some tough times, too, but I really
5 appreciate what all you've done. Like I said, coming
6 back from vacation, driving back, to get some budgets
7 is a forethought in my mind. I really do appreciate
8 what all you've done.

9 Saying that, Mr. Allen.

10 TOM ALLEN: Well, thank you, Mr. Dunn.
11 I know probably when I walk out these doors, I'm
12 going to say to myself, why didn't I say that before
13 I left. But I want to start up here and I want to
14 thank all the council members that I've had the
15 pleasure of serving with.

16 Ms. Floyd, you know I love you, too; right, hon?
17 And you better invite me to your soul dinner next
18 year too; okay?

19 As I said, we maybe didn't always agree on
20 everything but we honestly could all have
21 conversations up here and nobody hit anybody over the
22 head with a book or anything. We've had some really
23 great discussions. I've enjoyed working with all
24 these folks. And I think we have a super Council.
25 We've got a group of good people and we've got good
26 people coming in taking my place and Ken's place. So
27 I think you're going to be in pretty good hands.

28 I certainly want to thank Rusty Burns, Mr. Burns
29 there, who I didn't know from Adam when I first got
30 on Council. I could have tripped over him on the
31 street and wouldn't have known him. He's just been a
32 superb individual. And nobody will ever know --
33 Tommy kind of alluded to it -- when we first came on
34 Council, let me tell you, it was a little rough the
35 first couple of years. It's a lot easier getting off
36 Council than it was getting on Council, I'll tell
37 you.

38 Rusty did some things that nobody will ever
39 understand and he'll never talk about to keep this
40 place floating during some very, very difficult times
41 ten years ago. And I give you all the credit in the
42 world and congratulate you for the work you did.

43 Leon has been superb. I really enjoy working
44 with Leon, our august attorney, esquire, et cetera,
45 who is a super individual.

46 All the other folks, too, that we have here like
47 Robert Carroll sitting in the back row trying to stay
48 out of trouble there, I've enjoyed working with him.
49 And if he ever gets a coaching job at Clemson, I'll
50 understand why.

1 with the employees; Holt, Mr. Carroll. And stuff
2 don't just happen with a snap of fingers. And the
3 friendships, you know, we're leaving Council, but we
4 still have friends up here. That, you know, we just
5 happen to represent the people that's elected us.
6 And that's been a privilege and I thank everyone for
7 doing that, you know.

8 But walking away from this and looking back at
9 all the positive things that's happened in the last
10 eight years and, you know, just as Mr. Dunn said,
11 this has been great. I mean just looking back at
12 where Anderson County was and where it is today, the
13 records we've broke, the billions of dollars that
14 we've brought in capital investments. You know, and
15 the programs that's gotten started. And the
16 building. Man, let me tell you something, you want
17 to talk about the growth, you walk through -- drive
18 through Powdersville up there, man, somebody will be
19 made at you, it's growing so fast up there.

20 You know, and I can't tell you the friendships;
21 the employees. I'm going to mention Matt Schell. I
22 love that kid. Man, he's just a big ole three
23 hundred pounder, plus or whatever, you know, that
24 guy, all you've got to do is just light his fuse and
25 he's gone. And looking at all the stuff that he's
26 done. I got a text this morning from Mr. Crowder,
27 you know. Just the pleasures that I've had with the
28 people. You know, it's time for me to go. I'm going
29 to enjoy my life and the friends that I've made.
30 It's just touching. But it's time for me to go and
31 enjoy my life. I met people from other parts of the
32 county. And to look at how we've pulled together and
33 worked together as one. And that's what we're
34 supposed to do. There's no selfishness up here.
35 Everybody is up here to represent their people. I'm
36 just really impressed with that.

37 You know, just like I said, I'll bounce around
38 ever once in a while. I've got new challenges ahead
39 of me. I'll be taking those. I really appreciate
40 the friendships and being able to work with everyone
41 and looking back at it. I leave satisfied, you know,
42 at what we've done. You know, we've accomplished a
43 lot.

44 Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate y'all. And
46 again, Mr. Burns, appreciate the hard work the staff
47 has done and look forward to it.

48 In closing, if we could, Mr. Wooten, can I impose
49 on you to say grace over our food we're fixing to
50 eat.

1 If we'll all rise, please.
2 CRAIG WOOTEN: If we could bow together.
3 Thank you, dear Heavenly Father. Thank you for this
4 Christmas season. Thank you for this time of
5 reconciliation and peace and the ability to celebrate
6 your Son Jesus. I pray that you bless this food,
7 God, as we socialize together. And that we can love
8 each other and recognize this time of year. In Jesus
9 name I pray. Amen.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Amen. Meeting will be
11 adjourned.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:13 P.M.)