

State of South Carolina)
County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
GRACIE FLOYD
RAY GRAHAM
BRETT SANDERS
JIMMY DAVIS
M. CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT

1 TOMMY DUNN: ... county council
2 meeting of December 17th to order. I'd like to thank
3 each and every one of y'all for coming. Appreciate
4 y'all being here this afternoon. At this time I'd
5 like to ask the Honorable Cindy Wilson if she'll lead
6 us in the invocation and pledge of allegiance. If
7 we'll all rise, please.

8 **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CINDY WILSON**

9 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on, next item of
10 business, we're going to recognize a very special
11 group of people; employees who have thirty years or
12 more service for Anderson County. Greatly appreciate
13 y'all's service to the county. Y'all are what make
14 Anderson County special. I always say that in our
15 thing. People is what makes Anderson County special.
16 And we've got some very dedicated people of Anderson
17 County.

18 When Mr. Burns, the Administrator, calls your
19 name, step forward and stand up and we're going to
20 congratulate you and give the thing. If council
21 members want to step down there and shake their hands
22 or what not, that'll be fine.

23 **PRESENTATION**

24 **(PRESENTATION WAS INAUDIBLE)**

25 TOMMY DUNN: Moving right along.
26 Next is Resolution R2019-058, a resolution from all
27 council members in order to recognize Mr. Seigler,
28 Tommy Seigler, upon the occasion of his retirement.
29 I'd ask Ms. Wilson if she will read this in for the
30 record.

31 CINDY WILSON: We've all been so
32 blessed by this gentleman.

33 **WHEREAS**, Thomas Edward Seigler, Jr. was born on
34 September 24, 1938, in Fieldale, Virginia to Thomas
35 and Clare Seigler, after which the family returned
36 to South Carolina where Mr. Seigler grew up,
37 competed in football, baseball, and basketball, won
38 all-conference honors in basketball, graduated in
39 1956 from Iva High School, and won the contest to
40 coin the name for the new combined high school for
41 Starr and Iva, "Crescent High School;" and

42 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Seigler, after his high school
43 graduation, worked for General Motors in Flint,
44 Michigan for a time before returning home to work
45 for Daniel Construction as a master pipe fitter and
46 engineer, in the course of which local wrestlers in
47 Pensacola, Florida encouraged him in 1963 to try his
48 hand at the sport, leading to six years of part-time
49 wrestling before he made wrestling his full-time
50 career in 1972; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in his professional wrestling career,
2 Mr. Seigler wrestled over 2,000 matches in countries
3 around the world, including Australia, New Zealand,
4 England, South Africa, and Singapore, and won the
5 National Wrestling Alliance (NWA) Macon Tag Team
6 Championship with Argentina Apollo in 1972, won
7 Georgia's Heavyweight Championship and the All-South
8 Heavyweight Championship in 1973, won back-to-back
9 Southeastern Heavyweight Champion titles in 1975 and
10 1976, won the NWA Florida Television Championship in
11 1976, won the WFIA International Wrestler of the
12 Year and defeated The Iron Sheik to win the NWA
13 British Commonwealth Heavyweight Championship in
14 1977, a title he held until his retirement in 1978,
15 when his career was unfortunately cut short due to a
16 catastrophic back injury in Singapore in December
17 1977; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Seigler, following his wrestling
19 and engineering careers, has worked in law
20 enforcement and security services, including time as
21 head of security for the Equitable Building, the
22 tallest skyscraper in Atlanta at the time, where he
23 oversaw the safety of thousands twenty-four hours
24 per day, seven days per week, and since 1993 has
25 worked in security for Anderson County, first as a
26 part-time security officer and, since immediately
27 after the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001,
28 has served faithfully as full-time head of security
29 for the Anderson County Historic Courthouse, adding
30 to his already considerable legacy as a community
31 figure; and

32 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Seigler has four children, seven
33 grandchildren, and scores of friends here in the
34 Anderson community and around the world.

35 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, in meeting duly
36 assembled this 17th day of December 2019, to take
37 effect and be in force immediately upon enactment,
38 that the Anderson County Council, on behalf of the
39 employees and citizens of Anderson County, expresses
40 its sincerest gratitude to Mr. Seigler and his
41 family for his many years of service to Anderson
42 County and his significant contributions to the life
43 of our community and submits that Mr. Seigler's
44 steady, reassuring presence at the entryway to the
45 Historic Courthouse will be sorely missed by all who
46 have come to know and depend upon him every day to
47 keep them safe while conducting the County's
48 business.

49 Mr. Chairman, may I put that in the form of a
50 motion?

1 TOMMY DUNN: You may.
2 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
3 TOMMY DUNN: We have a second by
4 Mr. Graham. Any discussion? Anyone like to have
5 anything else to say?
6 CINDY WILSON: What a life. We're so
7 blessed. Thank you.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr.
9 Graham.
10 RAY GRAHAM: Tommy, it's always a
11 pleasure coming in and talking with you. You always
12 have some great stories to tell. I always enjoyed
13 speaking with you and definitely cherish the
14 friendship. Wish you the best on your retirement.
15 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd,
16 do you have anything?
17 GRACIE FLOYD: ... thought that he
18 was going to be a rock star. And he told me one
19 day, he said, mama, when I make it I want Mr.
20 Seigler to be my bodyguard. I will call him and
21 tell him. He didn't make it anyway. Tommy, I'm
22 going to miss you.
23 BRETT SANDERS: I'd just like to say
24 I'm new to council and it's always exciting to see
25 Mr. Seigler there. Always make a point to stop and
26 talk with him. He's truly a man's man. He had a
27 wonderful career and I hope he enjoys retirement as
28 much as he's enjoyed his life.
29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis, anything?
30 I'd just like to add, I've enjoyed Mr. Seigler
31 over the years back when it was the park police when
32 he guarded the Civic Center and we homebuilders used
33 to have our meeting out there and got to know him
34 out there. And he's always -- felt safe around him.
35 Some of these meetings here at the courthouse, still
36 we've had some here lately coming up from planning
37 meetings, what not, I'd say is Mr. Seigler working?
38 I know we're going to be a little bit safe walking
39 the halls. He is going to be greatly missed. But
40 hope you enjoy your retirement and your family to
41 the fullest and wish you nothing but the best, Mr.
42 Seigler. You've done Anderson County a great
43 service and a great job and we truly appreciate it.
44 I'm going to miss you. Tell them when I walk in
45 they can get started; now you're here. I appreciate
46 that after all this time.
47 Y'all step up and let the council -- if you
48 would all stick around after the regular council
49 meeting is over. I've asked Mr. Seigler's family to
50 step up front where everybody can speaking with

1 them.

2 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
3 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
4 unanimously. Thank you.

5 **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION**

6 **APPLAUSE**

7 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman?

8 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Over the last -- I
10 think I was here twenty years -- I have always heard
11 about his children. If they're here I sure would
12 like to finally meeting them. One lives in Atlanta.
13 Now which one lives in Atlanta.

14 FEMALE: I do.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Stand up where
16 everybody can see you. Okay. Good. And the other
17 one lives -- I've forgot where you -- where do you
18 live? Yeah, uh-huh, okay. He has three; doesn't
19 he? Okay. The other two aren't here? But ladies,
20 I want to tell you, I know more about you than you
21 think. Tommy talks about you beautifully. And
22 every holiday I ask him, Tommy, where are you going
23 to Christmas? Oh, I'm going down to Atlanta to see
24 the kids and the grandkids and stuff. He loves you
25 immensely.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all.

27 BRETT SANDERS: I would like to say
28 there's an excellent interview I think of Mr.
29 Seigler. And Mr. Burns can tell you how you can
30 find it. But it's worth watching and very exciting.

31 RUSTY BURNS: Channel 193 on
32 Charter, Roku, YouTube and all platforms.

33 BRETT SANDERS: And all platforms of
34 social media.

35 TOMMY DUNN: It is a very good,
36 interesting interview.

37 At this time, as we move on, Mr. Graham.

38 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr.
39 Chairman. I just want to take this opportunity to
40 recognize Patrick Jackson, Director of Starr-Iva
41 Water. Patrick, it's always a pleasure working with
42 you guys down there, but appreciate you coming to
43 the meeting today. Just wanted to recognize you.
44 Thank you for all you guys do down there.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.
46 Appreciate it.

47 We'll be moving on now to item number 5,
48 approval of the minutes of December 3rd. Are there
49 any corrections to be made?

50 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may we

1 accept the minutes as presented?

2 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Ms.
3 Wilson to accept the minutes as presented. Do we
4 have a second?

5 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

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

9 Now we'll be moving on to item number 6,
10 citizens comments. Mr. Harmon.

11 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one
12 is signed up to speak.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item
14 number 7(a), third reading, an ordinance to amend an
15 agreement for the development of a Joint County
16 industrial and business park (2010 park) of Anderson
17 County and Greenville County so as to enlarge the park
18 for our project Santa's Hat.

19 Mr. Nelson, do you want to say a few words before
20 we go into the public hearing?

21 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, if you don't
22 mind. I appreciate that. Santa's Hat is another one
23 of our solar energy projects that's located close to
24 Honea Path. That project where the property is
25 located now this last year paid a hundred and five
26 dollars in property tax. With the coming of that
27 investment of about two and a half million to three
28 million dollars, it'll be paying a tax of over -- in
29 2021 will be paying eight thousand dollars in property
30 tax, which is a huge increase in property tax itself
31 with little or no impact to the community, no jobs
32 being created, obviously, with the solar. But no
33 impact to the schools, as well. Just pure income.
34 And of course, this comes to council as a
35 recommendation from the Economic Development Advisory
36 Board and staff.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.
38 And now we'll go into a public hearing. Anyone
39 wishing to speak to this matter now step forward and
40 state your name and district and address the chair,
41 please. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, the
42 public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to
43 move this forward?

44 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

47 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Any
49 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
50 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.

1 Moving on to item number 8(a), 2019-058, an
2 ordinance authorizing, pursuant to Title 4 of the Code
3 of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, including
4 Sections 4-1-170, 4-1-175, and 4-29-68 thereof,
5 Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina
6 Constitution, the execution and delivery of an
7 Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and between
8 Anderson County, South Carolina and Project Cheney
9 Mill, to provide for certain Special Source Revenue or
10 Infrastructure Credits; and other related matters.

11 Mr. Nelson.

12 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr.
13 Chairman. This is the renovation of an existing and
14 really abandoned textile facility in one of our local
15 communities. Certainly an opportunity for investment
16 of about fifteen million dollars, but clean-up of an
17 environmental hazard in the community. Certainly
18 interior and exterior will take substantial
19 remediation before even construction begins. But they
20 intend to create forty apartments in this facility.
21 And those will all be leased to private individuals.
22 Will all be a lease opportunity. Because of the
23 immense capital investment in prep alone, the offer of
24 the incentive package is addressed much like the
25 Bailey Bill. However, we did not and don't recommend
26 Bailey Bill for anything in this county, let alone for
27 this particular project. But use multi-county
28 industrial park to offer a minimal capital -- in
29 property tax over the first twenty years of time. But
30 with a total tax income over the twenty years of
31 approximately seven hundred thousand, then it will go
32 to and revert to regular taxation.

33 This comes to council as a recommendation from
34 the Economic Development Advisory Board and from
35 staff, as well. Thank you, sir.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we
37 have a motion to move this forward?

38 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson.
40 Do we have a second? Second Mr. Sanders. Any
41 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion
42 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion
43 carries unanimously.

44 Moving on to item number 8(b), 2019-059, an
45 ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of
46 a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2010
47 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to
48 enlarge the park, Project Cheney Mill. Do we have a
49 motion to move this forward?

50 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson.
2 Do we have a second?
3 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham.
5 Discussion? Mr. Nelson, do you have anything you want
6 to add to this on putting that in that park?
7 BURRISS NELSON: This is Mr.
8 Parkey's, I believe, on this one. Is that correct?
9 TOMMY DUNN: No. We're on
10 8(b) .
11 BURRISS NELSON: I'm sorry. Yes,
12 sir, it's the same -- I apologize.
13 TOMMY DUNN: I just wanted to
14 see if you wanted to add anything?
15 BURRISS NELSON: No, sir. It's the
16 same project. Yes, sir. Thank you.
17 TOMMY DUNN: Any more
18 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
19 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
20 unanimously.
21 Moving on now to 8(c), 2019-060, an ordinance to
22 rezone +/- 1.10 acres along Evergreen Road from R-20
23 Single-Family Residential) to C-1 (Commercial
24 District), TMS #145-00-04-006. Be in District 4. Do
25 we have a motion to move this forward?
26 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.
27 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr.
28 Sanders. Do we have a second? Second Mr. Davis. Any
29 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
30 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
31 unanimously.
32 Moving on to item number 9, ordinance first
33 reading, be 9(a), 2019-061, Ms. Wilson. Ms. Wilson.
34 This is title only.
35 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr.
36 Chairman. We have been working on this concern for
37 about a year and a half. I don't know how many other
38 areas in the county are affected, but we had a
39 Planning and Public Works Committee meeting and a
40 number of the citizens in District 7 who came and
41 provided their input. What we have, and I hope no one
42 else has to experience it in the county, is we've had
43 drones coming down really low, hassling livestock,
44 looking in windows. One neighbor was in his bathroom,
45 to give you an example, with a lot of glass. Looked
46 up and there's a drone peeping in his window. We've
47 also got the concern that some of them, while they're
48 flying low, some of them go very high. And this would
49 impede and probably impact, at some point, the air
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1 traffic, particularly our medical helicopter. We're
2 very concerned that at some point there could be a
3 collision.

4 But anyway, Mr. Harmon is working with the FAA.
5 He did come and meet with our committee and offer
6 ideas of what the county can deal with and what the
7 FAA can do. For example, many of my neighbors were
8 threatening to shoot those things. But the FAA
9 declares that you cannot, and it would be a federal
10 law if you did. But it's a very bad concern. I don't
11 know who's doing it. There may be multiple parties.
12 But we will have title only today, and Mr. Harmon will
13 hopefully have the draft for an ordinance to address
14 these issues in a proper way by our first meeting in
15 January.

16 So I'm asking your indulgence to pass this in
17 title only so we can work forward in getting this
18 developed fully. Thank you.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by
20 Ms. Wilson. Have a second?

21 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr.

23 Sanders. Any discussion?

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Ms.

26 Floyd.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Ms.
28 Wilson, have you heard anything at all or did I miss
29 it, from the people who are supposed to be looking at
30 this, studying this, because right now -- I don't like
31 them much either -- but right now in our present time,
32 it appears to be something that's going to help us a
33 lot. I have seen them doing their work over Anderson
34 County. But I really hate to throw out the bath --
35 baby, is it? -- baby with the bath water. I really
36 hate to do that. But what are they going to do about
37 this particular -- one particular instance?

38 CINDY WILSON: The FAA, unless an
39 operator is certified, won't allow them to fly at
40 night. The ones that we've encountered are flying at
41 night. It's perceived to be an invasion of privacy.
42 There was a case in Massachusetts that Mr. Harmon may
43 want to more fully flesh out. This in no way
44 encumbers those who are licensed properly and doing
45 what they should during the daytime. At nighttime,
46 they have to have a special permit, is what I
47 understand.

48 This involves invasion of privacy and then going
49 way above the FAA mandate of the height that they're
50 allowed to fly. And the pilots are telling me that

1 they cannot see these things at night.

2 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. What does
3 your -- what is his name? What does your proposal
4 consist of? What are you proposing to stop this?

5 CINDY WILSON: I'm relying on Mr.
6 Harmon, who is communicating with the FAA. And it
7 will be somewhat along the lines of Newton,
8 Massachusetts measures.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: What's your
10 proposal?

11 LEON HARMON: Ms. Floyd, I don't have
12 the language developed for the ordinance yet. We will
13 need to be very careful about how we craft that
14 language. Obviously you are all aware that the air is
15 highly regulated. Air travel drones or whatever, are
16 highly regulated by the federal government. So we're
17 dealing with an area of preemption, which means local
18 governments can only go so far in dealing with issues
19 like this. So what I'm doing is working with the FAA
20 to craft an ordinance that will only go so far and not
21 impede anything that the FAA is doing.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: I've got another
23 question I'm afraid to ask. But let's go for it;
24 okay? After Christmas, we're going to have an influx
25 of those little things flying around as it has been
26 happening for a couple of years now. The kids, I
27 guess, will have to be regulated, too.

28 LEON HARMON: I believe anyone that
29 flies a drone will need to have a document from the
30 FAA allowing them to actually fly the drone in air
31 space.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: And this will go
33 in effect after the third reading of the ---

34 LEON HARMON: Yes, ma'am. It could
35 not go into effect until after we have third reading.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: I thank you.

37 BRETT SANDERS: I've got a
38 question, too.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Keep in mind, all
40 of this stuff -- a lot of this stuff is already
41 regulated. I mean it's already in effect. Mr.
42 Sanders.

43 BRETT SANDERS: Yeah, that's what
44 I was getting ready to enforce. The Federal Aviation
45 Administration already has regulations in place and
46 hopefully what we can amend will just help give a
47 little teeth or local presence. The FAA can't monitor
48 it. They just -- the question with it is the
49 enforcement of it. That's one of my concerns, is the
50 enforcement side of it. Basically the FAA has already

1 got everything in place and working. What I'm seeing
2 will just allow us to feed off of them and actually
3 have a presence here.

4 LEON HARMON: Mr. Sanders, I think
5 you are correct about that. Obviously we will be
6 having some discussions with local law enforcement
7 with respect to what we can do and what we're not able
8 to do. And we'll certainly include the FAA in those
9 discussions, as well.

10 BRETT SANDERS: Thank you.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone
12 else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
13 opposed. Abstentions?

14 GRACIE FLOYD: I abstain. I
15 would like to wait until it's done.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Show the motion
17 carries with Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr.
18 Graham, Ms. Wilson in favor. And Ms. Floyd abstains.

19 And let the record show Mr. Wooten is not present
20 today.

21 Moving on to item number 10, Resolution R2019-
22 059, a resolution authorizing the execution and
23 delivery of an Inducement Agreement by and between
24 Anderson County, South Carolina, and Company A/
25 Company B whereby, under certain conditions, said
26 Companies will acquire, by construction and purchase
27 certain property in Anderson County and Anderson
28 County will execute amendments to certain Fee-in-Lieu-
29 of Tax Agreement(s) and provide certain economic
30 Development Inducements to Company A/Company B and an
31 additional Sponsor Affiliate and execute certain
32 documents and enact certain further Legislation for
33 said Companies' Project MIT involving an expected Nine
34 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$9,500,000) in
35 total investment and the creation of an expected fifty
36 jobs in the county. Mr. Nelson.

37 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr.
38 Chairman and members of council. This is one of our
39 local companies, family owned, great reputation, been
40 in business for almost fifty years. They're planning
41 an expansion, creating fifty new jobs, average pay a
42 little over seventeen dollars an hours. Annual
43 payroll 3.2 million. Capital investment, they hope to
44 do 9.5 million or guaranteeing us six million in total
45 capital investment in building, land and equipment.
46 Building an eighty thousand square foot facility.
47 High tech opportunity. Good company that we have
48 known for many years. The community impact for the
49 first year is 1.6 million and community impact after
50 twenty years is over 35 million. The taxes in the

1 first year are approximately forty-one thousand. And
2 after twenty years the new project portion only nine
3 hundred eighty thousand; almost a million dollars.
4 This comes to council as a recommendation from the
5 Economic Development Advisory Board and our staff.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr.
7 Nelson. Do we have a motion to move this forward?
8 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
9 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson.
10 Have a second?
11 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham.
13 Now discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
14 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
15 unanimously.
16 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you for your
17 support.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it.
19 Moving on to item number 11, bid approval.
20 Hurricane Creek Pump Station project. Mr. Carroll.
21 ROBERT CARROLL: This bid is for
22 the Hurricane Creek pump station. Our pre-bid we had
23 about ten contractors show up. Of those ten, four
24 submitted bids for this project. And staff and
25 engineers have reviewed and recommend award to Tugaloo
26 Pipeline out of Westminster for six hundred seventy-
27 four thousand one hundred fifty-three dollars and
28 seventy cents. That amount also includes a ten
29 percent contingency.
30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we
31 have a motion to move this forward? Motion Mr. Davis;
32 second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor
33 of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show
34 the motion carries unanimously.
35 Thank you, Mr. Carroll.
36 ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you, sir.
37 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to
38 number 12, report from the Airport Adhoc Committee
39 held on December 13th. Chairman Sanders.
40 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr.
41 Chairman. Like you said, on Friday the 13th we met.
42 No action was taken. We allowed administration to
43 review the job description and possible publications
44 for advertisement for an Airport Manager. There will
45 be more upcoming once we have the information that
46 I'll bring before council in the future.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr.
48 Sanders.
49 Moving on. Are there any appointments I'm not
50 aware of?

1 Hearing and seeing no appointments, we'll be
2 moving on to requests from council members. Mr.
3 Davis.

4 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr.
5 Chair. I just have one from the District 6 recreation
6 special projects account, I'd like to allocate five
7 hundred dollars to the Salvation Army. I put that in
8 the form of a motion.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis.
10 Have a second?

11 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr.
13 Sanders. All in favor of the motion show of hands.
14 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
15 unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Davis?

16 Mr. Sanders.

17 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. I would
18 like to combine two, if possible.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

20 BRETT SANDERS: I'd like to put in
21 the form of a motion a request from my special project
22 fund, five hundred to the South Carolina Upstate
23 Equine Council, and also five hundred to the Salvation
24 Army.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Coming in the form
26 of a motion. Do we have a second? Do we have a
27 second to Mr. Sanders' motion?

28 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
29 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham.
30 Any discussion?

31 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, I
32 have to disclose that I am on that board and recuse
33 myself.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Let the record
35 show Ms. Wilson recuses herself. She's on the Equine
36 Board. She's stepping back. All in favor of the
37 motion show of hands. Show the motion carries
38 unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Sanders?

39 Ms. Floyd.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I
41 would like to allocate from District 2's recreational
42 account three thousand dollars for the South Main
43 Mercy Chapel. Now these people are -- they have a
44 thing where they feed and provide activities for the
45 homeless within their church. District 2 has been
46 able to assist them before. And they have asked for
47 our assistance again. And so I would like to allocate
48 the funds from District 2's recreational account the
49 amount of three thousand dollars.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by

1 Ms. Floyd. Have a second?
2 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr.
4 Sanders. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion
5 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion
6 carries unanimously.
7 Anything else, Ms. Floyd?
8 GRACIE FLOYD: I have something
9 to tell you. I have (not speaking into mic).
10 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.
11 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm through.
12 Thank you.
13 TOMMY DUNN: You done?
14 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh
15 (affirmative).
16 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Mr. Graham?
17 RAY GRAHAM: I would like to
18 appropriate five hundred dollars to the Salvation Army
19 from District 3's recreation account.
20 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr.
21 Graham. Have a second.
22 CINDY WILSON: Second.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson.
24 Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
25 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
26 unanimously.
27 Anything else, Mr. Graham? Ms. Wilson?
28 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may
29 I make the motion from District 7's recreational
30 account to appropriate five hundred dollars also to
31 the Salvation Army.
32 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion
33 Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second? Second Mr. Davis.
34 Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
35 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
36 unanimously. Anything else, Ms. Wilson?
37 CINDY WILSON: That's all. Thank
38 you.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Out of District
40 5's account, I'd like to appropriate five hundred
41 dollars for the Salvation Army. Put that in the form
42 of a motion.
43 CINDY WILSON: Second.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson.
45 Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
46 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
47 unanimously.
48 Moving on to Administrator's Report.
49 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this
50 time, Mr. Chairman.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon, any
2 citizens comments?
3 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no
4 one is signed up to speak.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Now remarks from
6 council members. Mr. Davis.
7 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr.
8 Chair. Mr. Seigler, I just want to say thank you for
9 welcoming me this past year as I became a new person
10 on council. You were the first person that greeted me
11 at the door and you treated me just like you've
12 treated me every day since then I've walked in the
13 door, and I appreciate that and pray that -- blessings
14 over you in your retirement and your family. And it's
15 been a pleasure getting to know you.
16 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
17 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr.
18 Sanders.
19 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. I've
20 prepared something that I would like to read, if
21 possible. This being the last county council meeting
22 of 2019, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the
23 past year and move on to the future.
24 Being new to council there is a learning curve
25 and every day I learned something new. I was fearful
26 that I would be viewed by my fellow council members
27 and administration as a naive apprentice with nothing
28 presently to offer. Through my revelation the
29 experience has been just the contrary. I was welcomed
30 with enthusiasm, reinforcement and support. I was --
31 some of my ideas, concerns, suggestions were welcomed,
32 questioned, tweaked, amended and confirmed and,
33 council, for that I am grateful.
34 With the support of the administration, the
35 amount of work and dedication each council member here
36 contributes to his or her district and to Anderson
37 County is truly a testament of the definition of
38 public service. County information is public, but the
39 majority of people don't have the time to analyze the
40 data and appreciate how it correlates to past, present
41 and future decisions. We are elected to spend the
42 time, inform the public and make practical and prudent
43 decisions for our district and the future of Anderson
44 County. This council has some complex economical and
45 financial decisions forthcoming in 2020. I want
46 District 4 and fellow council members to know that I
47 look forward to continuing to work in unison to
48 address these issues with a conservative approach.
49 It's time to put the past behind us, learn from it and
50 advance.

1 Anderson County is on the map and it's a global
2 map with 28 international companies calling Anderson
3 County home. We have a proven platform and as a
4 council we must continue to assemble in a conservative
5 manner the tools necessary to reinforce its future
6 prosperity for our citizens. It is truly a privilege
7 and an honor to work with each of you while
8 representing the people of District 4. I want to
9 thank council, our administrator, department heads and
10 our employees for their hard and sometimes discounted
11 work.

12 With that being said, I'd like to wish everyone a
13 Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr.
15 Sanders. I'm glad to see you finally come around on
16 the way of thinking on being conservative.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: That's good.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms.
19 Floyd.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I didn't
21 prepare anything like that. But that was pretty good,
22 Brett.

23 BRETT SANDERS: Thank you.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, yeah. I am
25 just happy to be here. I don't -- I haven't gotten
26 involved with the county running, you know, the
27 operation of the county too much because I really
28 wasn't invited.

29 But District 2 is doing well, doing fantastic.
30 We have programs -- we've had programs this year for
31 our seniors, our students, our children, our adults.
32 We have done a lot of things. We are doing some
33 fantastic projects with the help of Steve Newton. And
34 I need Teresa Bannister to help me stay on his good
35 side because I need him really bad. Okay. We're
36 trying to fix up seventy-seven houses that are
37 delapidated and everything else. The county workers
38 are doing an amazing job keeping up with them, Mr.
39 Holcombe, and I thank you. And you need to know I'm
40 riding them like a government mule because I need
41 these people to have a clean neighborhood, nice
42 housing, people that's not bothering them. I need to
43 get rid of the drug houses. I need to get rid of the
44 homeless. And I need to get rid of our wild other
45 people there. So I'm working. If you have a desire
46 to work, really work, not on the county because the
47 county can take care of itself. But if you have an
48 inclination to work, I could use your help. Merry
49 Christmas to you all. It's going to be a rocky year
50 so fasten up your seatbelts and hold on.

1 Elizabeth, it's good to see you and Merry
2 Christmas to you, darling.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

4 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr.

5 Chairman. Just want to kind of bounce off of what
6 some of the other council members have stated.
7 Definitely want to thank all of our county employees
8 for all that they do on a daily basis throughout the
9 entire year. I know we focus so much this time of
10 year on what we have to be thankful for. And I truly
11 believe in my heart every single day we've got a lot
12 to be thankful for here in Anderson County. We
13 continue to grow. We continue to prosper. We
14 continue to be blessed. And it's through our
15 associates that -- you know, some of the prime
16 examples, thirty-plus years from severak of our
17 employees today that was recognized. It's just a
18 tremendous blessing to see what our staff does for our
19 citizens here in Anderson County. The council
20 members, we are nothing here more than a resource to
21 basically assist them in serving our citizens. And
22 they do the hard work every single day. They're in
23 contact with the citizens every single day in
24 different departments, different divisions on making
25 the county work. And I truly, from my family to
26 yours, wish each and every one of you a Merry
27 Christmas. And again, thank you for everything you
28 guys do.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr.
30 Graham. Ms. Wilson.

31 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr.
32 Chairman. Just a big thank you to all of our county
33 council, our county administration and county
34 government and the wonderful citizens that we serve,
35 for the dedication and diligence that has taken place
36 resulting in such a successful year. Wishing everyone
37 a Happy New Year and a healthy one, and a most Merry
38 Christmas. Thank you.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I want
40 to say thank you to all of my fellow council members
41 for the hard work they've put in this past year. Look
42 forward to the new year working with you. I want to
43 take this time to thank our employees, our staff, our
44 extended family. Y'all are the ones most of the time
45 that the citizens see first, and I appreciate so much
46 that y'all make them feel welcome. And sometimes you
47 can't -- you might not have the right answer or
48 something another, but y'all can get them there.
49 That's what means a lot; taking that extra step to
50 help the citizens out, to get where they need to be

1 and a friendly face. And really do appreciate it.
2 Y'all are special, the ones that's been here for
3 thirty years, it's mind boggling, or over thirty
4 years. Thank you very, very much on the part of the
5 citizens. Because that's what makes us great, as I've
6 said many, many times, I think is our employees.
7 That's our most cherished possession, what makes it so
8 good.

9 And I want to, again, wish Mr. Seigler and his
10 family great in his retirement. Very, very blessed.
11 I want to say -- I want to thank -- it come to my
12 attention last night, fact of business, it's been five
13 years since Green Pond has been opened up. It's
14 brought a lot of economic development in Anderson
15 County. I want to thank everybody who's had a part in
16 that; my fellow council members, the staff. Look for
17 many, many more years what Green Pond is doing.

18 I was talking to somebody last night, talking
19 about the Boggs Brothers being recognized in Canada
20 and Ireland. I think between Palmetto Moonshine and
21 Green Pond, we're putting Anderson on the map.
22 Appreciate it very much.

23 I want to, at this time, dismiss the council
24 meeting. But I would also in doing so, two things,
25 I'd like the Seigler family to step up front and let
26 everybody come by and wish them their best. Before
27 that, thought, I don't want to put them on the spot,
28 but Mr. Nelson, say the blessing for the food. I'm
29 going to close the council meeting and let you do
30 that; okay? Meeting will be adjourned.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:46 A.M.)