



AGENDA
Special Presentation Meeting
Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
Historic Courthouse
101 S. Main Street
Anderson, South Carolina
Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

a. 2024-016: A Resolution to congratulate the Anderson County Area 14 Special Olympic Team “Blue Lightning” for winning the silver medal at the 2024 Statewide Cheer Competition; and other matters related thereto.

All Council

b. 2024-017: A Resolution congratulating “Team Juicebox,” the Palmetto Middle School 8th Grade Robotics Team, for qualifying for the 2024 World Championship and wishing them the best as they compete in Dallas, Texas; and other matters related thereto.

Hon. Cindy Wilson

3. ADJOURNMENT

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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Glenn Davis

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 20, 2024, March 5, 2024
 Minutes not received March 19, 2024

4. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Agenda Matters Only
THREE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT

Tommy Dunn
 Chairman, District Five

John B. Wright, Jr.
 District One

Greg Elgin
 District Three

M. Cindy Wilson
 District Seven



Brett Sanders
 V. Chairman, District Four

Glenn Davis
 District Two

Jimmy Davis
 District Six

Renee Watts
 Clerk to Council

Rusty Burns
 County Administrator



5. **ORDINANCE THIRD READING: NONE**

6. **ORDINANCE SECOND READING: NONE**

7. **ORDINANCE FIRST READING: NONE**

8. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **2024-015:** A Resolution expressing consent to the installation of speed humps on Dacus Drive, (C-07-0065); and other matters related thereto.

Mr. Matt Hogan (allotted 5 minutes)

9. **CHANGE ORDERS/BID APPROVALS:**

- a. Bid #24-027 Public Safety Radios

10. **REPORT FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 6, 2024**

Mr. Greg Elgin (allotted time 10 minutes)

11. **REQUEST BY COUNCIL:**

- a. Starr Fire Department-District 3
b. Palmetto Middle School Robotics Team-All Districts

12. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

13. **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Non-Agenda Matters
THREE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT

14. **REMARKS FROM COUNCIL**

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures in order to participate in this program, service or activity please contact the office of the program, service or activity as soon as possible but no later than 24 hours before the scheduled event. For assistance, please contact the Clerk to Council at (864) 260-1036.

RESOLUTION 2024-016

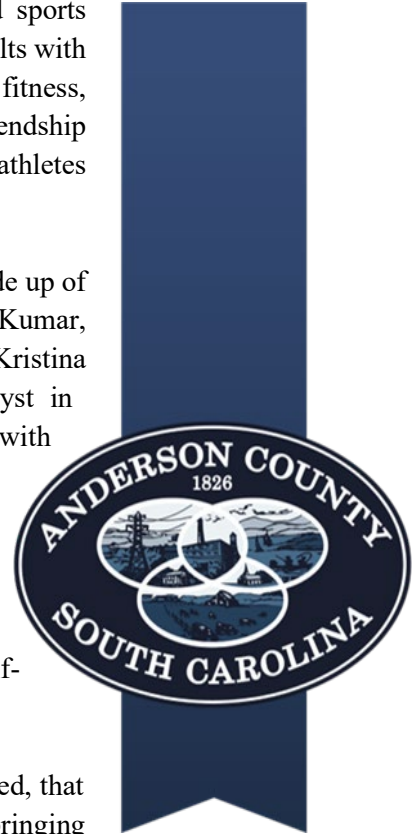
A RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE ANDERSON COUNTY AREA 14 SPECIAL OLYMPIC TEAM “BLUE LIGHTNING” FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL AT THE 2024 STATEWIDE CHEER COMPETITION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Whereas the mission of South Carolina Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community, with all the athletes taking the oath “Let me win; but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt;” and

Whereas the Anderson County Area 14 Special Olympic Team “Blue Lightning” is made up of 11 athletes—Crystal Clark, Lauren McGaha, Shelby Brown, Maranda Aiken, Sakshi Kumar, Melissa Trotter, Rie Wickham, Caroline Singleton, Cameron Mayer, Killian Barnes, and Kristina Spainhour—and is coached by Head Coach Brittany Burdette, an operations analyst in Anderson County’s public works division, and Assistant Coach Daniel Hart, an officer with the Williamston Police Department; and

Whereas on March 9, 2024, the “Blue Lightning” team competed in the Statewide Cheer Competition, demonstrating their abilities to cheer, chant, and dance, and brought home the Silver Medal, the result of months of hard work at cheer practice, which gives the athletes opportunities to learn basic cheerleading and dance skills while allowing self-expression in a loving and encouraging environment;

Now, therefore, be it resolved this second day of April 2024, in meeting duly assembled, that the Anderson County Council hereby thanks the athletes, coaches, and all involved for bringing this momentous statewide recognition home to Anderson County and for making all of us so very proud. Congratulations!



FOR ANDERSON COUNTY:

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ATTEST:

Rusty Burns
County Administrator

Renee Watts
Clerk to Council

RESOLUTION 2024-017

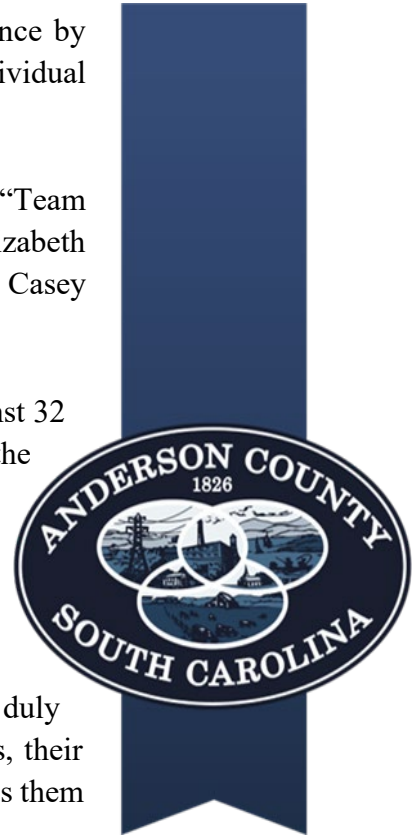
A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING “TEAM JUICEBOX,” THE PALMETTO MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADE ROBOTICS TEAM, FOR QUALIFYING FOR THE 2024 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND WISHING THEM THE BEST AS THEY COMPETE IN DALLAS, TEXAS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Whereas Anderson School District One is committed to a tradition of excellence by providing world-class knowledge, skills, and life characteristics based on the individual needs of each student; and

Whereas Anderson School District One’s Palmetto Middle School is home to “Team JuiceBox,” the school’s eighth-grade robotics team, the members of which are Elizabeth Hoopes, Fischer Newsome, Ryker McCreary, and Jayce Yates, all coached by Mr. Casey Poore, the Competitive Robotics supervisor and teacher; and

Whereas at the 2024 State Championship in Columbia, the team competed against 32 other teams, and their hard work, skills score, and rank qualified them for the opportunity to compete in the World Championship in Dallas, Texas this April 28th through April 30th, a coveted honor they earned by designing, coding, and building a robot to complete certain skills and tasks for competitions throughout the winter of this school year;

Now, therefore, be it resolved this second day of April 2024, in meeting duly assembled, that the Anderson County Council hereby congratulates the students, their teacher, and all who have supported them in achieving so much already and wishes them well as they go to represent our whole community on the world robotics stage.



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State of South Carolina)

County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
JOHN WRIGHT
GLENN DAVIS
GREG ELGIN
BRETT SANDERS
JIMMY DAVIS
CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
RENEE WATTS

1 **NO AUDIO AT BEGINNING**

2 BRETT SANDERS: 2(b) 2024-008,
3 a Resolution to celebrate ten years of the Technical
4 Career Pathways Program at Tri-County Technical
5 College; and other matters related thereto.

6 Whereas Tri-County Technical College plays a
7 critical role in educating highly skilled workers for
8 positions in business and industry, promoting economic
9 diversity and prosperity in the community by ensuring
10 students earn a high-quality credential that leads
11 to a job that pays a family-sustaining wage; and

12 Whereas Tri-County Technical College's Technical
13 Career Pathways (TCP) program, established during the
14 2013-2014 academic year, leverages community
15 partnerships with school districts to create workforce
16 pipelines that advance education while meeting business
17 and industry needs; and

18 Whereas Tri-County's TCP program began with one
19 pathway—basic electronics—and seven students at
20 Crescent High School and has since grown to eight
21 pathways—business administration, computer &
22 information technology, CNC programming and operations,
23 emergency medical technology, engineering systems
24 technology, HVAC, mechatronics, and welding—and
25 hundreds of students each year at all sixteen high
26 schools in Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens counties; and

27 Whereas Tri-County's TCP program is accessible,
28 affordable, transferable, and supportive for all
29 enrolled students;

30 Now, therefore, be it resolved this twentieth day
31 of February 2024, in meeting duly assembled, that the
32 Anderson County Council hereby commemorates ten years
33 of this program at Tri-County that is life-changing
34 for hundreds of students and looks forward with
35 excitement to the program's future.

36 I put that in the form of a motion, sir.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr.
38 Sanders and second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

39 CINDY WILSON: May I?

40 TOMMY DUNN: It has been so
41 wonderful to have this ability to mesh the schools and
42 Tri-County Tech and the industries. It's an incredible
43 partnership that is really doing great things for this
44 county. Thank you.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone
46 else? I just want to echo Ms. Wilson. Appreciate what
47 all Tri-County Tech has done. It's made the lives and
48 citizens of Anderson County a lot better and we
49 appreciate what y'all have done and continue to do. We
50 have a great partnership and look forward to a

1 continued partnership. Thank y'all for continuing the
2 tradition.

3 All in favor of the motion, show of hands. All
4 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
5 unanimously.

6 BRETT SANDERS: If they would like
7 to step up; we have representatives from Tech here
8 tonight.

9 **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION**

10 **APPLAUSE**

11 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to move
12 on now. We'll go to Resolution 2(a), 2024-007,
13 Councilman Wright.

14 JOHN WRIGHT: Thank you, Mr.
15 Chairman. This is Resolution 2024-007, a Resolution
16 honoring Pamela Christopher for her appointment as
17 Chairman of the South Carolina Department of
18 Transportation Commission.

19 WHEREAS Pamela L. Christopher, known to us as
20 "Pam", has served as President and CEO of the Anderson
21 Area Chamber of Commerce since 2014, and

22 WHEREAS, during her time in Anderson, Pam has
23 provided a breath of fresh air to our community,
24 offering optimism and vibrancy as she goes about her
25 duties overseeing the day-to-day operations of the
26 Chamber, which serves more than 870 business members
27 through promotion, advocacy, connection, and education,
28 and

29 WHEREAS, Pam excels in her career because she
30 understands that business development is a community
31 endeavor—one that requires building relationships
32 across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors in
33 order to foster positive growth, facilitate positive
34 movement, and strengthen our county's economic
35 vitality, and

36 WHEREAS, Pam's holistic approach to business
37 development through community involvement played a key
38 role in her appointment as the Third Congressional
39 District representative to the SCDOT Commission in
40 2020, and

41 WHEREAS, due in large part to her talent for
42 working with others and thoughtful approach to matters
43 brought before the Commission, Pam was named the
44 Commission's Chairman at its meeting on January 18,
45 2024, and

46 WHEREAS, in addition to her many personal and
47 professional accolades, Pam will forever be known as
48 the first woman to serve as the Chair of the SCDOT
49 Commission.

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anderson

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1 County Council hereby congratulates Pam Christopher on
 2 her appointment as Chairperson of the SCDOT Commission
 3 and expresses its gratitude for the numerous things she
 4 has done and continues to do to make Anderson County a
 5 place of opportunity where hard work and honest
 6 endeavor are appreciated and rewarded.

7 Mr. Chairman, it's my pleasure to put that in the
 8 form of a motion.

9 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
 10 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by
 11 Councilman Wright and I think entire Council seconds
 12 it. Any discussion?

13 JOHN WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman?
 14 TOMMY DUNN: Councilman Wright.
 15 JOHN WRIGHT: I just want to say
 16 on behalf of County Council, I've had the opportunity
 17 to serve on the Chamber of Commerce Board for many
 18 years and work with Ms. Christopher, and she is truly a
 19 servant leader for this community and an asset to
 20 Anderson County. Thank you.

21 CINDY WILSON: Ditto.
 22 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
 23 Councilman Sanders. Did you ask to speak?

24 BRETT SANDERS: Yeah. I also wanted
 25 to piggyback off of Councilman Wright's statements. I
 26 know that I have reached out to Ms. Christopher
 27 multiple times and she has not only went above and
 28 beyond, but has excelled in helping with issues, not
 29 only in District 4, but Anderson County, and also as
 30 her role on the Chamber of Commercial. I don't think,
 31 I know, she truly loves Anderson County, and I really
 32 appreciate all that she does. Thank you, Pam.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
 34 Councilman Davis. Jimmy Davis.

35 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr.
 36 Chair. I want to echo everyone else's sentiments here,
 37 but I do want to add that, you know, when I first met
 38 Ms. Christopher -- where are you Pam?

39 TOMMY DUNN: In the back.
 40 JIMMY DAVIS: There she is. She
 41 is an amazing public servant. She takes constituent
 42 service to heart. She is wonderful working for the
 43 citizens of Anderson County. And it is my honor and
 44 privilege to vote in favor of this resolution. Thank
 45 you, Mr. Chair.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone
 47 else?

48 CINDY WILSON: May I?
 49 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
 50 CINDY WILSON: Pam's being so

1 vivacious and enthusiastic is really infectious. She's
 2 brought the membership back up to the highest level in
 3 more than 20 years. And that's a great testament to
 4 her leadership.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
 6 Councilman Elgin.

7 GREG ELGIN: Pam, I just want to
 8 say thank you for what you do for all of us, for all of
 9 our community. I know it's been said over and over and
 10 over, but I just wanted to say it myself. Thank you
 11 for what you've done and thank you for what you
 12 continue to do for us. So thanks.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
 14 Councilman Glenn Davis.

15 GLENN DAVIS: Everyone has said
 16 just about what I feel, Ms. Christopher, but I just
 17 want to say congratulations. Thank you.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
 19 Also, Ms. Christopher, I want to say thank you.
 20 Appreciate what all you've done for Anderson County.
 21 Not only at the Chamber leading us, helping us get
 22 businesses and industries here, but also in your role
 23 as a Highway Commissioner. You just didn't take that
 24 position and get on there; you've worked. You've
 25 worked for the citizens of Anderson County and we
 26 appreciate it. And you well deserve to be chairman.
 27 Look forward to it. Anything we can do let us know.

28 Thank you very, very much.

29 All in favor of the motion, show of hands. All
 30 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
 31 unanimously.

32 Ms. Christopher.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

APPLAUSE

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 35 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll
 36 move on to item number 3 on the agenda. The Honorable
 37 Judge Foster is going to be commissioning one of our
 38 newest code enforcement officers, Officer Simpson.

39 Step up.

40 J.T. FOSTER: All right, everyone,
 41 standing in front of me today is Mr. Brent Simpson.
 42 Brent, please raise your right hand.

43 As a Code Enforcement Officer ...

44 BRENT SIMPSON: As a Code
 45 Enforcement Officer ...

46 J.T. FOSTER: ... for Anderson
 47 County, South Carolina ...

48 BRENT SIMPSON: ... for Anderson
 49 County, South Carolina ...

50 J.T. FOSTER: ... I will equally

1 ...

2 BRENT SIMPSON: ... I will equally

3 ...

4 J.T. FOSTER: ... fairly and

5 impartially ...

6 BRENT SIMPSON: ... fairly and

7 impartially ...

8 J.T. FOSTER: ... to the best of

9 my ability and skill ...

10 BRENT SIMPSON: ... to the best of

11 my ability and skill ...

12 J.T. FOSTER: ... exercise the

13 trust reposed in me ...

14 BRENT SIMPSON: ... exercise the

15 trust reposed in me ...

16 J.T. FOSTER: ... and I will use

17 my best endeavors ...

18 BRENT SIMPSON: ... and I will use

19 my best endeavors ...

20 J.T. FOSTER: ... to preserve the

21 peace ...

22 BRENT SIMPSON: ... to preserve the

23 peace ...

24 J.T. FOSTER: ... and to carry

25 into effect ...

26 BRENT SIMPSON: ... and to carry

27 into effect ...

28 J.T. FOSTER: ... according to law

29 ...

30 BRENT SIMPSON: ... according to law

31 ...

32 J.T. FOSTER: ... the purposes for

33 which I have been commissioned ...

34 BRENT SIMPSON: ... the purposes for

35 which I have been commissioned ...

36 J.T. FOSTER: ... so help me God.

37 BRENT SIMPSON: ... so help me God.

38 J.T. FOSTER: Congratulations, Mr.

39 Simpson.

40 **APPLAUSE**

41 TOMMY DUNN: That's going to

42 conclude this part of our meeting. We'll dismiss. And

43 our regular meeting will start at 6:30.

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45 **(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15 P.M.)**

State of South Carolina)
County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:
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RENEE WATTS

1 creativity, exploration, learning and growth. And not
 2 allow our library to become a battleground for
 3 ideological suppression. Thank you.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

5 **APPLAUSE**

6 LEON HARMON: Next speaker ---

7 TOMMY DUNN: I want to ask y'all
 8 to hold it down. And I appreciate everybody's passion
 9 about whatever this is, but this is a County Council
 10 meeting, a place to do the busienss of Anderson County.
 11 It ain't a town hall meeting. Go ahead.

12 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
 13 Representative Don Chapman.

14 DON CHAPMAN: Good evening Council
 15 members. My name is Don Chapman. My wife and I live
 16 at 341 Merritt Road in District 4 in Townsville. I
 17 serve on the South Carolina House of Representatives
 18 for District 8 for western part of Anderson County.
 19 And I want to let you know that I appreciate, agree and
 20 support with the addition of members to the Anderson
 21 County Library Board, allowing the opportunity for
 22 staggered terms to be more in line with your own city
 23 -- County Council terms of service.

24 On a personal note, as a strong conservative, who
 25 believes that part of our duty as elected officials is
 26 to ensure that taxpayer dollars are wisely managed in
 27 providing funds to agencies, departments and
 28 organizations. A key area for myself and many other --
 29 many others here tonight is to protect the most
 30 vulnerable in our state. I am dismayed that some
 31 public libraries choose to contain and allow books
 32 containing graphic illustrations, text and that most
 33 consenting adults would find obscene or sexually
 34 explicit.

35 In such cases, I would believe that that is not a
 36 positive use of taxpayer funds being wisely used.

37 Thank you for your time and your service to our
 38 community.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

40 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Nick
 41 Taff (phonics).

42 NICK TAFF: Good evening,
 43 Council, my name is Nicolas Taff. I reside at 812
 44 South McDuffie Street. Most -- for those of you that I
 45 haven't met, I'm also known as one of the Grauchos
 46 guys. I am one of your neighbors right here downtown.

47 I wanted to take my three minutes for a couple
 48 things. I will not be available for the remainder
 49 readings next month.

50 One, thank you. I really appreciate what the

1 county's done. Y'all are really what first attracted
2 me to downtown. I'm a transplant. I've only been here
3 six years. And I continue to see the good work you do.
4 Two things, two other things. The HUD report just
5 came out. Housing -- the unhoused are through the
6 roof. Homeless is at an all time high in Anderson. I
7 appreciate everything that's being done here. I
8 believe Hope Missions is here represented. They're
9 doing wonderful work. Please, please continue
10 searching for solutions to find this -- it's downtown,
11 it's at Lindley Park, it's in all the surrounding
12 areas. I'm asking for your help. Anything you can do
13 would be appreciated.

14 And the library, clearly contentious. I believe
15 our institutions are what make us. The thing -- that's
16 what we leave behind. As nice as it is to be fair for
17 everyone for one term, excluding present company, I
18 think it was designed that way for a reason. I don't
19 want a one term councilman deciding which way our
20 institutions go; not our Sheriff's Department, not our
21 hospital system, and not our library. And I would
22 appreciate you taking that into consideration -- surely
23 six to one -- Mr. Davis, good luck with that -- as you
24 go forward with the process figuring out who is best
25 suited for this, please remember, this is a big county
26 with a lot of people. And it's there to serve
27 everyone. Thank you.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

29 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is

30 Emmylou (phonics) Owens.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Owens. Move on.

32 Oh, she's coming. I'm sorry. I didn't see her. Go
33 ahead.

34 EMMYLOU OWENS: Hello, my name is
35 Emmylou and I live in John Wright's district. I'm a
36 fifth grader at Concord Elementary. I've been
37 attending the library my whole life. The books in this
38 library have been entertaining, inspiring and helped me
39 through tough times with family and friends. I think
40 that it is important to let kids read inspirational
41 books. We should accept who they are, not ban them.
42 All that does is make situations harder for us because
43 we feel that we are not heard or seen. Just because we
44 are different doesn't mean our feelings or emotions are
45 invalid. And just because a group of parents don't
46 want their kids to read these books, doesn't mean that
47 other kids shouldn't, and that other parents don't want
48 their kids to read these books.

49 If you're going to hire somebody for board, who
50 thinks that our emotions and feelings are invalid and

1 have no qualification, you might as well hire me.

2 Thank you for coming and listening. Have a
3 wonderful night.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

5 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
6 Allison Youngblood.

7 **INAUDIBLE COMMENT FROM AUDIENCE**

8 TOMMY DUNN: You good? Move on.

9 Thank you.

10 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Dave
11 Phillips.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Rusty, can you pick
13 that up and make it easier on him? Adjust it up.

14 Thank you, Mr. Burns.

15 DAVE PHILLIPS: Thank you, sir.

16 Appreciate that. Mr. Chairman and members of the
17 County Council, Mr. Burns and so many others that serve
18 Anderson County so well, I want to say thank you for
19 the incredible support you provide to Hope Missions.

20 My name is Dave Phillips, my wife, Zoe Hill, and I
21 live in Anderson County District 2. I'm the CEO and
22 Executive Director of Hope Missions of the Upstate. My
23 brief comments are in reference to resolution 2024-005,
24 the lease of 213 South Towers to Hope Missions.

25 You have been gracious and accommodating and
26 allowed us to operate at this location since July 1,
27 2021. As a Council, you have supported our breakfast
28 focused operations from the beginning. Since then, we
29 have served 1,894 unique individuals with over 60,000
30 meals in an effort to provide a safe and inviting space
31 for people from our surrounding community. Our task is
32 daunting at times. We've grown from 40 -- from serving
33 40 to over 100 guests each day. We're open Monday
34 through Saturday, except for the last Saturday, but
35 especially on holidays. Our operations have increased
36 dramatically in a very short time. In response, we
37 have been able to hire sufficient staff to serve people
38 in a variety of ways. For example, in our -- in
39 cooperation with many other agencies, we found housing
40 for 145 individuals in 2023. We've distributed
41 thousands of local bus tickets, provided SC IDs -- ID
42 vouchers, helped with social security cards, paid for
43 birth certificates and many other direct services for
44 our guests. We intentionally serve the poor, the
45 powerless and the voiceless. We join hands with the
46 despised and the readily left out. We serve those on
47 the margins with the hope that one day those margins
48 will be erased. All are created in the image of God.
49 All are valuable.

50 We find ourselves in the center of several

1 communities of deep poverty and great need. Many are
2 experiencing homelessness, some unsheltered and many in
3 fragile housing or financially housing burdened. The
4 overwhelming majority of those we serve walk to the
5 mission. A handful have bicycles and a very few have
6 cars. Nearly everyone is a citizen of Anderson, South
7 Carolina.

8 When it's cold outside, we operate as a warming
9 center. We've provided nearly 4100 shelter beds since
10 we began. The operation provides a safe place for
11 people to go and reduce the strain on AnMed's emergency
12 department where many typically go to escape the cold
13 temperatures.

14 Resolution 2024-005 provides a basis for our
15 relationship and allows us to continue to serve our
16 community with loving hearts as we seek to serve our
17 brothers and sisters.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

19 Mr. Harmon.

20 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
21 Stephen -- I think the last name is Morgan.

22 STEPHEN MORGAN: Stephen Morgan,
23 rather Dr. Stephen Morgan from Easley-Powersville.
24 Thank you for your service on the Council. I come to
25 speak with a question and a comment about the proposal
26 to add members to the library board. The question is
27 what is the real reason for this? Why now? And what
28 is the motivation? I would appreciate -- that question
29 has already been asked one time. But the comment would
30 be this; there are organizations that we have heard
31 about in the news that are using the name liberty to
32 infringe upon the rights of people to read and to see
33 books in the library of a varied sort. And I would
34 like to speak on behalf of Lady Liberty tonight to say
35 that my liberty ends where yours begins and your
36 liberty ends where mine begins. Liberty involves
37 mutual respect of each other's rights. And I urge you
38 if there is legitimate reason to add members to the
39 board to do that for legitimate reasons and that we
40 know what those legitimate reasons are. But if the
41 reasons are not clear and not known, and if the reasons
42 are, in fact, in order to censor and restrict the open
43 reading and open display of all sorts of books, and if
44 the reason is really for -- to restrict my liberty and
45 my freedom and my right to decide for myself and my
46 family, I urge you not to add members to that board.
47 Anymore than I have the right to restrict, and to
48 decide what you and your family, and to restrict your
49 right to decide for yourself.

50 Tonight we have already prayed to God Almighty

1 thanking God for our freedom. And then we all stood
2 and faced the American flag. And we pledged allegiance
3 to liberty and justice for all. And I think to add
4 members to the library board would be a contradiction
5 of that divine prayer we just prayed and to our
6 allegiance to our American democracy and our way of
7 life on behalf of liberty and freedom for all.

8 Thank you again.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

10 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is

11 Genevieve Brown.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, you might
13 have to -- she's got it. Okay.

14 GENEVIEVE BROWN: Good evening. I
15 want to thank the Council members for your job and your
16 services. And I know it's not easy. I stand here
17 concerned about your adding the additional members to
18 the board. I am a person that grew up in Anderson
19 County, went to Piney Grove Elementary School in Sandy
20 Springs, Mountain Springs Elementary School in Anderson
21 County in Garvin Township and Anderson County Training
22 School in Pendleton.

23 I never knew what a new book was. The books we had
24 in our school, and no library at all, was secondhand
25 books that was handed down from the white schools.
26 Many of the books didn't even have any pages. So when
27 I hear about adding members and I hear about what's
28 going on, there were books we never read. I learned my
29 alphabets from the letters that was a lard can. So
30 this is a sensitive issue for me. Sensitive. I would
31 like for you all -- I want to congratulate the board
32 that you have. They have done a wonderful job. When
33 people come into Anderson, one of the first place I
34 take them to is the library. And our library -- and
35 you should be proud -- stands head taller than most
36 cities in this country. And you've got to be proud of
37 it. But I don't want to see it go down.

38 When you talk about books, it hits me. Thank you.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

40 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is

41 David Rubin.

42 DAVID RUBIN: Good evening. My
43 name is Dave Rubin and I have been a member of District
44 1 for over 33 years. I come here today to challenge
45 ordinance 2024-010 related to Anderson County Library
46 Board of Trustees on two major points.

47 First, I contend that this proposal is simply a
48 ruse to allow individuals to gain control of one of the
49 most enshrined institutions in America. When most of
50 us were growing up, the public library was a place

1 where we were free to explore the world around us.
 2 Today, there are those who would take away that
 3 freedom. My parents taught me to be independent, and
 4 to fight for the rights of those whose voices were
 5 marginalized.

6 In the 1960s, I would take the bus on my own and
 7 rejoice in the freedom to explore any book I choose at
 8 the library. One of the books that I believe was
 9 prophetic in this regard is *Fahrenheit 451*. A book
 10 which exposes -- explores a society which bans and
 11 burns books. The book was written in 1953, a year
 12 before I was born. One of the most memorable quotes
 13 from this book is, you don't have to burn books to
 14 destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading
 15 them.

16 Secondly, I want to highlight the fact that using
 17 at-large positions has historically been used to
 18 entrench the majority at the expense of the minority.
 19 Congress has banned at-large voting for all federal
 20 elections. At-large elections and appointments have
 21 been cited as a second generation way to deny equal
 22 opportunity for minority voters and candidates. The
 23 fact that this council proposes to add members to a
 24 board that will then be voted on by the same Council is
 25 nothing more than a circumvention of the current
 26 process which allows each district one selection. The
 27 proposed processes -- process will only enhance the
 28 power of the majority and diminish and maybe even
 29 silence the voices of those dissenting voices.

30 To paraphrase an English professor, books are
 31 vehicles to move us into the lives of other people and
 32 in doing so, make our ability to see become bigger.

33 To pass this proposal will not make us better, it
 34 will make us smaller. In case if any of you are
 35 listening, I have a comment -- I have a recommended
 36 reading list of books on this subject that I would be
 37 happy to share with you. Luckily, you can find them
 38 all at your local library, at least for now.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
 40 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Joey
 41 Opperman.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Opperman? Move
 43 on.

44 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
 45 David Walker.

46 DAVID WALKER: I'm David Walker.
 47 I'm in District 7. I want to thank you for your time
 48 and effort that y'all put into a lot more than just
 49 this; all the matters that y'all have to deal with.

50 And what I have to say really isn't racial or

1 political, but it is a matter of right and wrong, moral
2 and immoral. I appreciate -- I would very much
3 appreciate you appointing two more members to the
4 library board standing up for the vast majority of the
5 people in Anderson County and the way they feel. So I
6 would encourage you to vote yes to adding two more
7 members to the library board. Thank you.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
9 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
10 Janet Stewart.

11 JANET STEWART: Good evening, County
12 Council members. As a resident of Anderson County and
13 grandmother of young children who ---

14 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry, if you
15 would, just state your name again. That's fine. Just
16 state your name and district or road for the record.

17 JANET STEWART: It's Janet Stewart,
18 District 1.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

20 JANET STEWART: As a resident of
21 Anderson County and grandmother of two young children
22 who visit the library, thank you for seeing the need to
23 expand the library board, because not all members on
24 that board have done their due diligence in screening
25 children's books. Parents, grandparents and the
26 citizens of Anderson County have entrusted the library
27 board to align their selection of books with the
28 community standards of the vast majority of Anderson
29 County citizens. Instead, some on the library board
30 have abused our trust and they have purposefully placed
31 unwholesome, controversial books in the children's
32 section, which aim to confuse our children and seek to
33 supplant their parents' values and beliefs.

34 Our children are not fodder for their social
35 engineering schemes. Innocent children should be able
36 to choose from books that will not subject them to
37 morally, physically, psychologically, emotionally
38 harmful material, which may lead to dangerous outcomes
39 affecting them for a lifetime. And the science is
40 quickly mounting to support that.

41 It does not behoove us to accommodate a tiny
42 minority when the moral foundation and very psyche of
43 our children is at risk. If parents who approve of
44 such hazardous books want such books for their children
45 that is on them. However, this tiny minority do not
46 have the right to push their social change agenda down
47 the throats of all Anderson County children, nor use
48 our tax dollars to subsidize their plot by using
49 children's books in the county library.

50 Our community has the right to have a community

1 standard that reflects the values that the vast
2 majority of its citizens wish to uphold.

3 But beyond that, and most importantly, this issue
4 is about parental rights. The opposition will probably
5 agree with me on that in a broad sense. Children are
6 given to their parents by God. The parents are the
7 arbiters of what morals, values and beliefs they desire
8 to teach their children and when they desire to discuss
9 it with their children. Parents do not want to feel
10 forced to deprogram their children who unwittingly
11 selected a book that is in direct opposition to their
12 teachings. Children do not have the knowledge,
13 experience or judgment to grasp many things. That is
14 why God gave them to parents to navigate childhood and
15 to protect them, not only physically, but to protect
16 their hearts and minds as well.

17 If a few parents want these objectionable books,
18 they are free to simply walk over to another section in
19 the library and get such books. When I go to the
20 grocery store and want eggs, I have to walk over to the
21 dairy section. There are probably thousands of books
22 deemed inappropriate for children in the library. That
23 is why they are not in the children's section. But all
24 books are accessible to adults. That is reasonable,
25 commonsensical ---

26 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

27 JANET STEWART: --- and responsible
28 to everyone in our community.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, ma'am.

30 Move on.

31 JANET STEWART: Thank you.

32 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
33 Eleanor Walters.

34 ELEANOR WALTERS: Hi, my name is
35 Eleanor Walters and I live and vote in District 1 in
36 Anderson. I'm here to briefly speak about two separate
37 agenda items tonight.

38 First, item 7, first reading of the ordinance to
39 lease real property to Hope Missions of the Upstate.
40 I'm a volunteer at Hope Missions and over the past few
41 months have served alongside the 200 or so unique
42 guests during the late night and early morning hours at
43 the warming center and know they, along with fellow
44 volunteer servants and staff, appreciate this community
45 partnership to ensure folks with inadequate or no
46 housing have a warm and safe, dry place to stay when
47 the weather drops to or below 38 degrees. I support
48 this ordinance and encourage a unanimous vote on it
49 later this evening and encourage all of you to continue
50 your efforts to explore additional options and avenues

1 to address the growing issue of homelessness in
2 Anderson County.

3 The second item is Item 6(c), the second reading of
4 the ordinance to add two additional at-large members to
5 the Library Board of Trustees. At the first reading
6 two weeks ago, there didn't appear to be a logical,
7 consistent or convincing reason for the change since
8 all of you praised the current operations of the
9 Anderson Library System. Normally, I'd be in favor of
10 more public participation in our local governing
11 entities. However, having attended several library
12 trustee meetings over the past year or so, it appears
13 this ordinance is an attempt to appease some who want
14 to restrict access to books on some topics by packing
15 the board. If you want to expand the Board of
16 Trustees, expand the number of Council districts or add
17 at-large members to the County Council first.

18 Thank you.

19 TOMMY DUNN:

Mr. Harmon.

20 LEON HARMON:

Next speaker is

21 Robert Mackey.

22 ROBERT MACKEY:

Thank you for

23 allowing me to speak tonight. I appreciate the board
24 and all that you do. My name is Robert Mackey. I live
25 in District 2.

26 I'm here to express my concern regarding increasing
27 the number of board members for the trustees of the
28 library. What purpose does it serve to add more
29 trustees for the library? Is there a problem with the
30 current board? I have learned that making something
31 bigger does not make it better. What statement would
32 this make to the current board? That they're
33 inadequate? They should be the ones asking to increase
34 the board if they feel there's a need. They're the
35 ones that are handling the board in the library. Were
36 they consulted? Were they asked? Was the director
37 asked if they needed board members? They're the ones
38 running the library. They would know what the needs
39 are of the library. They are professionals trained to
40 do their job. Was the board consulted or is this all
41 political? It appears to be very political. We got in
42 censorship, which has never landed on the right side of
43 society.

44 The current library staff are right on top of
45 things. It functions well, provides an excellent
46 service as it has for the past 50 years. If it's not
47 broken, why are we trying to fix something that's not
48 broken? We have a great library. We're proud of it.
49 Why are we doing that? Is the County Council broken?
50 Do you need to have two at large members because it

1 would make sense the same as it is for the library.
 2 Why is it not for the County Council? I think you guys
 3 do a great job the way you are. Do you need at-large
 4 people? What is the complaint? What is the problem
 5 with the library that we need to add two more board
 6 members? Mom's for Liberty is not about liberty. It's
 7 about control. Who are they -- who are they to tell my
 8 children what they can or can't read? Isn't that my
 9 job as a parent? Isn't that what's parenting is all
 10 about? If they don't want their children to read these
 11 books, then don't let them read the books. How
 12 difficult is it? You're there with them at the
 13 library. Take the book and tell them it's not
 14 appropriate. But who are they to tell my children what
 15 is or isn't appropriate. That just appalls me beyond
 16 belief. Thank you.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

18 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is

19 Representative Thomas Beach.

20 THOMAS BEACH: Good evening. I
 21 live in District 1, Honorable Jimmy Davis -- 7
 22 (verbatim). Forgive me. I'm House District 10.

23 Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, I'm
 24 representing the legislative delegation for Anderson
 25 County. Every state senator, every state
 26 representative has asked me to come here tonight and to
 27 petition. It's an honor to come to you. And I know
 28 for many years that we've had a very good relationship
 29 between the state and the county, whenever there was
 30 challenges or issues. We have a fantastic
 31 relationship.

32 And tonight, members of the Legislative Delegation
 33 are here to petition you. And we asked you to add two
 34 members to the library board as well. State Senator
 35 Cash, State Senator Mike Gambrell, Representative Craig
 36 Gagnon, Representative Don Chapman, Chairwoman
 37 Representative Ann Thayer, Representative April Cromer
 38 and myself and Representative Jay West. We all get
 39 many communications from our constituents about this
 40 issue, and they're our employers, they're our taxpayers
 41 and we are asking you to please allow two more board
 42 members to the library board. Thank you.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

44 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next
 45 speaker is James Galyean.

46 JAMES GALYEAN: Thank you. I'm
 47 usually sitting where Leon sits when I address you, so
 48 it's interesting to be on this side. And I've enjoyed
 49 most of my appearances before y'all, and I even like
 50 some of you guys. The Council has changed since I

1 served as counsel to y'all. But I want to come and
2 also lend my voice to say, please add two members to
3 the library board. Simply because I don't see this as
4 a First Amendment issue. As you all know, the First
5 Amendment protects individual expression against
6 government coercion. It doesn't protect the government
7 from an individual's opinion. That's what we call
8 democracy. And so I also don't think this is an issue
9 of censorship, because as you know, censorship is
10 actually preventing the expression of -- or the
11 conveying of information. That's not what's being
12 suggested here. What we're talking about here is I and
13 many of the other citizens of this county, we trust
14 this Council. This Council has led the county to --
15 through scandal in recent years, since I've come to be
16 a citizen in this county. It's also led us in some
17 great economic development achievements since I've
18 lived here. And so the government that governs closest
19 to the people governs best.

20 And so we believe that y'all as accountable to the
21 electorate, you know, the electorate in this county
22 would be well served by having more influence on the
23 library board. And that would be -- that would be
24 provided with two additional members.

25 Also, I think that that's warranted, given the fact
26 that the county supplies over 90 percent of the budget,
27 according to my understanding of that, for the library.
28 And so I don't see that as a problem either. I think
29 that's just good stewardship on the part of the County
30 Council.

31 So with that, I'll leave you and I appreciate the
32 time to speak to you.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

34 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is

35 Michael Jones.

36 MICHAEL JONES: Good evening,
37 Chairman and County Council members. My name is
38 Michael Jones and I live in the city of Anderson within
39 District 1. I'm a father of five. Two of my children
40 are now married and also starting their families here
41 in Anderson. My son in law was just sworn in as a
42 sheriff in Anderson County. And I'm also the pastor of
43 Oakwood Baptist Church, which has been in Anderson for
44 over 100 years. Needless to say, I am very invested in
45 our wonderful community.

46 I've come to speak about the proposal to add two
47 seats to the library board in Anderson County. As
48 already has been stated, there are several reasons why
49 I would advocate for this decision to be made. The
50 most significant may be the need to have a library

1 board that will cooperate and execute the wishes of the
2 County Council that represents the people of Anderson
3 County. We need a board that will reflect the values
4 and views of the citizenry that is in this great
5 community. Some have suggested that the library board
6 should not be politicized. But that is impossible.
7 Politics is the set of activities that are associated
8 with making decisions within groups. The decision of
9 how to allocate and spend funds, choose and display
10 books and choose the leadership of the library is
11 political. And this is the process we have established
12 to accomplish this task.

13 One of the current issues that should be addressed
14 is the decision to create and display transgender
15 ideological books in the children's section of our
16 public libraries. It is my belief that this is both
17 unnecessary and inappropriate. Our state law in South
18 Carolina defines patently offensive as, and I quote,
19 obviously and clearly disagreeable, objectionable,
20 repugnant, displeasing, distasteful or obnoxious to
21 contemporary standards of decency and propriety within
22 the community. And it is my belief that the majority
23 of our community would agree that displaying
24 heterosexual content, homosexual and transgender
25 material in the children's section falls into the
26 category of patently offensive.

27 While I personally would be in favor of not even
28 having such material in the public library, which is
29 designed to serve as a general resource funded by
30 taxpayers, I believe that the vast majority of our
31 community would agree that moving it to appropriate
32 sections in the library would suffice. This is a
33 reasonable request that would protect the innocence and
34 decency of our children, and is a request that is being
35 denied by the current library board. This is not a
36 free speech issue. Laws and policies have not been
37 created, nor are laws being enforced to stop people
38 from writing such material, reading such material,
39 selling such material. To me, this is a moral issue
40 and a practical issue.

41 That is why I'm respectfully asking the County
42 Council to add two more members to the library board so
43 that we will have a group that will more accurately
44 reflect the morals, values and standards of our great
45 community. Thank you for your consideration.

46 TOMMY DUNN:

Mr. Harmon.

47 LEON HARMON:

Next speaker is

48 Elizabeth Kellner.

49 ELIZABETH KELLNER:

Good evening. I'm

50 Elizabeth Keller, District 1. I want to begin by

1 thanking you for all the work you do to make life
2 better for all Anderson County citizens. I understand
3 it can be difficult to serve such a diverse community.
4 My comments tonight focus on Council's desire to
5 add two at-large members to the Anderson County Library
6 Board of Trustees. If the reason for adding members is
7 to create a more diverse board that better represents
8 our county's population or to choose members who bring
9 specific creative talents to the board, I support this
10 move. Based on the results of some recent book
11 challenges, however, I worry that the addition of two
12 at-large members is to help make similar challenges
13 successful, removing access to books based on the
14 objection of one person.

15 This past fall, one of my teacher friends was
16 visiting me, she had just come from tutoring -- a
17 tutoring session helping a student with math. During
18 the session, the child's mother made this comment. I
19 don't understand why my child has to read a book about
20 a black person. I was thinking about this recently as
21 our library board dealt with similar complaints. In
22 these cases from a citizen who wanted to limit access
23 to books with transgender characters. The library
24 complaint seems worse to me since the question isn't
25 why does my child have to read about a transgender kid?
26 Instead it's why does my child have to have these books
27 in her section of the library? This individual wants a
28 library policy that denies access to all patrons based
29 on her own objections. There are many ways parents can
30 limit the books their children have access to without
31 limiting access for all children.

32 I was deeply saddened by the mother not wanting her
33 child to be assigned a book with a black character.
34 The comment made me feel sick. I'm old enough to
35 remember living in a segregated south, living around
36 white people who didn't want to eat with, live near,
37 worship with, share recreational space with or attend
38 school with black people. It's hard not to see
39 similarities between that prejudice and the one behind
40 current anti-transgender regulations. I realize
41 someone last time said this is not about banning books.
42 Well, no one wanted to ban black people either. They
43 just wanted to put the black people somewhere away from
44 them, in a place white people wouldn't be forced to
45 interact with them, where they wouldn't see them.
46 Moving books one person objects to out of the
47 children's section of the library seems similar to me.

48 At its March meeting, the library board will again
49 be responding to a complaint about a book with a
50 transgender character. If two new at-large board

1 members end up supporting this challenge to limit
 2 access to the book, I'll be very concerned about the
 3 future of our library. What will be the response to
 4 the next challenge that may target another marginalized
 5 group or seek to mute a marginalized point of view?
 6 Many of you voiced praise for our library system at
 7 your last meeting. I hope your future actions will
 8 ensure that it remains an inclusive place serving all
 9 the citizens of Anderson County.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

11 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is

12 Cassie Hamilton.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Hamilton? Move

14 on Mr. Harmon.

15 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is

16 Jessica Spearman.

17 JESSICA SPEARMAN: Thank you for the
 18 opportunity to speak. My name is Jessica Spearman. I
 19 am a lifelong resident of Anderson County, District 6,
 20 particularly, and the President of PFLAG Anderson. I'm
 21 concerned about the addition of library board members.
 22 And I would like for our County Council to reconsider
 23 the additions to the library board.

24 As the community of Osceola, Oklahoma recently
 25 suffered the tragic death of a non-binary child, the
 26 community has been under siege by the multitude of
 27 individuals who are committed to broadcasting their
 28 hate for the LGBTQIA+ community. This created a
 29 hostile environment in which the deadly beating of a
 30 child was an acceptable reaction to someone who was
 31 different.

32 Let us not ignore the majority of the book
 33 challenges in our own public library have been LGBTQIA+
 34 books. Everyone in this room is capable of math. We
 35 are aware of why you wish to add just two. What
 36 community minority will you challenge next? We have a
 37 beautiful county with amazing citizens who come from
 38 all walks of life. If we must add to this board,
 39 ensuring that the diversity of this community is
 40 represented.

41 Thank you for your commitment to Anderson County.
 42 And just for the record, I am a parent of a trans child
 43 who never once checked out a book about being trans
 44 from the Anderson County Library. So there was no
 45 influence there. Books are being villainized for no
 46 reason. Thank you.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

48 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Eric

49 Childs.

50 ERIC CHILDS: Thank you for

1 allowing me the opportunity to speak. My name is Eric
2 Childs. I live in District 5. I came to Anderson when
3 I moved back from my time in the service. I chose
4 Anderson because I came here as a child with my
5 parents, and I wanted to raise my own family here.
6 From my understanding the library has been performing
7 quite well. I haven't heard about any issues within
8 the library or the board. While I know there will be
9 no words that we as the public can say that will
10 actually convince you to do the right thing by not
11 adding more members to the library board, I must ask
12 that if you do to make sure that you select diverse
13 members when adding to the board that will have
14 different viewpoints and cultural backgrounds from
15 those members that are currently selected on the board
16 itself, as this county is diverse, as well.

17 The fact that some parents want to have books with
18 particular topics banned because they don't want their
19 children to read them only brings to mind the question
20 of why those parents can't police what their own
21 children are reading themselves, the way any decent
22 parent should to safeguard their child inside their own
23 home. That does not give people the right to dictate
24 what others read. The silencing of stories from
25 marginalized communities only widens the gap for
26 understanding. If you don't want your children to read
27 a particular book, don't let them read it. Do your job
28 as a parent, pay attention to them and what they pick
29 up at the library. Removing books about black history
30 can't change history, and thankfully doesn't remove
31 people of color from our community. Removing books
32 about gay and trans stories thankfully doesn't get rid
33 of the gay or trans persons in this community. If
34 you're incapable of parenting your child don't bring
35 them to the library.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

37 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is

38 Andrew Gilstrap.

39 ANDREW GILSTRAP: My name is Andrew
40 Gilstrap. I live in District 4. And I thank you for
41 giving me the chance to speak. As a lifelong resident
42 of Anderson County, I'm here to express my concerns
43 about the changes to the library board outlined in
44 ordinance number 2024-010.

45 I feel that the Council has not sufficiently
46 addressed two things. Why is this change necessary and
47 why now? What current problem does this change solve?
48 And if this passes, how will the Council assure us that
49 it will appoint impartial library board members?
50 Seemingly minor bureaucratic changes like the addition

1 of two board members don't happen in a vacuum. The
2 last couple of years have seen endless challenges
3 across the country to what books libraries can provide
4 their patrons, seeking to take away our choice as
5 taxpayers, patrons and parents over what materials we
6 and our children can check out. Often when an initial
7 request to limit a book's availability isn't granted,
8 the people challenging the books work to change the
9 rules or insert themselves into local government so
10 that they can push their agenda through.

11 It's in this climate that a change like this should
12 be met with skepticism. It's my fear and the fear of
13 many that this change is being made to help populate the
14 library board with people who don't actually believe in
15 public libraries. That the way things work is being
16 changed for no other reason than to give these people
17 sway. Groups like Moms for Liberty are already
18 circling around our school board meetings and our
19 library board meetings, book challenges at the ready.
20 And it's not unreasonable to figure that the Council is
21 either willingly or unwittingly allowing itself to be
22 used as a tool for people who do not have the best
23 interest of the county citizens at heart. The Council
24 should pause this rush to change the library board
25 structure until it has sufficiently and transparently
26 satisfied constituents' concerns about this change.

27 I see a lot of yes stickers behind me. That's --
28 and a lot of people speaking against this change.
29 That's not the kind of response you get over a simple
30 change in organizational structure or flexibility.
31 There are vested interests here and people care a lot.
32 And when you start limiting information and limiting
33 books, that's not a hunger that is ever satisfied. It
34 starts with let's take it out of the children's section
35 and put it in the adult section. But then it's
36 suddenly not available in the adult section. It's
37 always mysteriously checked out. Or you can't get to
38 it. And eventually you do have, like in some states,
39 you have people trying to pass legislation to
40 criminalize the librarians that make this material
41 available. And even in some cases, bookstores that try
42 and make this available. Florida is an excellent
43 example of these kinds of things. I just think that
44 this opens up a Pandora's box of unintended
45 consequences. And I really do wish the Council would
46 consider those consequences. Thank you.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

48 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is

49 Cynthia Baker.

50 CYNTHIA BAKER: Good evening. My

1 name is Cynthia Baker and I currently reside in
2 District 1. I've lived in Anderson County since 1986.
3 It is a wonderful place to live and to raise a child
4 and now it is a wonderful place to be retired.
5 Anderson is my chosen home. I want to thank the
6 members of the Council for your service and for
7 listening to everyone who is here tonight. Each of you
8 plays an important role in representing your area of
9 the county and each of your districts has unique
10 characteristics and needs. You do have a challenging
11 job.

12 I'm here tonight to gather information about the
13 proposal to add members to the library board of
14 directors. I'm neither for nor against the proposal at
15 this time, because I don't know the motivation behind
16 it. Anderson is a growing community that is very
17 attractive to new families and businesses. If adding
18 members to the library board is to ensure that every
19 member of our county has a voice on the board, then
20 this could be a good thing. I have attended a number
21 of board meetings and find the board to be fair,
22 equitable and nonpartisan, even though the current
23 board is pretty homogenous in its makeup. If the
24 Council is considering expanding the board to make it
25 more diverse and inclusive, especially to add younger
26 members, that could make the board even better. My
27 concern is that some want to make the library board
28 enhance our library less inclusive and diverse. The
29 library serves all of us and everyone should have a
30 voice. I would urge the Council to consider all the
31 residents of Anderson County and the message we want to
32 send to newcomers as we move forward.

33 Thank you.

34 TOMMY DUNN:

Mr. Harmon.

35 LEON HARMON:

Next speaker is Lisa

36 Wilson.

37 LISA WILSON:

Hi. Thank you for
38 allowing me to speak. My name is Lisa Wilson. I
39 reside in District 5 here. I was born in Anderson,
40 South Carolina, went to Oakwood Baptist Church as a
41 child, grew up in a very conservative family, but also
42 grew up in a family that reads. And the thing that
43 strikes me the most is my grandparents. At their home,
44 I had a choice of I could read *Guidepost*, I could read
45 *National Geographic*, I could read *Life*, I could read
46 *Look*, I could read *Reader's Digest*. And that's where I
47 learned about history. *Life* and *Look*, especially.
48 Your generation remembers these magazines. Great
49 magazines; right.

50 I have seen -- I grew up seeing segregation. And I

1 saw our pool get filled in with concrete when I was a
 2 child. I don't see that very differently from
 3 restricting access in libraries to books. We saw
 4 recently in the news, I think it was in South Carolina,
 5 where they sent permission slips home for children to
 6 read a book by a black author. In looking at those
 7 magazines, I learned about Ruby Bridges. I saw
 8 pictures of people spitting on her. I saw a Buddhist
 9 monk self-emulate in resistance against the war. I saw
 10 fire hoses used on civil rights workers. I saw Vietnam
 11 -- the Vietnam Veterans wearing war is hell helmets. I
 12 saw photos of Martin Luther King, John F. Kennedy,
 13 Robert Kennedy. I saw their dead bodies. I saw lots
 14 of dead bodies. I also saw naked bodies. Right? We
 15 had pictures of Woodstock. *National Geographic*, you
 16 had pictures of people in all civilizations; right,
 17 without their clothes. This is just a meat sack.
 18 Okay? We are all different. And if we can't allow our
 19 children to see the world as the world is and not some
 20 homogenous white version of what we want this world to
 21 be, it's a sad place. We're going backwards so fast
 22 right now in history. It breaks my heart. You know,
 23 we saw pictures of starving children. I was never
 24 harmed by anything I read, ever. I have never been
 25 harmed by anything that was scary. I've never been
 26 harmed by anything that was against my sexuality;
 27 straight. I have never been harmed by any description
 28 of somebody who was different from me. My world has
 29 enlarged.

30 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

31 LISA WILSON: I'm a licensed

32 counselor, and I worked in ---

33 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on. Next Mr.

34 Harmon.

35 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Don

36 Bryant.

37 DON BRYANT: My name is Don
 38 Bryant. I reside in District 1. I come before you
 39 this evening, honorable members of the Council, to
 40 speak in favor of adding two additional board members
 41 to the library. This is not a political issue. It is
 42 not an issue of banning books. It is not an issue of
 43 restricting access to these books. It's simply a
 44 matter of morals, of ethics and of parenteral rights.
 45 And this is an issue that should be addressed
 46 throughout our society today. There is a wealth of
 47 data showing the harm that is done by exposing our
 48 children to inappropriate material at too young an age,
 49 leading to multiple problems later in their lives, the
 50 lives of their families, as well as to the lives of

1 members of society.

2 This is a commonsense issue. It is an issue that
3 should be taken seriously. And it is an issue that
4 should be approved for the benefit of Anderson County.

5 I appreciate all of you members very much. Thank
6 you.

7 TOMMY DUNN:

Mr. Harmon.

8 LEON HARMON:

Next speaker is

9 Kevin Hardy.

10 KEVIN HARDY:

My name is Kevin

11 Hardy, and I'm a resident of Anderson County District
12 4; a patron of the Anderson County library. And I'm
13 here to support Ordinance 2024-010 that adds two at-
14 large positions to the Anderson County Library Board of
15 Trustees.

16 There's a few pieces of information that I want to
17 mention tonight. This was -- there was some
18 misinformation at the last meeting or the last County
19 Council meeting that was spoken by those in opposition
20 to this ordinance.

21 First, Councilman Glenn Davis seemed to try and put
22 the other County Council members on the spot by asking
23 each of the Council members if they had spoken to the
24 library administration. One thing Councilman Glenn
25 Davis didn't mention was the library administrator has
26 made it clear to the County Council that even though
27 the county provides the lion's share of the funding,
28 they have no authority over the administration of the
29 library system. In other words, she has told the
30 County Council to stay out of their business. After
31 being told to stay away who would be willing to attempt
32 to communicate with someone with that attitude.

33 I have heard from two County Council members that
34 the library administration is unwilling to cooperate
35 with the County Council. I believe adding two new
36 board members will give the County Council an
37 opportunity to create a cooperative library
38 administration.

39 Secondly, one of the speaker's opposed to the new
40 ordinance stated approval of this ordinance would cost
41 the county additional money. That's hooley. The
42 library -- the library board positions are voluntary,
43 unpaid positions, resulting in no outlay by the county.

44 And third, and most important, four people,
45 including Councilman Glenn Davis stated that we
46 shouldn't politicize the library board. Well, it's too
47 late for that. The library board has been stacked with
48 people of the same political persuasion and biases for
49 years now. It has been so politicized that the last
50 three appointees to the board have been ridiculed and

1 harassed by those who have controlled the library
2 system for so long.

3 To give you some examples. One new board member's
4 employer was contacted and pressured by the library
5 administrator followers to fire the new board member
6 from her job. In another incident, a person who is
7 here tonight opposing the ordinance made and posted
8 videos demeaning two of the new board members on social
9 media. That's someone who has already spoken tonight.

10 At the last public library board meeting I
11 attended, the new board members expressed their
12 viewpoints on an issue being discussed in an open
13 forum. While one member was speaking, the library
14 board member representing the area that I'm from,
15 interrupted the new board member and informed her that
16 our personal opinion was not to be expressed. In other
17 words that if she didn't agree with the new member's
18 point of view, the new members should be quiet. It has
19 become apparent the library administrator has a group
20 of underlings who she contacts when she wants to
21 achieve something.

22 Case in point, the library administrator receives
23 emails commending the actions of new library board
24 members. Within minutes of the library administrator
25 receiving the positive feedback on the new members, she
26 received a flood of emails attacking the new members.
27 This is not a coincidence. Our library system needs
28 new leadership. By adding two more reliable, informed
29 and proactive board members ---

30 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Next.

32 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one
33 else is signed up to speak.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr.

35 Harmon.

36 We're going to move on to item number 5(a),
37 Ordinance's third reading, 2023-052, an Ordinance
38 authorizing the execution of an infrastructure credit
39 agreement by and between Anderson County and Carolina
40 Structural Systems, LLC providing for payments in lieu
41 of taxes, the issuance of special source revenue
42 credits, the inclusion of the property in a
43 multi-county park and other matters related thereto.
44 Project Trust.

45 Mr. Nelson.

46 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr.

47 Chairman, members of Council. This is an Ordinance
48 that places this project into the multi-county park
49 agreement with Anderson and Greenville and allows this
50 project to access a number of state and local

1 incentives. This project is a total capital investment
 2 of 2.6 million, creating 60 jobs with an average pay of
 3 \$22.47 an hour. Thank you, sir.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Have a
 5 motion to move this forward?

6 JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Councilman
 8 Jimmy Davis; second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All
 9 in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed
 10 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

11 We're going to move on to 5(b), 2024-003, an
 12 Ordinance to amend Ordinance #99-004, the Anderson
 13 County Zoning Ordinance, as adopted July 20, 1999, by
 14 amending the Anderson County Official Zoning Map to
 15 rezone 1.5 +/- acres from Residential Agricultural to
 16 Rural Commercial District on a parcel of land,
 17 identified as address in the Three and Twenty
 18 Precinct shown in Deed Reference 12274 33. The parcel
 19 further identified as TMS #165-00-07-008, in District
 20 4. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

21 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.

22 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Councilman
 24 Sanders; second by Councilman Wilson. Any discussion?
 25 All in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed
 26 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

27 We're going to move on to item number 5(c), 2024-
 28 006, an ordinance to authorize ---

29 JOHN WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, if I
 30 could, I'd like to recuse myself from 5(c) and (d) due
 31 to my firm being involved in that property.

32 TOMMY DUNN: 5(c) and (d)?

33 JOHN WRIGHT: Yes, sir, thank you.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. Let the
 35 record show Mr. Wright has stepped out of the room and
 36 recused himself. His firm is handling part of this,
 37 evidently.

38 This will be number 5(c), 2024-006, an Ordinance
 39 authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu
 40 of tax agreement and special source credit agreement by
 41 and between Anderson County, South Carolina and
 42 EastGroup Properties, L.P., a company formerly known to
 43 the county as Project Turkey, with respect to certain
 44 economic development property in the county, whereby
 45 such property will be subject to certain payments in
 46 lieu of taxes, and whereby project/company will be
 47 provided certain credits in related qualified
 48 infrastructure; and providing for related matters.
 49 Project Turkey.
 50 Mr. Nelson.

1 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr.
2 Chairman. This is third reading on a project that has
3 \$36 million dollars in capital investment spec
4 building. And to our great delight, it already has a
5 company, manufacturing facility, moving into that. And
6 we hope to have that project and the jobs creation of
7 additional capital investment on Council floor soon.
8 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. This
10 will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to
11 this matter -- on this matter, please step forward and
12 state your name, your district for the record, and
13 address the chair. You have three minutes. Anyone at
14 all? Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will
15 be closed. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

16 JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Councilman
18 Jimmy Davis; second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

19 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair, if I may?

20 TOMMY DUNN: Councilman Jimmy
21 Davis.

22 JIMMY DAVIS: This is just a good
23 example, Mr. Burriss Nelson here, of something that
24 could have gone the other way, has turned around and
25 it's going to be a great asset and benefit to Anderson
26 County in total. I applaud your efforts on this.
27 Thank you.

28 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in
30 favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed like
31 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

32 We're going to move on to 5(d), 2024-007, an
33 Ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of
34 a joint county industrial and business park (2010 Park)
35 of Anderson and Greenville counties so as to enlarge
36 the park to include certain property of EastGroup
37 Properties, L.P.; and other matters related thereto.

38 This will be a public hearing. This is the same
39 thing as before. This is putting this in a park where
40 they can achieve infrastructure credits, and do that.

41 Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, be a public
42 hearing, please step forward and state your name and
43 district for the record, and address the chair, please.
44 Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, the public
45 hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to move
46 this forward?

47 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Councilman
49 Elgin; second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

50 CINDY WILSON: May I very quickly?

1 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am, Ms.
2 Wilson.

3 CINDY WILSON: We have a lot of
4 citizens here tonight for the first time in many years,
5 and they may not quite understand fee in lieu of taxes
6 and all of these incentives that we provide. But a
7 real quick synopsis is our state has an 1895
8 Constitution that provides that industrial projects pay
9 10.5 percent tax assessment ration, the highest in the
10 nation. This mechanism was first perfected by
11 Michelin, and it brings their tax requirements back
12 down to a more normal figure so that we can provide
13 good jobs in this county and encourage good business
14 development.

15 In the multi-county park configuration, we're
16 partnered with Greenville County. And Anderson County
17 partnering with them, we receive 99 percent of the tax
18 proceeds and they are split out by multiple variations
19 all the way from schools to capital improvement and so
20 forth. And then Greenville gets one percent, and then
21 vice versa. And that's where we are able to augment
22 taxes. Most of these projects pay more than the
23 original property use.

24 Hope that explains it enough so that y'all have an
25 understanding of what we're dealilng with. Thank you.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms.
27 Wilson. Mr. Nelson, do you have anything?

28 BURRISS NELSON: No, sir, you
29 explained -- both of you did a great job explaining
30 that. Thank you very much.

31 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the
32 motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
33 the motion carries unanimously.

34 Would you ask Mr. Wright to step back in?

35 We're going to move on now to item number 5(e),
36 2024-008, an Ordinance to amend Section 24-335 of the
37 Anderson County, South Carolina, Code of Ordinances to
38 add an additional subsection concerning the effect of
39 an appeal of a Planning Commission decision on a
40 subsequent preliminary plat submission; and other
41 matters related thereto.

42 This will be a public hearing. Before we go into
43 it, Mr. Harmon, do you want to explain what this is all
44 about?

45 LEON HARMON: Yes, Mr. Chairman,
46 and members of Council. This amendment to section 24-
47 335 would add a new section to the Anderson County Code
48 to address the effect of an appeal from the denial of a
49 project by the Planning Commission. The new section
50 simply provides that if the Planning Commission -- that

1 the Planning Commission should not consider a modified
2 project during the pendency of an appeal that has been
3 taken by the applicant to a denial by the Planning
4 Commission. And that appeal could occur before the
5 Circuit Court, the Court of Appeals or the State
6 Supreme Court.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Be a
8 public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this
9 matter, please step forward and state your name and
10 district and address the chair, please. Seeing and
11 hearing none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we
12 have a motion to move this forward?

13 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson.
15 Have a second?

16 GLENN DAVIS: Second.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Councilman
18 Glenn Davis. Any discussion? All in favor of the
19 motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
20 the motion carries unanimously.

21 We're going to move on to item number 6(a),
22 Ordinance's first reading -- I mean second reading, I'm
23 sorry, Ordinance's second reading, 6(a), 2024-002, an
24 Ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of
25 a joint county industrial and business park (2010 Park)
26 of Anderson and Greenville counties so as to enlarge
27 the park. Project Colorful. Mr. Nelson.

28 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr.
29 Chairman. This is a \$6 million dollar capital
30 investment creating a little over twenty jobs with an
31 average pay of \$28.00 an hour in the Cheddar Community
32 of Anderson County. This allows them to access the
33 infrastructure credit agreements, as well as some state
34 incentives for their project. Thank you.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion
36 to move this forward?

37 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson.
39 Have a second?

40 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Councilman
42 Brett Sanders. Any discussion? All in favor of the
43 motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
44 the motion carries unanimously.

45 We're going to move on to item number 6(b),
46 2024-009, an Ordinance to amend an agreement for the
47 development of a joint county industrial and business
48 park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville counties so
49 as to enlarge the park.

50 Mr. Nelson.

1 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr.
2 Chairman, members of Council. This is actually the
3 FedEx project receiving admission into the multi-county
4 park agreement for their special source revenue credits
5 to be applied. It's a \$45 million dollar project with
6 12 jobs, new jobs, because there will be additional --
7 the existing jobs will be added there, as well,
8 somewhere close to 250. And this will bring an average
9 salary for those new twelve at \$28 an hour, as well.
10 Thank you, sir.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we
12 have a motion to move this forward?
13 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders;
15 second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?
16 CINDY WILSON: May I quickly?
17 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson. Yes,
18 ma'am.
19 CINDY WILSON: I was concerned and
20 a number of people in the community that this wonderful
21 project was kind of languishing and not being
22 landscaped nicely. And I wanted to report we had a
23 wonderful meeting with the principals of the new
24 company that bought them, from California, I think it
25 was Friday, Thursday or Friday, but I have to say they
26 were very receptive and very responsive, and they'll be
27 working on it.
28 And I have to say, Mr. Burriss has an incredible
29 staff. There were three young people, very
30 knowledgeable about technology, very professional, and
31 very pleasant to work with. I think this gentleman
32 will be making a trip out to Anderson before long. And
33 we've offered to give him the grand tour and take him
34 to lunch. So we may have more business from that area.
35 But thank you, Mr. Burriss, for making that meeting
36 possible.
37 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am. Thank
38 you.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anymore
40 discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands.
41 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
42 unanimously.
43 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, thank
44 y'all for your support. My staff does a great job, and
45 I certainly appreciate those good comments. But I'm
46 very proud of them, and they've done fabulous work.
47 Thank you.
48 TOMMY DUNN: You do a great job
49 and so does your Economic Development Board.
50 Appreciate you.

1 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item
3 number 6(c), 2024-010, an Ordinance to amend section
4 28-48 of the Code of Ordinances, Anderson County, South
5 Carolina, to provide for two at-large members to the
6 Anderson County Library Board of Trustees; and other
7 matters related thereto.

8 Do we have a motion?

9 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

10 JOHN WRIGHT: Second.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson;
12 second by Councilman Wright. Open the floor up for
13 discussion. Mr. Glenn Davis.

14 GLENN DAVIS: Thank you, Mr.
15 Chairman. I would just like to express my gratitude to
16 everyone that came out that voiced their opinion for or
17 against. It's something that really touches my heart.
18 We say we're not going to ban books in the future.
19 What's to stop us -- or stop that board from not
20 banning books? I'm all for getting books out of eight
21 and nine year old's vision. I'm all for that. But
22 down the road, where are we going to go with this?

23 As one young lady said, she didn't want her child
24 reading about black people. Come on, how ridiculous is
25 that? Where are we going as a county? Where are we
26 going? What do we want to show the world? It's not
27 about pornography in the eyes of eight and nine year
28 olds. I've talked with a lot of teachers. We have
29 issues with eight and nine year olds not being able to
30 read. Not being able to read. To me that's an issue.
31 That's an issue that we should be concerned about.

32 I don't want to get on my soapbox, but thank you,
33 Mr. Chairman.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone
35 else?

36 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

37 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

38 CINDY WILSON: I don't want to put
39 Mr. Harmon on the spot, but we were all pretty well
40 perplexed when all of these issues came up about a year
41 and a half ago. And Mr. Harmon researched the founding
42 of the library system.

43 If you would give a quick synopsis of how all of
44 that came about, I would appreciate it.

45 LEON HARMON: Yes, ma'am, Ms.
46 Wilson. The state general assembly passed a bill to
47 establish a library system in the state. The law
48 provided that each county would establish a public
49 library system that would be controlled and managed by
50 a board of trustees consisting of not fewer than seven

1 nor more than 11 members.

2 And that law has been in place, I want to say,
3 since the early nineties, is when it first -- it may
4 have been before that, quite frankly. But it's been in
5 place for quite sometime.

6 Our board, our current board has seven members, as
7 you well know, one from each County Council district.
8 And what this ordinance would do, would be to provide
9 for two additional members, which would bring our total
10 to nine, which would be right in the middle of the --
11 what the legislature established for a board of
12 trustees for the library.

13 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr.
14 Chairman. I know that you also found that with the
15 library being called a discreet fund, we provide about
16 92 percent of the funding from the county, the state
17 provides about six percent, and then two percent is
18 derived from fines and grants and so forth. The terms
19 are four years, and the appointees serve -- they're
20 appointed by County Council, but their terms do not
21 match our terms. Our terms are two years and theirs
22 are four. So there are some strange issues there.

23 But it's a far more complex scenario than people
24 claiming that books are to be banned. I think the
25 worst problem I noticed was the placement of books in
26 front of three to six year olds. That was very
27 troubling. Thank you.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Anymore discussion?
29 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair, if I may?
30 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis, Jimmy
31 Davis.

32 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Harmon, also the
33 terms of -- if we have the third reading on this and it
34 passes and the terms of these new appointee members,
35 they would be staggered or how is that going to work?

36 LEON HARMON: Yes, Mr. Davis, I
37 believe we would have to stagger them in to the
38 process.

39 TOMMY DUNN: As state law
40 requires.

41 LEON HARMON: As state law
42 requires. The law itself requires that they be -- they
43 have terms of four years. And it explained how to
44 start the stagger. Some would have terms of two years
45 and some would have terms of four years. And then the
46 two year terms, if reappointed, would be four-year
47 terms. And I think this would have to operate similar
48 to that process. That is in the state law.

49 JIMMY DAVIS: And you know, the
50 question -- I do want to answer one question. Someone

1 said -- or multiple people said, have you talked to the
2 board members? And I have talked to a couple of the
3 board members, and I'm well pleased with their service.
4 And this is a position that County Council, we get to
5 appoint our board members, currently, but if we find
6 that they're not performing a duty as we see fit, we
7 can't remove them. And I find that alarming, and I
8 wish that could change. But that has to change with
9 state law. We can't change that here at County
10 Council. County Council is not voting whether we're
11 banning books or not; we're voting to add two board
12 members to have, hopefully, a better and more staggered
13 and more representative on the Library Board of
14 Trustees. So, you know, I think this is something that
15 we need to do as a growing county, so I'm looking
16 forward to moving forward with this.

17 So thank you, Mr. Chair.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Anymore discussion?
19 Mr. Glenn Davis.

20 GLENN DAVIS: Mr. Chairman, how
21 would these two be selected?

22 TOMMY DUNN: As I said earlier,
23 and I think I made a comment, they would be selected
24 just like the two at-large Planning Commission members.
25 After the third reading -- we've got no openings now,
26 but there will be an application process. If there's
27 100 applicants, each Council member will get a look at
28 those. They'll choose who they want to interview.
29 There will be an interview process and be voted on by
30 full Council, like any other appointment.

31 GLENN DAVIS: Thank you, sir.

32 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the
33 motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
34 the motion carries with Mr. Jimmy Davis, Mr. Brett
35 Sanders, Mr. Tommy Dunn, Greg Elgin, John Wright, Ms.
36 Wilson in favor; Mr. Glenn Davis opposed.

37 Moving on. We're going to move on to item number
38 7(a), 2024-005, an Ordinance to lease real property to
39 Hope Missions of the Upstate; and other matters related
40 thereto. Do we have a motion on the floor?

41 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson.
43 Do we have a second?

44 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Councilman
46 Jimmy Davis. Open the floor up for discussion. Mr.
47 Burns, do you have anything you want to add or need to
48 say anything?

49 RUSTY BURNS: No, sir. They
50 provide a valuable service to Anderson County

1 residents. They also provide the cooling -- warming
2 centers when the temperature drops below what it should
3 be. And we're also working with them on the
4 possibility of another location. And they have done
5 everything that they told us they were going to do.

6 TOMMY DUNN: They're good people.
7 We appreciate what they're doing. They are doing a
8 service for Anderson County.

9 RUSTY BURNS: Might want to add
10 one thing, Mr. Chairman, they have helped 125 people
11 find permanent residences. We're very proud of that.
12 They also have a jobs navigator, as David may have
13 alluded to, and so they're helping find jobs. So
14 they're putting these people back into society and
15 giving them a hand up and a helping hand.

16 TOMMY DUNN: I just talked with
17 some folks this morning right after I talked with you
18 in that meeting and talked to them. Appreciate them.
19 Anymore discussion? All in favor of the motion,
20 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
21 carries unanimously.

22 Thank y'all for what y'all do for the community.
23 We're going to move on to item number(b),
24 2024-011, an Ordinance finding that Homeland Park Water
25 District, South Carolina, may issue not exceeding
26 \$1,250,000 of general obligation bonds in one or more
27 series; to authorize Homeland Park Water Commission
28 to issue such bonds and to provide for the publication
29 of notice of the said finding authorization; and other
30 matters related thereto.

31 This is a formality that we have to do for them
32 boards. It's nothing to us. We're not raising
33 nobody's rates. We're not condoning nothing. It's
34 just a courteous -- this ain't the only water board
35 we've done this for and has to do this. Has to go
36 through County Council, the way it's set up.

37 Do we have a motion to move this forward?

38 JOHN WRIGHT: So moved.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Wright.

40 Have a second?

41 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Councilman
43 Sanders. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion,
44 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
45 carries unanimously.

46 We're going to move on now to number 8,
47 Resolutions, 2024-009, a Resolution calling for a
48 public hearing to be held upon the question of the
49 issuance of not exceeding \$1,250,000 general obligation
50 bonds of Homeland Park Water District, South Carolina,

1 and to provide for the publication of the notice of
2 such hearing; and other matters related thereto.

3 This is to make sure they put a public notice out
4 there to water customers. And they put it in their
5 water bill, is my understanding.

6 Do we have a motion to put this on the floor?
7 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson.
9 Have a second?
10 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Councilman
12 Glenn Davis. Any discussion? All in favor of the
13 motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
14 the motion carries unanimously.

15 Moving on to item number 9, 9(a), do we have a
16 motion to pull off the table bid number 24-018, Boiler
17 for the Anderson County Civic Center?
18 CINDY WILSON: May I make the
19 motion that we pull this off the table.
20 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Ms.
21 Wilson to pull this off the table. Do we have a
22 second?
23 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
24 TOMMY DUNN: Second by
25 Councilman Jimmy Davis. All in favor of the motion
26 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
27 carries unanimously.

28 Do we have a motion to move this forward?
29 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
30 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Ms.
31 Wilson. Do we have a second?
32 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
33 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Brett
34 Sanders. Open the floor up for discussion. Mr. Burns,
35 if you would, this -- we talked about this last Council
36 meeting. We tabled to get some more information to
37 find out -- this was the lowest bid?
38 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
39 TOMMY DUNN: And our
40 Ordinances require us to take this or we could throw it
41 out, but talking to staff and all, they feel good about
42 this. Was it right at \$300,000.00?
43 LEON HARMON: Two hundred and
44 sixty-seven.
45 TOMMY DUNN: Two hundred
46 sixty-seven. That's close to \$300,000.00 where I come
47 from. Anybody -- anymore discussion?
48 BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman.
49 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.
50 BRETT SANDERS: I actually

1 reached out with a diehard local here, but the company
2 that did win the bid has done a lot of work for the
3 county. They've done work at the courthouses. So
4 they're more than capable. And I appreciate them
5 bidding. I also asked our head over that department to
6 reach out to the second company that also has done a
7 lot of work and to let them know that we do appreciate
8 the bid. I know we've had some issues with not a lot
9 of people responding to the bids. But I feel a great
10 support in this and the company. Thank you, sir.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?
12 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair, if I
13 may?

14 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.
15 JIMMY DAVIS: As you know,
16 this is the original boiler for the Civic Center, if
17 I'm not mistaken.

18 RUSTY BURNS: It's only 33
19 years old.

20 JIMMY DAVIS: Yeah, it's only
21 33. It's given us some good years. I just want to
22 make that point of clarification. Thank you.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
24 It's still working. Anybody got anything else? All in
25 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
26 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

27 Moving on to item number 9(b), bid number 24-019,
28 Dolly Cooper Park lighting project. Do we have a
29 motion to put this on the floor?

30 JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.
31 CINDY WILSON: Second.
32 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr.
33 Jimmy Davis; second Ms. Cindy Wilson. Any discussion?
34 Mr. Burns.

35 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman,
36 this is the result of a grant of \$750,000.00 that was
37 generated through the request of Councilman Jimmy
38 Davis, Senator Cash and Thomas Beach. This will allow
39 us to provide lighting for the fields at the Dolly
40 Cooper Park. We have a price of \$562,282.00. Request
41 for approval of this.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
43 Anyone else? All in favor of the motion -- go ahead,
44 Mr. Davis, Jimmy Davis.

45 JIMMY DAVIS: I just want to
46 thank Representative Beach and Senator Cash for helping
47 us with this. This is really going to supply us a safe
48 place for our youth in Powdersville, Powdersville Play,
49 to go out and play baseball. Right now they have to
50 quit playing at dark. And so it's kind of limited. So

1 this will give us a real good safety aspect and
 2 something that the northern part of Anderson County
 3 really needed. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

8 Moving on to item number 10, requests. Request for
 9 Pendleton Recreation Association from all district.
 10 Mr. Sanders.

11 BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman,
 12 the Recreation Department in Pendleton is utilized by
 13 all district as -- you know, I think Pendleton is
 14 reluctant on providing some of the funding up there
 15 because they say they don't -- in their town. I think
 16 they say they don't have enough children there to
 17 actually help them. So I would like to go last on this
 18 request. If anyone wants to do anything, that would be
 19 fine. I'll be more than happy to make up the
 20 difference. But it is not just District 4. I think
 21 all the districts practice on those fields.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Councilman
 23 Jimmy Davis.

24 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr.
 25 Chair. From the District 6 special appropriations
 26 account, I would like to help out to the tune of
 27 \$500.00 to the Pendleton Recreation Association. I
 28 think this benefits all of Anderson County with not
 29 just recreation but sales tax generation. And I'm glad
 30 to be able to help. And I make that in the form of a
 31 motion.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second?

33 BRETT SANDERS: Thank you, sir.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Second?

35 GLENN DAVIS: Second.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Second by
 37 Councilman Glenn Davis. Any discussion? All in favor
 38 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
 39 Show the motion carries unanimously.

40 Councilman Glenn Davis.

41 GLENN DAVIS: Thank you, Mr.
 42 Chairman. From District 2's special appropriations
 43 account, I'd like to give \$1,500.00 to the Pendleton
 44 Recreation Association. And I put that in the form of
 45 a motion, sir.

46 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion

48 by Mr. Glenn Davis and second Mr. Jimmy Davis. Any
 49 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.

50 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries

1 unanimously.
2 Moving on, Councilman Elgin.
3 GREG ELGIN: Yes, sir, Mr.
4 Chairman, from District 3 appropriation request, I'd
5 like to give \$500.00 to Pendleton Rec Association. And
6 make that in the form of a motion.
7 TOMMY DUNN: We have a
8 motion. Have a second?
9 CINDY WILSON: Second.
10 GLENN DAVIS: Second.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms.
12 Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion
13 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
14 carries unanimously.
15 Councilman Wright.
16 JOHN WRIGHT: Thank you, Mr.
17 Chairman. From District 1's special rec account, I'd
18 like to appropriate \$1,000.00 to the Pendleton
19 Recreation Association. Put that in the form of a
20 motion.
21 CINDY WILSON: Second.
22 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion
23 by Mr. Wright; second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All
24 in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
25 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
26 Moving on, Ms. Wilson.
27 CINDY WILSON: District 7 is
28 at the bottom of the barrel. Thank you.
29 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Out
30 of District 5's special appropriations account, we'd
31 like to appropriate \$500.00. Put that in the form of a
32 motion.
33 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
34 CINDY WILSON: Second.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr.
36 Jimmy Davis. Any discussion? All in favor of the
37 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
38 motion carries unanimously.
39 Now back to Councilman Sanders.
40 BRETT SANDERS: Thank you, Mr.
41 Chairman, and thank you, fellow Council members for
42 assisting and supporting this great cause. I think if
43 my math is correct, I would like to do \$1,000.00.
44 TOMMY DUNN: We have a
45 motion from Mr. Sanders. Do we have a second?
46 JOHN WRIGHT: Second.
47 CINDY WILSON: Second.
48 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Ms.
49 Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion
50 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion

1 carries unanimously.

2 We're going to move on now to item number 11,
3 Administrator's report.

4 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this
5 time, Mr. Chairman.

6 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to
7 move on to item number 12, citizens' comments. Mr.
8 Harmon.

9 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman,
10 first speaker is Robert McCurry.

11 ROBERT MCCURRY: Honorable
12 Chairman, Council members, thank you so much for
13 standing up for the -- my grandchildren and the
14 children of Anderson County, in adding two members to
15 the board. Thank you very much.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

17 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
18 Kevin Hardy.

19 KEVIN HARDY: I also want to
20 thank you all for approving that on second reading. As
21 I said earlier, my name is Kevin Hardy. I'm a resident
22 of Anderson District 4. The question is why are we
23 here tonight debating the issue of whether the council
24 should add two new board members? The answer is very
25 simple. The current library administration has been
26 serving their interest and not the interest of the
27 taxpayers. They have brought this upon themselves.
28 Other than defunding the library system which would be
29 painful for everyone, the council only has one option
30 to reign this library administration in. That option
31 is to add two new library board members.

32 Of course, you can vote no and continue with the
33 status quo guaranteeing the current library
34 administration ignores the County Council's request for
35 cooperation. And you could vote no and the current
36 library administration will maintain the politicized
37 liberal slant it has demonstrated for years. You can
38 vote no and the majority of Anderson County residents
39 will be under represented. You can vote no and the
40 taxpayer dollars you provide to the library system will
41 go to further their agenda. And you can vote no and
42 our children and society as a whole will suffer the
43 effects of indoctrination of an immoral ideology.

44 However, by passing this ordinance, and appointing
45 two conservative board members, the Council will create
46 a library board that will work with County Council and
47 recognize we achieve more working together than alone.
48 By voting Yes, the board will consist of a more diverse
49 group of people who will respect the views of others
50 while bringing new ideas and expertise to the board.

1 By voting yes, the board will make a way for each of
2 the nine libraries -- we have nine libraries in
3 Anderson County -- to have a board member who can
4 represent the interests of that specific location.
5 Nine board members, nine libraries.

6 Anderson County's population has grown by more than
7 50 percent since the library system was created. I
8 believe it was 1986 when that was -- when that
9 happened. The voting -- by voting yes, better
10 representation for the residents of Anderson County
11 would be achieved. By adding two new conservative
12 members to the library board, the resources allocated
13 to the library system that can be more closely
14 monitored to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely.

15 Finally, by voting yes and selecting two
16 conservative members, the council can assure the values
17 of Anderson County taxpayers reflected in the library
18 system's policies.

19 And as for Mr. Glenn Davis's question about banning
20 the books, federal and state law address that, so I
21 don't think that could be an issue. Thank you all.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
23 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
24 Allison Youngblood.

25 ALLISON YOUNGBLOOD: Good evening,
26 Allison Youngblood with District 1. I got out of the
27 car, and I saw all these people. And I was like, gosh,
28 I didn't know so many people were excited about hearing
29 about the United Way.

30 Thank you, Mr. Davis, about -- for inviting us here
31 today. I am representing United Way. And I wanted to
32 share with you guys a program that we have started at
33 United Way. We are -- we have started a Miracle
34 Program with a vision of making Anderson County the
35 healthiest county in South Carolina. And so we are
36 addressing critical issues that are related to
37 substance abuse, mental health and behavioral well
38 being. At the heart of our program, we have 20
39 AmeriCorps members who are expanding the capacity and
40 our reach. And they're educating and advocating for --
41 against substance abuse, for mental health and for
42 behavioral well being. And we have 15 members that are
43 serving as mentors in a camp called Camp Mariposa. And
44 this camp is to -- where kids can go away to
45 traditional camp, do all the fun things, but also learn
46 about -- on a curricular -- or an evidence based
47 curriculum to teach them how to make better choices.

48 I bring this to you today, because I know that this
49 is something that we all can agree on, that this is a
50 problem, substance abuse, mental health and behavioral

1 well being. And so anything that you guys are doing in
2 your districts that we can partner with you on, we
3 really want to be able to do that. And so however we
4 can be of support to that, please let us know. And
5 thank you for your service to Anderson County.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr.
7 Harmon.

8 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman,
9 next speaker is James Galyean.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Galyean.
11 MALE: He had to
12 leave.
13 TOMMY DUNN: He had to
14 leave.

15 LEON HARMON: Okay. Next
16 speaker is Michael Jones.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Jones. He
18 had to leave. Or left.

19 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman,
20 no one else is signed up.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thank
22 you.

23 Moving on now to comments from Council. What? Did
24 you sign up? You have to sign up; I'm sorry.

25 Comments from Council members. Mr. Davis, Jimmy
26 Davis.

27 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr.
28 Chair. I don't have anything. Thank you.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr.
30 Sanders.

31 BRETT SANDERS: Nothing at this
32 time, sir.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
34 Mr. Glenn Davis.

35 GLENN DAVIS: Thank you, Mr.
36 Chairman. I'd just like to -- on February 14, we had
37 our annual Valentine for seniors in District 2 and
38 District 5. We had a total of 160 meals and we passed
39 them all out. This is a -- this is something that we
40 do for the seniors in District 2. And thank you, Mr.
41 Chairman, for coming on board last year to help with
42 that as well. So we had 160 meals and they were all
43 served to the seniors in District 2 and District 5.

44 Also on February -- February 27, at 6:00 p.m.,
45 we'll be having a community meeting, District 2 and
46 District 5, at the Homeland Park Fire Department. So
47 anyone in District 2 or District 5 that would like to
48 come and let your voice be heard, that's at 6:00 p.m.
49 at the Homeland Park Fire Department.

50 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's all I have.

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County of Anderson

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
MARCH 5, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
JOHN WRIGHT
GLENN DAVIS
GREG ELGIN
BRETT SANDERS
CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
RENEE WATTS

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time
2 I'd like to call the special presentation meeting of
3 March 5, 2024 to order. I'd like to welcome each and
4 every one of y'all here tonight, and thank y'all for
5 coming to participate in your Anderson County
6 government. At this time, first of all, we're going to
7 go to Resolution 2(a), 2024-006, a Resolution/
8 Proclamation.

9 A Resolution to honor and recognize Joe Frank
10 Pinson's lifetime of extraordinary service to the
11 community; and other matters related thereto. Ms.
12 Wilson.

13 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr.
14 Chairman. I'll read this into our record. Mr. Pinson
15 was not up to coming tonight and we'll make a special
16 presentation for him later.

17 Whereas Joe Frank Pinson, born in 1931 to Clincie
18 Wyatt and Cora Medlock Pinson and raised on a farm in
19 the High Point community, graduated from Honea Path
20 High School in 1949 and was married to Betty Brown
21 Pinson, of Hartwell, Georgia, from 1953 until her death
22 in 2008; and

23 Whereas Mr. Pinson, a lifelong farmer, and resident
24 of Honea Path whose roots in the community go back
25 centuries, is widely known as a family man, a born
26 farmer, a local historian, and a consummate community
27 citizen and servant who has played a pivotal role in
28 shaping the history of Anderson County's fire services,
29 water systems, and farming community; and

30 Whereas Mr. Pinson, as a charter member of the
31 Anderson County Fire Commission, helped oversee the
32 fire service's development from a single station
33 in 1962 to a system of twenty-seven fully staffed
34 volunteer stations that remains one of the best in the
35 nation; and

36 Whereas Mr. Pinson was appointed in 1975 to the
37 Belton-Honea Path Water Authority, working to bring the
38 area clean, affordable drinking water until his
39 retirement as the longest-serving board member in 2008;
40 and

41 Whereas Mr. Pinson has served on the board of the
42 Anderson County Farm Bureau for nearly fifty years, is
43 a past president of the board, is a recipient of the
44 South Carolina Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award,
45 and his expertise in cattle farming, in particular, has
46 helped farmers for decades throughout the area;

47 Now, therefore, be it resolved this fifth day of
48 March 2024, in a meeting duly assembled, that the
49 Anderson County Council hereby expresses, on behalf of
50 the community, profound gratitude to Mr. Pinson for his

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1 extraordinary lifetime of service.

2 And may I put that in the form of a motion?

3 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

4 We've got a motion. Have a second?

5 GREG ELGIN: Second.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Second by

7 Councilman Elgin. Any discussion?

8 I'd just like to echo Ms. Wilson's thing. Mr.
9 Pinson is an extraordinary gentleman, a southern
10 gentleman. He's a lot of good for the community in
11 Anderson County. But one thing that stands out special
12 to me, he was one of five men that started the Fire
13 Commission and the fire systems we know in Anderson
14 County today. And that's a system that's been modeled
15 all over the southeast, people's come to model that
16 system, and it's strong today and still doing it, and
17 very proud of that.

18 CINDY WILSON: May I add, if
19 anyone really wants to see some local history besides
20 our wonderful Anderson County Museum, go down to
21 Watkins School to the Honea Path Museum. You'll see
22 the original Conestoga wagon, one of the very few
23 examples of that in the United States down in Honea
24 Path at the old school. It's really amazing. Mr.
25 Pinson gave it to the museum.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
27 Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
28 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
29 unanimously.

30 Show Mr. Jimmy Davis hasn't arrived yet.

31 We're going to move on to item number 2(b), 2024-
32 010, a Resolution to honor and recognize Pastor Velma
33 J. Williford for her extraordinary leadership and
34 service to the community and other matters related
35 thereto. Councilman Glenn Davis.

36 GLENN DAVIS: Thank you, Mr.
37 Chairman.

38 Whereas Pastor Velma J. Williford started the
39 Gospel Tabernacle of Faith in Anderson in 1992, a year
40 after launching a sister church Zion Tabernacle of
41 Faith in Greenwood in 1991; and

42 Whereas on Sundays, Pastor Williford and Gospel
43 Tabernacle of Faith's feeding ministry can be found
44 serving more than 300 plates of hot food while, on
45 every other day of the week, they are always in action
46 as well, whether driving the box truck to collect the
47 food, unloading and storing the food, preparing the
48 food for Sunday's hot meals, setting up food boxes for
49 the food pantry, or praying over the food and its
50 recipients; and

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1 Whereas Pastor Williford and Gospel Tabernacle of
2 Faith's work is a unique resource in Anderson County
3 in being both a weekend Soup Kitchen on Sundays and a
4 food pantry open two days a week, dedicated to
5 assisting the community in feeding those that are
6 underprivileged or have encountered circumstances
7 beyond their control; and

8 Whereas Pastor Williford holds two doctorates, a
9 Doctor of Theology from CLST and a Doctor of Ministry
10 from Beacon University of Columbus, Georgia, and
11 pastors both Gospel Tabernacle of Faith in Anderson
12 and Zion Tabernacle of Faith in Greenwood while also
13 ministering in many other capacities, including at
14 daycare centers, on radio and television, in housing
15 for the homeless, at rehabilitation centers for
16 addiction, in crisis pregnancy, in home and foreign
17 missions, and prison ministry;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anderson
19 County Council hereby expresses, on behalf of the
20 citizens of Anderson County, sincere gratitude to
21 Pastor Williford and her congregations for their
22 committed, dedicated service.

23 RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this fifth day
24 of March 2024.

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

26 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion
28 Mr. Glenn Davis and second by Councilman Sanders. Any
29 discussion?

30 GLENN DAVIS: I just say, how
31 do you do it all? Wow! All I can say is wow. I can
32 say it forward and backwards. Wow! Congratulations.
33 It's awesome. Being in the ministry, you are a
34 servant. And it proves here that you have been serving
35 the people of Anderson County with love and compassion.
36 And I salute you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you for
38 those words. I don't know the lady, but it sounds like
39 she's an extraordinary woman and wish we had more like
40 her in Anderson County. That is what makes Anderson
41 County special, is our people.

42 Is anyone here tonight?

43 GLENN DAVIS: Yes, she's
44 here.

45 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to
46 vote. Anymore discussion? All in favor of the motion
47 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
48 carries unanimously.

49 Mr. Davis.

50 GLENN DAVIS: Pastor

1 Williford, come on down.

2 MS. WILLIFORD: I'm the pastor
3 of Gospel Tabernacle of Faith Church, and I pastor a
4 church down in Greenwood, South Carolina, Zion
5 Tabernacle of Faith Church.

6 When I was growing up, I never been hungry. Never
7 been without a place to live. And you know, daddy and
8 mama provided for us. And today I thank God because
9 I've never been hungry, and I can't stand to see a
10 person hungry.

11 I want to give thanks to those that helped us to
12 get started. I thank God for my husband and my
13 children and their families. I just thank God for the
14 church family that helped us to get this thing going
15 because it was a vision from God in '91 when the Lord
16 spoke to my heart.

17 And right now -- we started off feeding like, some
18 years back we was feeding about 300. Now we've got
19 over 468 people on a Sunday. And the Lord led me,
20 amen, to have the people to bring covered dishes on a
21 Sunday when we started feeding people like that. And
22 then the Red Cross, I went to the Red Cross and the Red
23 Cross helped me with food and helped me to get in touch
24 with the food banks. And I just thank God for it
25 today. I thank God for Second Harvest Food Bank and I
26 just thank the Lord for it. And I thank God for
27 Walmart, both Walmarts. I thank the Lord for them.
28 And Sam's up there, they -- oh, they've been a great
29 blessing. I also want to thank God for Bargain's up in
30 Pelzer. And I thank God for the County Council
31 recognizing us and giving us this. To me that's a
32 great blessing. All the churches that have helped us,
33 amen, in giving us donations. I thank God for my
34 pastor, Reverend (unintelligible) from Moultrie,
35 Georgia and Provident Investment, Inc. down in
36 Moultrie. They have given us donations. We give our
37 boxes. I think it's about 500 boxes. We feed almost
38 eight or 900 people out of these boxes in homes and
39 things.

40 Just remember that if you've never been hungry, you
41 don't know how these people feel out here. But you
42 don't want to be -- you don't want to be hungry, so
43 don't allow them to be hungry.

44 GLENN DAVIS: Thank you,
45 Pastor Velma.

46 **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION**
47 **APPLAUSE**

48 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to
49 move on now to item number 2(c), 2024-011, a Resolution
50 to honor and recognize David Rogers of the town of

1 Williamston Public Works Department upon being named
2 the 2023 South Carolina Rural Water Association System
3 Manager of the year; and other matters related thereto.
4 Ms. Wilson.

5 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr.
6 Chairman. We're very honored to have Mr. and Mrs.
7 Rogers with us here tonight.

8 Whereas the Town of Williamston of the twenty-first
9 century is a thriving industrial, commercial, and
10 tourist center known also as a growing bedroom
11 community with easy access to metropolitan areas, a
12 moderate cost of living, traditional family values,
13 fine people, great schools, and wonderful
14 neighborhoods; and

15 Whereas David Rogers began work with the town of
16 Williamston in the Public Works Department one week
17 after graduating high school and still serves the
18 entity 48 years later as Director, where he and the
19 Department are responsible for all DHEC reporting,
20 sampling, repairs, and lead and copper compliance while
21 overseeing all water, sewer, public works, sanitation,
22 parks and recreation, and risk management for the
23 Town's system; and

24 Whereas Mr. Rogers has been involved in several
25 large projects in the system—including the replacement
26 of all meters with AMI meters and the development of an
27 emergency management plan—and has earned "A"-level
28 licenses in water treatment, water distribution, and
29 additional licenses in biological wastewater and
30 wastewater collections. Mr. Rogers—who is described as
31 "very community-oriented," "a great asset to the Town
32 of Williamston and its residents," and "the
33 longest-serving full-time employee the Town has ever
34 had,"—also served with the local EMS department
35 and currently serves with the local fire department;
36 and

37 Whereas the South Carolina Rural Water Association
38 (SCRWA) recently named David Rogers as the 2023 System
39 Manager of the Year;

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anderson
41 County Council hereby congratulates David Rogers and
42 the Town of Williamston for winning statewide
43 recognition and, on behalf of the citizens of Anderson
44 County, thanks them for their committed, dedicated
45 service.

46 RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this fifth day
47 of March 2024.

48 May I put that in the form of a motion?

49 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. We
50 have a motion. Do we have a second?

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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
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RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
RENEE WATTS

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time
 2 I'd like to call the regular Anderson County Council
 3 meeting of March the 5th to order. I want to welcome
 4 each one of y'all here tonight and thank y'all for
 5 coming to take part in your local Anderson County
 6 government.

7 First on the agenda is going to be our invocation
 8 and pledge of allegiance. I'll ask y'all to rise,
 9 please, as Councilman Wright leads us.

10 **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY JOHN WRIGHT**

11 TOMMY DUNN: At this time
 12 are there any changes or corrections to be made to the
 13 January 16, 2024 minutes?

14 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman,
 15 may I make the motion that we accept the minutes as
 16 presented?

17 TOMMY DUNN: We have a
 18 motion to accept the minutes of January 16, 2024 as
 19 presented. Do we have a second?

20 GREG ELGIN: Second.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Second by
 22 Councilman Elgin. All in favor of the motion show of
 23 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
 24 unanimously.

25 We're going to move on to item number 4, citizens'
 26 comments. If you would, if you're here for the library
 27 or want to talk about that, we've got a public hearing
 28 on that, that will be coming up here in just a few
 29 minutes. You can speak then, if you'd like.

30 But anyway, we're going to go on. Mr. Harmon is
 31 going to call your name. You've got three minutes.
 32 The first go-around is on agenda items only. Address
 33 the chair, and you have three minutes.

34 And I just want to say this for the ones that
 35 wasn't here last meeting. Number one, I want to
 36 appreciate how everybody conducted their self last
 37 meeting night. Had a lot of good comments. Appreciate
 38 that. Remember, this is a County Council meeting where
 39 we conduct the business of the citizens of Anderson
 40 County. This ain't a town hall meeting. In saying
 41 that, let's act accordingly, and don't make me have to
 42 get unruly. Let's go. Mr. Harmon.

43 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman,
 44 the first speaker is Brenda Oehmig.

45 BRENDA OEHMIG: Hello, my name
 46 is Brenda Oehmig. And I've been a resident of Anderson
 47 County since I moved here with my family when I was
 48 nine years old. I reside in District 5.

49 I was given the privilege of sitting on the
 50 Anderson County Library Board for 14 years. I was

1 replaced in September of 2023 when two other trustees
 2 were also replaced. I'm here tonight to inform our
 3 citizens that some of the information that you have
 4 heard over the past few meetings given by a few
 5 speakers is categorically false and misleading. I've
 6 been horrified by the vitriol that has been spewed by
 7 one or two people. Some of our citizens have been
 8 terribly misinformed.

9 In all of my 14 years sitting on the library board,
 10 I've never heard anything biased or political by anyone
 11 on the board. We had a group of seven unpaid
 12 volunteers whose only interest was to help the patrons
 13 of our library and the citizens of our county. Do you
 14 know that all of our librarians have their master's
 15 degrees? Do you realize that they order 30,000 books
 16 and items a year? Do you know that our Anderson County
 17 Library has been recognized as the best library in the
 18 state of South Carolina? Do you realize what an
 19 accomplishment that is for our Anderson County Library
 20 to be recognized as better than Columbia, Charleston,
 21 Greenville, those largest cities? This has nothing to
 22 do with the Board of Trustees. But with the remarkable
 23 leadership of our director and her dedicated staff.

24 We have had to sit silently, while being rudely and
 25 condescendingly attacked by people who have no clue of
 26 the wonderful work being done by our dedicated library
 27 staff. The board is guided by the policies of our
 28 state library. We want to let it be known that we're
 29 not against two new members. We don't want two new
 30 members added for the sole purpose of censoring books,
 31 books that are not on display, but are available for
 32 parents to check out for their own children.

33 Thank you for allowing me to speak.

34 TOMMY DUNN:

Mr. Harmon.

APPLAUSE

36 TOMMY DUNN:

Go ahead.

37 LEON HARMON:

Next speaker is

38 Dr. Ernest Mackins.

39 ERNEST MACKINS:

40 First of all, I
 41 want to say good evening to everybody. And thank you
 42 for allowing me the opportunity to speak on behalf of
 43 the county library.

44 I am Dr. Mackins. I've lived in Anderson well over
 45 34 years. All my kids have been educated in Anderson
 46 School District 5 schools. I'm very concerned about
 47 some of the rhetoric like the lady said before me, that
 48 has been talked about here. And one of the things that
 49 really stuck out to me is the fact that people are
 50 wanting to expand the board for not the right reason,
 but more for political reasons. And this is not what

1 we're about. We're about taking care of raising our
2 children here in this community, about allowing them
3 every opportunity to read and to gain knowledge.

4 One thing I've learned about knowledge is that if
5 you don't have it, you're not going anywhere in this
6 world. And you guys know that. Everybody in here
7 understands that. Having knowledge and having access
8 to knowledge is the key to being successful in life.

9 I want to read this quote to you because it stuck
10 out to me when I read it. And it kind of hurt my heart
11 to hear some of the things that people said. But
12 Heinrich Heine said this quote right here, Those who
13 burn books will in the end, burn people. I just want
14 you to listen to that just for a few seconds. Those
15 who burn books will in the end, burn people. Everybody
16 on this board, everybody in this room knows that
17 knowledge is power. And without knowledge, you're not
18 going anywhere. Have you heard the statement, that
19 reading is fundamental? Those who learn to read open
20 their minds to new worlds of opportunities. Those who
21 do not close that doorway, and cannot get anywhere in
22 life.

23 So I hope that you will just take some time tonight
24 and think about this. Chairman Dunn, Anderson County
25 Council, think about what you're doing. You had people
26 that began to censor books, then you're censoring our
27 leaders, and you're censoring those opportunities for
28 children to learn and to grow.

29 So I just want to say I want to thank you for an
30 opportunity to stand before you today. But please keep
31 in mind, what you do does impact this community and
32 does impact the world. Thank you for all you do.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
34 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
35 Suzanne Morse.

36 SUZANNE MORSE: Thank you for
37 allowing me to speak as well. In the pages of the
38 Pulitzer Prize winning antisemitism novel, *The Fixer*,
39 the hero of the story says there are no wrong books.
40 What is wrong is the fear of them.

41 At our last meeting here two weeks ago, I heard
42 speaker after speaker express their fear of what they
43 think books will do to our society, to our children,
44 and to ourselves. Their proposed solution seems to be
45 to ban books so that people do not have access to them.
46 And that all of society's ills will then be solved.
47 And how can we accomplish this? We do it by appointing
48 two more members to the library board who are book
49 banners. And then we will have done a great thing for
50 our community. I call this hogwash.

1 We all know that reading is a fundamental skill,
 2 critical to all learning. Limiting access to books
 3 does not protect anyone from life's complex and
 4 challenging issues. In reality, the effect is the
 5 exact opposite. Books actually help us learn and deal
 6 with complex issues. Books foster creativity and
 7 discernment and critical thinking skills.

8 Let us not diminish the quality of education of our
 9 students or restrict our exposure to important
 10 perspectives that the fabric of a culturally
 11 pluralistic society like ours. There are no wrong
 12 books. What's wrong is the fear of them. Thank you.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
 14 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
 15 Andy Cocossa (phonics).

16 ANDY COCOSSA: Yes, my name is
 17 Andy Cocossa. I live in District 7. And I'm here
 18 tonight to speak in favor of Ordinance 2024-010, which
 19 is the addition of two at large members to the county
 20 library board.

21 I'd just like to say that county libraries have
 22 been allowed to promote obscene and offensive books in
 23 the children's and young adult's sections of the
 24 library. We as citizens of Anderson County must insist
 25 that this practice must stop. Adding two at large
 26 members will better represent the people of Anderson
 27 County. I'd like to quote a scripture from the book of
 28 Psalms, chapter 127, verse three, Children are a gift
 29 from our Lord. They are a reward from Him. We as
 30 adults are responsible for the welfare of our children,
 31 and we must protect them from harm. I believe that
 32 passing this Ordinance will help us fulfill our
 33 responsibility.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
 35 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
 36 Pat Zongoli (phonics).

37 PAT ZONGOLI: Hello, my name
 38 is Pat Zongoli. I've lived in South Carolina for over
 39 40 years and in District 4 for more than 20. I'm here
 40 tonight knowing with some certainty the outcome of
 41 tonight's vote will be to appoint two at large members
 42 to the library board. It's not what I want the outcome
 43 to be. But based on the previous meeting, it's the
 44 outcome I sadly expect.

45 The County Council still hasn't really given us a
 46 good reason why we need two at large members. However,
 47 there seems to be only one reason to increase the
 48 number. It was clearly stated by one of the speakers
 49 from the last meeting who said we need two more
 50 conservative members on the library board to stop the

1 liberal agenda.

2 The liberal agenda is not trying to put books in
3 the hands of children that are not age appropriate.
4 But we are trying to stand against racism and
5 inequality. If that's the liberal agenda, then so be
6 it. We do want all children to see themselves in the
7 books they read. And yes, sometimes those are hard
8 stories to tell. But if told in an age appropriate
9 way, our children will learn compassion for others, and
10 grow up with a better understanding of other people's
11 lives and their own.

12 I think the world could use a little more
13 compassion, brown and black children, LGBTQ+ children,
14 children who are different are all loved by their
15 parents and communities, just as those parents and
16 communities who want to remove books from the shelves
17 of schools and libraries love their children.

18 I can tell you unequivocally that reading an age
19 appropriate story about a transgender child will not
20 make a child become transgender anymore than reading
21 about a child of a different race will make a child
22 suddenly become a different race. We have a
23 responsibility to prepare our children to operate in
24 the real world, not an idealized world that does not
25 exist.

26 Whether you realize it or not among those who want
27 to ban any mention of LGBTQ+, there are children who
28 see themselves as members of that community. So why am
29 I standing here if I'm pretty sure I know the outcome?
30 I came to encourage you to be even-handed and fair in
31 selecting new members for the at large positions. I
32 hope you will not appoint two people who will
33 universally be aligned with one side or the other, but
34 that you will appoint people who have the educational
35 background to evaluate what is and isn't age
36 appropriate for our children. My hope is that you will
37 choose not to take sides but to take the high road and
38 bring two people onto the board who have moderate views
39 and professional experience to be an unbiased voice in
40 making decisions that affect all of us, and most
41 importantly affect those who cannot speak for
42 themselves. I'm asking you to represent all the people
43 in this room who have spoken passionately by selecting
44 library board members who can bring an unbiased,
45 educated informed perspective to the discussion.

46 Thank you for your time.

47 TOMMY DUNN:

Mr. Harmon.

48 LEON HARMON:

Next speaker is

49 Stephanie Patterson.

50 STEPHANIE PATTERSON:

Thank you

1 Council members for the opportunity to share thoughts.
2 I appreciate your public service and I'm thankful to
3 all the many things that you do to make Anderson a
4 better place to live.

5 I've been a resident of County District 1 for over
6 20 years, rearing two children here and serving as a
7 Christian minister and interfaith chaplain. Over those
8 years, I have deeply appreciated access to our
9 marvelous public library, and made use of the many
10 resources it provides. The library continues to offer
11 innovative ways to engage residents of Anderson County
12 with new ideas, information and technology.

13 Recently, I took a tour of the major space at the
14 main branch and was very impressed about all the many
15 things that our library continues to offer. Being
16 invested in our library success, I have attended
17 several library trustee meetings. I'm very pleased
18 with the work that they have done with regards to the
19 renovations to the main branch that I regularly use. I
20 was disappointed, however, in one meeting in which the
21 challenge of a juvenile fiction book was discussed.
22 Some of the trustees expressed what are, in my opinion,
23 bias and one sided perspectives.

24 As I continue to do life here in Anderson, I see
25 fresh reminders that our county is filled with lots of
26 different kinds of people. On the street in which I
27 live households demonstrate different beliefs,
28 lifestyle choices and cultural backgrounds. My hope is
29 that my library, and the decisions of trustees reflect
30 the kind of difference and variety that I see in my own
31 neighborhood and in Anderson County as a whole.

32 The resources, books and services our library
33 provides, should offer a broad array of choices that
34 might appeal to our citizens regardless of their
35 political or religious views. I am satisfied with the
36 current one to one appointment of trustees, one County
37 Council district member to one seat at the trustee
38 table. My concern is that the addition of trustees to
39 the library board, apart from the ones who already
40 represent particular county districts may make it
41 vulnerable to influence that does not reflect each
42 district's constituency.

43 I also hold the view that our library trustees'
44 perspective should not be a majority rules, but rather
45 a unified effort to be sensitive to the needs of every
46 Anderson County citizen. Thank you.

47 TOMMY DUNN:

Mr. Harmon.

48 LEON HARMON:

Next speaker is

49 Mona Fleming.

50 MONA FLEMING:

Good evening.

1 I'm Mona Fleming, a resident of County Council District
2 4 and thank Mr. Sanders, my Council member, for his
3 responsiveness when I call him about issues.

4 I have been -- I'm a native South Carolinian,
5 having lived in either Anderson or Oconee County my
6 entire life. And I retired in Anderson School District
7 4, after 36 years as a reading and English teacher and
8 principal. I opened Mount Lebanon Elementary School,
9 if you're familiar with that school.

10 Before you vote tonight, and as I watch you sit up
11 there, I wonder what's going through your minds because
12 I wonder if you've already made up your mind, since
13 there's already been two readings. But before you
14 decide, I hope you are listening to the public comments
15 and taking them to heart.

16 And I want to highlight these things. Anderson
17 County Library which I use frequently in my hometown of
18 Pendleton, and attend events, author events and many
19 other events at the main library here in Anderson.
20 It's a public library. I'll emphasize that word
21 public, which means it's for each and every member of
22 our county, Anderson County, each and every person each
23 and every soul.

24 Should you approve adding two library board
25 members, those members should reflect the diversity of
26 our community, the people in our community and they are
27 -- it is a diverse community. If you do add two
28 members, this library board is not about -- just about
29 selecting books for the library. As Ms. Oehmig said
30 librarians with master's degrees and training do that.

31 I think there's talking. Isn't that out of order?

32 TOMMY DUNN: I don't hear
33 none, ma'am. If I did I'd stop it.

34 MONA FLEMING: The -- what a
35 library board member has to have the ability to do is
36 understand budgets, understand personnel issues, as
37 well as operational needs of all the libraries and all
38 the branches. Library boards are not partisan boards.
39 They should be nonpartisan. So as you sit there and
40 have run with certain political parties, I hope you
41 will remember that the library board should be
42 nonpartisan.

43 Board members must understand intellectual freedom
44 and that intellectual freedom is provided to each and
45 every one of us as American citizens through our First
46 Amendment. So remember, this is about the entire
47 United States. Our First Amendment provides for
48 academic ---

49 LEON HARMON: That's time,
50 Mr. Chairman.

1 MONA FLEMING: --- for
2 intellectual freedom.
3 TOMMY DUNN: That's it.
4 MONA FLEMING: Okay.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
6 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
7 Barbara Ducharme (phonics).
8 BARBARA DUCHARME: Hello, my name
9 is Barbara Ducharme, and I have lived in South Carolina
10 since 1991. My background is that I grew up in a very
11 religious, very conservative, very strict home. I was
12 -- went to a religious school, and I was encouraged to
13 have friends only of the same religion and date only
14 from my own religion.
15 When I was 18 and went away to college, I had no
16 idea how to deal with people with different ideas,
17 different religions, different points of view. I was
18 unprepared spiritually, emotionally and mentally for
19 discussions about those differences. One thing I know
20 is true that all humans want to feel love, acceptance,
21 and kindness.
22 Books are a way for children and adults to learn
23 and experience differences without leaving their home.
24 And then we can discuss our values with the children as
25 they read or after they read. We cannot shield our
26 children from different values and lifestyles. We need
27 to talk to our children about those values.
28 I'm a teacher with 20 years experience teaching in
29 Anderson County. Your children will meet many diverse
30 students in their classes. Children need to see
31 themselves in books. Classmates need to see those same
32 books to help develop an understanding. Here are some
33 examples of the students that were at schools in the 20
34 years that I taught at elementary and middle school;
35 homeless, gang members, alcohol and drug users,
36 children and adults, special needs, children with two
37 moms or two dads, a Wiccan family believing in
38 witchcraft, victims of physical or sexual abuse.
39 Your children are sitting beside those children.
40 Those -- your children, our children, need to be
41 prepared for the world that they live in today. Talk
42 with your children about the differences in values
43 without judgment ---
44 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr.
45 Chairman.
46 BARBARA DUCHARME: --- or
47 condemnation. Thank you.
48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
49 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
50 Elizabeth Kellner.

1 ELIZABETH KELLNER: Good evening.
2 My name is Elizabeth Kellner, and I live in District 1.
3 Thank you for the opportunity to address you tonight.
4 I'm speaking against the addition of two at large
5 members and in support of the library director and the
6 staff.

7 During your last meeting, a speaker attacked the
8 library director because she wouldn't remove books at
9 his request. You know, sometimes I wonder how much
10 easier life would have been for her if she had just
11 said yes and quietly moved some books. There's so much
12 else she's responsible for, so much else she does
13 extremely well, so much else that would probably get
14 universal approval from this crowd. She's behind the
15 refurbishing of library spaces, a huge job anyone who's
16 visited our main library recently can attest to. She's
17 behind the annual community read that allows anyone
18 who's interested a shared reading experience, supported
19 by a range of speakers and activities. She's behind
20 partnerships with local businesses, collaborating for a
21 one night event at the Art Center, our monthly book
22 clubs at local businesses, one of which she leads
23 outside of her normal working day. She's behind story
24 walks being created in recreational spaces throughout
25 the county. The list goes on and on. She's busy,
26 she's effective. She's passionate about the mission of
27 the library to serve the community.

28 So maybe it would be easier to avoid attacks by
29 quietly removing some books. I might choose that
30 cowardly path, especially after hearing the ugly and
31 false things being said about her. I'm thankful,
32 however, that she's the director instead of me, that
33 she stays true to the library's mission statement to
34 provide access to information of all types without
35 regard to race, gender or creed.

36 It's difficult to do what's right when attacked.
37 It can be difficult to support voices and stories
38 somewhat hidden or silenced. Yet our library director
39 and her staff do this daily ensuring our county has a
40 library where all are truly welcome where all stories
41 are valued.

42 Now I recognize that you want to create a library
43 that represents your viewpoints and your values. I
44 recognize that you have the power to do that. But I
45 wonder what will a library that reflects only your
46 viewpoints look like? What will the removal of
47 anything you find offensive do to our library? Who
48 will be devalued? Who will be erased? A citizen who
49 addressed you at your last meeting recently announced
50 to the library board that he would soon challenge 200

1 books in the library's collection, in addition to the
2 recent challenges of books with transgender characters.
3 I wonder what other stories he has found unfit? What
4 other people he thinks don't deserve to see themselves
5 and their lives represented in our library? A club can
6 limit its membership. A church can decide who they
7 want to exclude. But a library, a public space, should
8 be a place where all are represented, all are
9 respected, and where all are truly welcome. Thank you.

10 TOMMY DUNN:

Mr. Harmon.

11 LEON HARMON:

Next speaker is

12 Jenny Pray.

13 JENNY PRAY:

Good evening,

14 my name is Jenny Pray, and I'm a resident of District
15 1.

16 I've called Anderson County home for nearly 15
17 years. My three children were born here. They all
18 attend Anderson County public schools. I'm invested in
19 this community as is everyone else in this room, or
20 else we would not be here tonight. So I would like to
21 thank those serving on the Council for their commitment
22 to our community. I really do appreciate your time,
23 and your willingness to listen. We have an incredible
24 library system that offers programming for all ages and
25 a variety of interests, that provides a safe place for
26 our homeless neighbors to come in out of the weather,
27 that offers reading materials that reflect the diverse
28 population that it serves. You can go there and check
29 out garden seeds or pickle ball paddles, or a state
30 park pass. I love our library. My children love our
31 library. It is a special place.

32 I am not against the idea of adding at large board
33 members to the library board. My fear is that these
34 new board seats will end up being filled with folks who
35 are more concerned with restricting access to books
36 than they are with any other aspect of library
37 operations, people who will not hesitate to cause
38 division and conflict and toss out sensational words
39 like pornography and grooming in order to get their
40 way.

41 As a parent, as a former educator, I believe that
42 books are a key to understanding the stories of others,
43 particularly those whose stories differ from our own.
44 I believe that keeping an open mind and celebrating
45 differences is a good thing. And if I decide that a
46 book is not appropriate for my child, I want to be the
47 one who gets to make that decision, not someone else.

48 I understand that it is not a foregone conclusion
49 that adding board seats will lead to censorship, but it
50 feels in this climate like a likely outcome. And that

1 frightens me.

2 And so what I ask of you, members of the Council,
3 is this, if this resolution passes, please fill those
4 seats with men or women who will build on the library's
5 current successes, rather than tearing its practices
6 down, who will trust and support library leadership and
7 help them accomplish their goals. That will be what is
8 best for all the patrons of Anderson County Library.
9 Thank you.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
11 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
12 Eleanor Walters.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, that
14 thing hanging right there just fix it and make sure it
15 ain't tearing nothing up or doing nothing on that.
16 Ma'am, if you would, state your name and district you
17 live in for the record.

18 ELEANOR WALTERS: My name is
19 Eleanor Walters and I live and vote in District 1. I'm
20 here to speak about two non-library agenda items and
21 then again at the public hearing regarding the
22 expansion of the library board.

23 First, I urge the acceptance of item nine be the
24 \$1.3 million bid for phase two of Kid Venture 2.0
25 submitted by Foothills Contracting Service LLC from
26 Central.

27 To the best of my ability -- to the best of my
28 knowledge I'm not related to or have any relationship
29 with Foothills Contracting or its employees or
30 subcontractors. That agency has prior experience
31 working on the Kid Venture site and at other parks and
32 recreation projects in the upstate. It has experience
33 ensuring ADA compliance, and corporately supports youth
34 sports and recreation endeavors. I hope Mr. Burns and
35 his staff can clarify whether the contractor and the
36 county will engage with and communicate regularly with
37 area residents about the scope and progress of its
38 work, including any tweaks or changes to the plans for
39 phase two. And importantly, will phase two complete
40 the project at Kid Venture 2.0 or is a phase three
41 anticipated?

42 On a personal note as one of the many area
43 residents who proudly helped with the installation of
44 the original Kid Venture Park decades ago, I have a
45 special interest in seeing Kid Venture 2.0 completed
46 this year. It's long overdue. I join with many
47 supporters of the longtime efforts of Friends of the
48 Park who want to assist in ensuring Kid Venture 2.0 is
49 and remains an accessible resource for all. Please let
50 us know how we can help.

1 look very far for an example of this. Pickens County
 2 School District removed a book from the school library
 3 based on political grounds. They got sued. Where's
 4 that book now? Back on the shelves.

5 In my view, it is not very conservative to engage
 6 in activities that are wasteful of taxpayer dollars.
 7 Thank you for your time.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
 9 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
 10 Jill Gimmell.

11 JILL GIMMELL: Thank you. My
 12 name is Jill Gimmell and I reside in District 4. I
 13 have lived there for 17 years.

14 The Council has not given th
 15 e community a good reason for why you need to add two
 16 more members to the board. I personally do not believe
 17 that all these yes people who were here want additional
 18 members just because Anderson County has gotten larger
 19 and you need a couple more board members. It's very
 20 clear that it's a political choice, and has the
 21 appearance to the public of ballot stuffing. If you're
 22 not getting the votes that you -- that result now from
 23 the vote of the existing board, add more members and
 24 you'll get the result you want. That is not democracy.

25 As you know this is not happening in a vacuum.
 26 There are challenges driven by a political agenda in
 27 libraries and school districts all across South
 28 Carolina, as well as other states. But if you watch
 29 television just this week on *CBS 60 Minutes*, there was
 30 a story about book challenges in Beaufort County, South
 31 Carolina, a community not very different from ours, I'd
 32 argue, and where 95 books were challenged there. That
 33 superintendent, bless his heart, got the community to
 34 review and read and discuss the 90 books and -- the 95
 35 books. And out of the total that they read, the
 36 community decided that just a handful, five or less
 37 were ones that they didn't approve of, but they did the
 38 other 90. So to me this is evidence that this
 39 political agenda is an opinion but does not represent
 40 the opinion of the broad community here in Anderson
 41 County.

42 So I ask you to consider this and vote no. Thank
 43 you.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
 45 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
 46 Will Cord.

47 WILL CORD: Good evening,
 48 I'm Will Cord, District 1. Let me begin by expressing
 49 appreciation for getting this proposal to a third vote.
 50 I trust tonight it'll receive the necessary votes to

1 move forward.

2 What I have to say won't take long; just need a few
3 moments to reiterate something you already know, but
4 can't be overstated. Appointing the right two at large
5 board members to the county library board is something
6 we as a community can't get wrong. We desperately need
7 two appointees who possess resolve, strength of
8 character, a proven track record of valuing and
9 protecting children, a person with some sense of early
10 childhood development would also help. As a community,
11 we just can't afford to spiral backwards on this issue
12 any longer.

13 For a library board to even wonder how much
14 sexualization is appropriate for a child simply means
15 there's something seriously amiss. And adults in this
16 community need children who have their innocence
17 preserved. You may not realize that you do -- in fact,
18 the savviest of politicians understand children can't
19 advance their political aspirations very far. Which is
20 why so few actually stand up for them.

21 But there's an issue here that transcends politics.
22 It transcends our small opinions and intellectual
23 arguments. It even transcends what we feel is right.
24 What am I basing that on? Well, the answer is directly
25 above your heads. Allow me to read it. In God, we
26 trust. It's right there. We actually prayed to Him
27 prior to this meeting. He is the reason we know
28 children matter. He tells us plainly they matter. God
29 Almighty holds them up as examples of innocence,
30 humility, and faith. Matthew 18:2-4 tells us, and He,
31 that being Jesus, called a child to himself and set him
32 before them, and said, Truly I say to you, unless you
33 are converted and become like children, you will never
34 enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever therefore will
35 humble himself as a child, he is the greatest in the
36 kingdom of heaven. The Lord goes on to say anyone
37 responsible for His children stumbling, have to face
38 Him in judgment, a fate that's far worse than being
39 cast into the sea with a milestone -- or millstone
40 draped around your neck. And those are His words, not
41 mine.

42 For the sake of all involved in this decision,
43 please take Him at His word, and trust. He does what
44 He says.

45 TOMMY DUNN:

Mr. Harmon.

46 LEON HARMON:

Next speaker is

47 Nate Walcott.

48 NATE WALCOTT:

Thank you for

49 allowing me to speak. Nate Walcott, Pastor of Christ
50 Church, resident of District 1.

1 My wife and I have five children. And we love our
2 Williamston library. We take them there frequently.
3 We love the three librarians there. If you're here, we
4 love what you do. Sorry, this is for ...

5 TOMMY DUNN: Pick that up,
6 Mr. Burns.

7 NATE WALCOTT: I have
8 challenges physically, I'll just ...

9 So I'd like to speak for the motion to add two new
10 members. And, you know, one of the things that we've
11 noticed is that there are books that we would prefer
12 not to expose our children to at this time. We have
13 children that range from nine to two. When you expose
14 your nine year old to that book, your two year old is
15 going to, you know, be sitting there while you're
16 reading it.

17 I've heard a lot of talk about, you know, wanting
18 our children to be exposed to all ideas. Okay, great.
19 When? Some ideas are not appropriate for a four year
20 old. I'm going to teach my children about sex. I'm
21 going to teach them about the concept of gender
22 fluidity and LGBTQ and whatnot. I don't want to have
23 that conversation at four. And we have to carefully
24 guide them through the library. We can't let them go
25 and just pick any book and read it. And they do read,
26 most of our kids, already.

27 So this is something that we've wrestled with where
28 we have to be on our guard when we go to the library.
29 So one of the things that I want to point out is, you
30 know, we have these competing things. I understand
31 this idea that we don't ban books, and this isn't a
32 ban. It's gating until people are ready to have that
33 conversation. And with all due respect, the parent is
34 the one who needs to decide when. That is our duty,
35 that is our responsibility. They are our children to
36 treasure before the Lord to bring up as we see fit
37 according to our faith. Our faith, not the master's
38 degree faith, although I have one of those too, it has
39 to be me. And I want it to be you for your kids, those
40 of you who disagree with my position. And I would
41 submit to you that there is a difference of how much it
42 costs us to continue with what we've got. Because if
43 we take books away and put them where a four year old
44 can't just pick it off the shelf and read through it,
45 you can still get that book if you want your child to
46 read it. There are other avenues. Maybe it's a
47 different part of the library. I don't really care
48 about that. All I know is that if you leave them in, I
49 am inconvenienced. And when you take innocence away,
50 you can't give it back. You cannot unstained water

1 when you drop in a drip of some ink of some kind. And
2 it's the same way when you experience an -- introduce
3 an idea before the child is ready to have that
4 conversation. A four year old does not need to know
5 that gender is fluid, in my opinion. Do I have the
6 right to raise my child with that opinion as the one
7 that our home is going to go with? I think I should,
8 and so, respectfully, please vote yes. Thank you.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
10 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
11 Janet Stewart.

12 JANET STEWART: I'm not that
13 tall. Janet Stewart, District 1.

14 As a grandmother of young children who visit the
15 library, thank you for your previous yes votes to
16 expand the library board. And I urge you to vote yes
17 again tonight. At the last meeting you were asked
18 several times why now? I ask why not now? If not now
19 when? Now is the time to adjust this board that has
20 run amok. Now is the time for Anderson County to have
21 a library board that puts the well being of children
22 and the desires of their parents before their leftist
23 agenda.

24 Not only is now the time, it is past time. It is
25 never too soon to protect children, but it can be too
26 late. Some have tried to wrap our flag and freedom and
27 liberty around their attempt to expose our children to
28 unwholesome, depraved ideologies masquerading as
29 children's stories. To call the subject matter of some
30 of these books tripe is an insult to pigs. It's
31 astounding that in the name of freedom and liberty,
32 they would ravage young innocent minds and seek to undo
33 the morals and values parents are instilling in their
34 children. This brand of so-called freedom ends when it
35 causes damage to the psyche of our children, period.
36 Psychological harm is just as devastating as physical
37 harm, and our children's hearts, minds and morals are
38 what they are after. Have nothing to do with the
39 fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.
40 Ephesians 5:11. With freedom comes responsibility and
41 some on the library board have acted irresponsibly, to
42 put it mildly. Their willful actions are not about
43 expanding the cultural awareness of children, but to
44 lure children away from their moral foundations and
45 into detrimental behavior. Their intentions are wicked
46 and depraved. Basically, they're conducting a social
47 experiment and they want our children to be their
48 little lab mice. It would be better for him to be
49 thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around his
50 neck, than for him to cause one of these little ones to

1 sin, Luke 17:2. Accusations of censorship and book
 2 banning had been made. The dictionary states a censor
 3 is a person with the power to examine publications and
 4 to remove or prohibit anything considered obscene,
 5 objectionable, etcetera.

6 The library can't obtain every book printed. They
 7 have a process by which they judge, reject and select
 8 which books will be put on the shelves at the
 9 taxpayers' expense. They routinely censor books. They
 10 routinely ban the books they do not select. We
 11 citizens have entrusted the library board to be
 12 censors, but to be responsible censors who uphold, not
 13 upend the community standards the vast majority of
 14 Anderson County citizens hold. We do not expect our
 15 library board to place contentious, inappropriate,
 16 immoral books at the fingertips of young children.
 17 Parents who want to subject their children to such
 18 books not located in the children's section can easily
 19 walk a few steps and get those books. That is not
 20 censorship nor banning.

21 Future library board members need to be those who
 22 will judge and select books in light of protecting
 23 children ---

24 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr.
 25 Chairman.

26 JANET STEWART: --- not
 27 indoctrinating them. Thank you.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Next.

29 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
 30 Lois Buckman.

31 LOIS BUCKMAN: I'm Lois
 32 Buckman from District 2. I'd like to speak about the
 33 library, but instead I'm going to speak about Kid
 34 Venture 2.0. I want to thank you for bringing the
 35 first phase into existence. It's wonderful. People
 36 come from all over Anderson County. There are visitors
 37 from outside the county, from outside the state who
 38 come and praise it. If you go there in any weather,
 39 except for heavy rain, it's crowded. It's amazing. I
 40 was there on a very cold day walking my dog and the
 41 place was crowded.

42 I want to encourage you continue to support and
 43 vote yes on the bid. Because it needs to be complete.
 44 The bidders including things for older children, rather
 45 than for toddlers. And it needs to be one that
 46 represents the entire community. And you should be
 47 very proud of yourself for creating and voting for
 48 phase one, because it's a magnificent park. It's a
 49 showcase for Anderson County. Thank you.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

1 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
2 Stephen Morgan.

3 STEPHEN MORGAN: Stephen Morgan,
4 District 6.

5 Sirs and madam, I honor the sacred trust that you
6 have to protect the rights of all citizens in this
7 county. In your last meeting a couple of weeks ago, a
8 number of persons spoke about the proposal before you
9 to add two members to the library board. The rationale
10 behind this though seemed unclear so they asked for a
11 clear and honest explanation of the motivation for
12 voting for it. And then they petitioned, if the real
13 reason is for the regulation of books by a few for the
14 many that you not vote for it. And of course that was
15 not and is not an inappropriate or hostile question.

16 But the response is, given in reply clouded -- were
17 clouded behind some puzzling comments about terms of
18 office and state law. The room was full of persons
19 that evening, though, wearing bright stickers with the
20 word yes, Y-E-S. And one wondered if they were
21 answering the question without saying it? Did they
22 mean really to say, yes, we know what is best for all?
23 Yes, we are qualified to be the literary gatekeepers of
24 the community. Yes, our values and sensitivity should
25 prevail over those of others. Or was it also an
26 implication saying some nos. No, this should not be
27 left up to parents. No, diversity should not be
28 allowed. No, honest telling of history is not a good
29 and constructive thing.

30 Surely the purpose of a library is to provide a
31 window on that great big world out there, filled with
32 so many different kinds of people. And under a
33 democratic society, by definition, I think that window
34 should be not just a tiny little fearfully restricted
35 peephole, but a big yes to the whole world.

36 The very last speaker in that meeting came up to
37 the microphone in what I believe might have been an out
38 of work order moment and brought up the agenda again,
39 and said we must add two new conservative members to
40 the library board. And then after a moment, he said it
41 again, we must add two new conservative members to the
42 library board. And then a third time, he said we must
43 add two new conservative members to the board. So
44 respectfully, I ask you to trust us with an answer, an
45 honest answer. What is the true rationale for this?
46 And will the selection process be biased? Or will it
47 be open and truly transparent? Thank you.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

49 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
50 Sherry Hodges.

1 SHERRY HODGES: Good evening,
2 I'm Sherry Hodges. I live in District 4. One of the
3 joys of the library that I've enjoyed, the main library
4 and in the Pendleton library, is taking my
5 grandchildren and having the joy of watching them roam
6 through and look at the books. Unfortunately, it's
7 become aware -- I've become aware that I can't let them
8 do that anymore. And I have to stay very close. And
9 one of the things I love about Anderson County is the
10 standards that we have, and the standards of quality
11 and protecting the family, and the resources that we
12 have.

13 When I'm teaching my grandchildren, as I taught my
14 own four children, is that we have to make wise
15 choices. And when you in your own position have to
16 make wise choices, and that's to protect our community
17 and keep the standards high.

18 We have to be careful. I've been teaching my 14
19 year old granddaughter to be careful with what you
20 awaken. And when we allow pornographic explicit sexual
21 materials into young children, it awakens in them
22 thoughts that they don't have in their innocence. We
23 need to protect that innocence. You don't know which
24 child that will spark something in. There's been
25 numerous articles and studies and research done on
26 pornography and how it can trigger in a very young
27 mine. And it can grow and it can be addictive. And
28 many reports, even national reports, have said it can
29 be more addictive than drugs. When we, just as in the
30 grocery store, have to go to a different department to
31 get a product, the same thing should be, if we choose
32 to have pornography at any level, it should be in a
33 different section.

34 And I've been working in the public school system
35 in Anderson County for the last couple of months.
36 There are some children that are hurting. We need to
37 keep that standard high. We need to protect them. We
38 don't need to throw more garbage at them. We need to
39 show them that there's a higher quality of life that
40 they can attain to. That's the American Dream that we
41 can attain to be more -- have more and greater. We
42 must do what we can, as leaders and as active citizens,
43 have a heart for those that are not under our care but
44 that we can take care of them.

45 I just would encourage you that if it takes two
46 more board members then so let it be, whatever it
47 takes. There are times we need more law enforcement,
48 which probably is now. But there are times we need
49 more of many other things and whatever it takes to keep
50 our children and our community safe. One of the things

1 we can't take for granted what we have in this
2 beautiful community, and what I just heard on the news
3 this afternoon, is they rescued a young girl between
4 the ages of 11 and 14, who had been abducted for sex
5 slavery. This is happening all over our country.

6 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr.
7 Chairman.

8 SHERRY HODGES: And we like to
9 think that we're safe here in Anderson, but we must
10 keep our standards high and protect our children from
11 this growing problem. Thank you.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Next.

13 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
14 Howie Howard.

15 HOWIE HOWARD: My name, as
16 already mentioned, is Howie Howard. I am a part of
17 District 4. And want to say thank you to the County
18 Council members here who see the need to bring on the
19 two additional library board members.

20 It has been 38 years that we've had seven on the
21 board and our population has grown significantly since
22 then. In fact, over 50 percent since then. This is
23 not some radical idea of only adding two more people
24 bringing the total to nine, which is still below the
25 maximum allowed of 11. We have all heard about the
26 need of not to politicize it by adding two members
27 while themselves are politicizing it to keep these
28 inappropriate books there.

29 It sounds like there was also some confusion about
30 what the stickers mean. So let me provide some
31 clarification. We stand with yes, add two board
32 members. Yes, protect our children. Yes, the books
33 should be moved. I keep hearing about keeping all
34 books available and freedom to read and access for all
35 to all. But this is ridiculous. We heard what sounded
36 like a veiled threat of a lawsuit and a reference to
37 Pickens County that banned a book. This is not about
38 banning a book. It's about moving it into an
39 appropriate section where parents can provide it to
40 their kids at an appropriate time.

41 Our job is to protect our children as parents, as a
42 society. We don't give them material that teaches them
43 how to harm themselves physically. So why would we
44 give them material that can harm them mentally? If you
45 look into the stats in trans suicide, you will see that
46 they are astronomically high. In fact, according to
47 *Medical News Today*, trans teens are 7.6 times more
48 likely to commit suicide. We are talking about books
49 that are inappropriate for children of my son's age for
50 instance, who is six. This is a public facility that

1 is a place to read and enjoy age appropriate books.
 2 Not as a parent having to worry about my youngest son,
 3 for instance, being exposed to sexually explicit
 4 material. We need to be protecting the innocence of
 5 our children, reminding them they are loved, letting
 6 them know there is a God who created them and they are
 7 special. Thank you.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

9 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman,

10 no one else is signed up to speak at this time.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr.

12 Harmon.

13 We're going to move on to item number 5(a),
 14 Ordinance third reading, 2024-002, an Ordinance to
 15 amend an agreement for the development of a joint
 16 county industrial and business park (2010 Park) of
 17 Anderson and Greenville counties so as to enlarge the
 18 park. Project Colorful.

19 Mr. Nelson, do you want to ---

20 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr.

21 Chairman, members of Council. This is a great project
 22 that's going into the Cheddar Community of Anderson.
 23 Creating 24 jobs with an average pay of \$28.88 an hour.
 24 A new annual payroll of 1.3 million. And this is
 25 placing that project in the multi-county industrial
 26 park so that they can receive all the incentives that
 27 could be available to them.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

29 We're going to go into a public hearing now on this.
 30 Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please step
 31 forward and state your name and district and address
 32 the chair. You have three minutes. Anyone at all?

33 Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will be
 34 closed. Do I have a motion to move this forward?

35 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

36 JOHN WRIGHT: So moved.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms.

38 Wilson; second by Councilman Wright. Open the floor up
 39 for discussion. All in favor of the motion show of
 40 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
 41 unanimously.

42 Going to move on to item number 5(b), 2024-010, an
 43 Ordinance to amend section 28-48 of the Code of
 44 Ordinances, Anderson County, South Carolina, to provide
 45 for two at-large members to the Anderson County Library
 46 Board of Trustees; and other matters related thereto.

47 We'll go into a public hearing. Address the chair.

48 You have three minutes. Please address the chair.

49 State your name and district you live in. And if you
 50 spoke previously, have something different to add, I'm

1 going to move you on. Be a public hearing.

2 ELEANOR WALTERS: My name is
3 Eleanor Walters. I still live in District 1. I urge a
4 no vote on the Ordinance to increase the size of the
5 Library Board of Trustees from seven to nine. I would
6 support an Ordinance to increase the membership of all
7 boards the County Council appoints members to or a
8 referendum to increase the size of the County Council
9 if the goal is to better represent and reflect the
10 diversity of our ever growing population here in
11 Anderson.

12 It's disappointing to listen to speakers
13 disparaging the director and her staff at this and past
14 meetings and in other settings. The library staff in
15 Anderson County is professional, unbiased and
16 responsive to requests for guidance on selecting titles
17 and other materials from throughout the system for any
18 library patron. The library collection reflects the
19 interests and needs of all area residents. If someone
20 doesn't like a particular item, they don't have to use
21 it, and they don't have to recommend it to others.
22 Library policies -- current library policies give
23 parents the right and responsibility to monitor the
24 behavior and choices of their children aged 11 and
25 under while in the library. No member of the library
26 staff is forcing a hidden agenda on an unsuspecting
27 child or family. Parents are responsible for helping
28 their child choose items consistent with their family's
29 value system. No parent has a right to impose their
30 choices on other children. I believe tolerance and
31 respect are likely components of most families' value
32 systems and parents and other adults should be modeling
33 and reflecting those components when engaging library
34 staff and other library patrons in person as well -- in
35 person as well as on social media.

36 If you haven't already appointed a trustee in the
37 past two years, I suspect you will soon. If you
38 believe the current trustee appointed from your
39 district no longer represents their fellow residents,
40 your constituents, there's nothing preventing you from
41 asking them to resign. Given what is happening in
42 public and school libraries across the county, tonight
43 is not really a surprise but it is very disheartening,
44 and it makes it that much more difficult to promote
45 Anderson as a great place to live, work and play. And
46 it's -- not only to its current population, but to new
47 residents as well.

48 Should you opt to pass this Ordinance tonight on
49 the third reading, please take the needed time to
50 reflect on the application and interviewing processes

1 and criteria before selecting at large candidates to be
2 on the Board of Trustees. The selection process needs
3 to be transparent, aboveboard and fair. Thank you.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

5 Next.

6 HUGH OSBURN: My name is Hugh
7 Osburn. I live in District 1. I practiced medicine in
8 Anderson County for over 35 years. I was on the Board
9 of Trustees of AnMed Health.

10 The function of a board is governance. It is not
11 day to day operations. The board of AnMed did not tell
12 surgeons what type of operation they should do to
13 remove a gallbladder. Neither should the board of the
14 library tell the professionals how to run the library.

15 The other thing that seems to me that I'm hearing
16 here is an old saying called *in loco parentis*, which
17 translates as in the place of the parents. Parents
18 alone, I agree are the ones that should be responsible
19 for their children's welfare and upbringing and what
20 books they read and when. But other parents do not and
21 should not have the right to tell me or any other
22 parent what their value system is, and have that be
23 able to be imposed upon me. Thank you very much.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Next.

25 KEITH HART: Good evening.

26 I have respect for all the previous speakers and we'll
27 take all that into consideration.

28 It would appear to me that, along with most others,
29 that the decision regarding the library ---

30 TOMMY DUNN: Please state
31 your name and district for the record, please.

32 KEITH HART: I'm sorry.

33 Keith Hart, District 7.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

35 KEITH HART: It would appear
36 that the decision regarding the library board expansion
37 has likely been made. If that is indeed the case, how
38 you choose as a County Council to fill board vacancies
39 moving forward will speak volumes regarding the true
40 meaning of this expansion. Will there be needed
41 promised diversity, equality and inclusion in the
42 choices you make? Will the literature the LGBTQ+
43 community continue to be targeted?

44 Your constituents deserve unbiased memberships on
45 this board; people that are willing to listen to all
46 sides and make quality decisions moving forward, and
47 not members with a clear mission to control when and
48 where materials are presented.

49 My only agenda personally following my retirement
50 as a pediatrician 10 months ago, is to continue to look

1 after the physical, mental, and emotional health of
 2 all. And I'll emphasize that, all, of your most
 3 vulnerable constituents as I have for the past 39 and a
 4 half years. The majority of children I've cared for I
 5 followed from birth to adulthood, including one of your
 6 members, giving me a unique opportunity to journey
 7 through some difficult moments that both enlightened me
 8 and opened my mind and heart, one of which was the
 9 struggles that pre-adolescent and adolescent youth face
 10 when dealing with their own sexual identity, especially
 11 when that quest is complicated by the feeling that they
 12 belong to a non-conforming population of individuals.
 13 From a medical perspective, the Academy of Pediatrics,
 14 American Medical Association, the American Psychiatric
 15 Association, all endorse that LGBTQ+ individuals are
 16 likely a product of genetic, hormonal and biological
 17 factors. The supposition that they are groomed or
 18 indoctrinated is -- simply has no basis.

19 This Council's recent action, excuse me, in
 20 preventing access to books that encourage diversity,
 21 equality and inclusion sends a clear message that the
 22 members of the LGBTQ+ community are not welcomed in our
 23 county. The extreme prejudice, bias, bullying,
 24 rejection, harassment, discrimination, stereotyping,
 25 and most of all, lack of understanding these youth are
 26 subjected to, greatly enhances the risk of anxiety and
 27 depression. Their expressions of hopelessness, face to
 28 face in my office is often palpable. Forty-five
 29 percent of LGBTQ individuals seriously consider
 30 suicide. You all have the ability tonight to change
 31 that perception.

32 From a broader view, depriving our children and
 33 their parents the right to view, discuss and educate on
 34 whatever topic they choose, in a controlled environment
 35 like the library, is a disservice to your constituents.
 36 This is why public libraries were created. Why would
 37 we choose to alter this institution to satisfy the few?
 38 If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

39 Children are naturally curious. They will seek
 40 answers. So consider the resources other than the
 41 library setting, Exhibit A. If you want a search
 42 engine or their peers ---

43 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr.
 44 Chairman.

45 KEITH HART: --- to educate
 46 your children with little to no parental supervision
 47 ---

48 TOMMY DUNN: That's time,
 49 Mr. Hart. That's time.

50 KEITH HART: May I request

1 just one more second?
2 TOMMY DUNN: No, sir.
3 KEITH HART: Please.
4 TOMMY DUNN: No, sir.
5 KEITH HART: Thanks.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Next.
7 SUSAN BIERS (phonics): My name is
8 Susan Biers. I don't even know what district I live
9 in. I've only been here a short time. I came from
10 Minnesota after my husband passed away from COVID, two
11 years ago to be around my son and his family. What I
12 found going to the library is that I have to pre-read
13 every book that my grandson picks off the shelf. I
14 have a gay sister in Minnesota who I love just as much
15 as my other six siblings. I have no ill feelings
16 toward transgender, the LGBT -- none of it. Everyone
17 is a product of God. So I don't have that issue. But
18 I believe if they're going to have the material like
19 that it should be in one area so that your children can
20 run freely. I've had to rewrite and reread books to my
21 grandson who's caught on that I'm not reading the same
22 book, but I'm changing it for the purpose of innocence.
23 I just say yes to this for the innocence of our
24 young children. And as I said I do not have a problem
25 with the LGBTQ community as I have a family member.
26 God loves us all. That's true. But we do have to keep
27 the innocence of our children. Thank you.
28 TOMMY DUNN: Next.
29 JANET STEWART: Janet Stewart,
30 District 1. That old saying you can't judge a book by
31 its cover is true. Who hasn't started a book or movie
32 and soon realized it's offensive or it's not like the
33 description or the ad. While in the library parents
34 are -- may not stand there and read the entire book on
35 the spot that their child picked out. Or they may walk
36 over to another section as their child is reading a
37 book from the children's section. These are just two
38 examples of how parents rely on the library board to
39 select wholesome books for the children's section. And
40 these other books can be placed in another section and
41 parents who want those books for their children can
42 walk to that section and select any of those books they
43 desire. Thank you.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Next.
45 JAMES GALYEAN: I'm James
46 Galyean and I'm from District 5. I didn't like the
47 threat that came in earlier for the County Council.
48 And so I don't think the Council should consider that
49 at all. And while Leon Harmon is an excellent
50 attorney, I've represented the county before and if you

1 get sued on this, I'll do it again for free. Thank
2 you.

3 ERNEST MACKINS: Dr. Ernest
4 Mackins, Anderson School District 5. I have one thing
5 to say. I hear a lot of concerns about the kids and,
6 you know, damaging their mental health. But the
7 gentleman up here earlier that had the cell phone. If
8 we really had that -- truly care for our kids, every
9 four or five year old wouldn't have a cell phone.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Next.

11 FRANK CALLUM (phonics): I'm getting old
12 and it's a long way from back there to down here. I'm
13 Frank Callum. I'm in area 1, Mr. Wright's area.

14 I got here a little bit earlier with my wife. My
15 wife pointed out your motto there, In God We Trust.
16 It's a great motto. It's an even greater guiding light
17 if we're willing to believe it. Forty-nine of the
18 first 50 universities in this great country were
19 founded on Christian principles and morals. Our
20 founding fathers understood that motto right there, In
21 God We Trust. They understood and believed Proverbs
22 chapter nine, verse 10, the fear of the Lord is the
23 beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the Holy One
24 is understanding. We're all concerned with education.
25 The Bible is where it starts. Our founding fathers
26 knew that. Our founding fathers understood that age
27 appropriate is not censorship. Our founding fathers
28 understood that a child cannot unread a story anymore
29 than they can unsee a picture. Our founding fathers
30 also believed Genesis 1:1, in the beginning God created
31 the heavens and the earth. They believed that. They
32 understood that. Do we? They understood Genesis 1:24,
33 on the sixth day, God created man in His own image,
34 male and female, He created them. Our founding fathers
35 believed that. Do we? Our founding fathers believed
36 Jeremiah 1:5, where God told Jeremiah, Before I placed
37 you in the womb, I knew you. Before God removed
38 Jeremiah from the womb, He said, I sanctified you. God
39 knew when we are conceived if we're going to be male or
40 female, and it isn't up to a vote, and it is not fluid.
41 Our founding fathers understood Matthew chapter six, He
42 who does these sayings of Mine, I liken him to the man
43 who built his house on a rock and the winds blew and
44 the rains came and the floods came and that house did
45 not fall because it was founded on the rock. He who
46 does not these sayings of Mine, I liken him to the man
47 who built his house on the sand. And the rains came
48 and the floods came and the winds blew and that house
49 fell and great was its fall.

50 Over the past two generations, much of our country

1 has moved, not overseas, but they've moved from the
2 rock to the sand. And we can see our country today.
3 And we are witnessing a very great fall. Thank you.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Next.

5 SALLY WILLETTE: Hi, everybody.
6 I'm Sally Willette and I'm with District 4, and I
7 believe I sent y'all an email.

8 I was the school counselor at Townville Elementary
9 School when we had a school shooter. I had four first
10 graders who were hiding from a shooter and running off
11 of the playground. You want to talk about saving the
12 innocence of our children. Yeah, I want to save the
13 innocence of our children too. I also know what is
14 developmentally appropriate for children. And I also
15 know that children do have a lot of hard things happen
16 to them. And they need adults to be open and to be
17 loving and to be able to talk to them about these hard
18 things in a developmentally appropriate way. We talk
19 about age appropriate, it's developmentally
20 appropriate. I have worked for -- as a school
21 counselor, I have studied as a school counselor, I got
22 my master's in school counseling. I had to leave
23 because I got PTSD from the school shooting. You want
24 to talk about innocence. Let's start there.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Next.

26 MARY GARREN: I'm Mary
27 Garren, District 5. I had not planned to speak
28 tonight, but much has been said about God with multiple
29 scriptures being quoted tonight. I'll be honest, I
30 didn't know I was attending a church service. Just
31 saying. But with that said, what has not been noted is
32 that the Bible, and I know, I've read it extensively as
33 a minister's daughter, contains highly disturbing
34 content, including incest, pornography, murder, theft,
35 genocide, you name it. Therefore, the Bible, too, may
36 need to be hidden away from our children. Some of us
37 may want that to happen. I don't want it to happen.
38 But if you want to remove things that are offensive to
39 you, as Christians, then there are other people in this
40 community who may be offended by the Bible and the
41 things in the Bible.

42 My question to you all is do you really want us to
43 open that door? I think not.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Next.

45 JAN OSBURN: I'm Jan Osburn,
46 District 1. What I'm hearing are two different issues
47 here. What I'm hearing is an attempt to ban books,
48 which is one issue. The other issue is whether or not
49 the county needs to have two more individuals on the
50 county -- the library board. I have been on the

1 Friends of the Library Board for years. I've been
2 President. I've held every position. We are so
3 awesome with our library. We are so lucky.

4 And what I am hearing as the second issue is what is
5 being addressed here. The idea of whether or not there
6 are to be two new members to the board, which I have no
7 problem with, if it's done judiciously, if there is not
8 an agenda attached to it, if it is simply giving more
9 people -- getting more people involved. You know, you
10 question whether or not how many of these people belong
11 to the Friends of the Library? How many of these people
12 know what the library actually is doing for us? And if
13 we get some -- two new people on the board that go to
14 Columbia to get more money to make our library even
15 better, go to Washington, DC and talk to our
16 representatives, of which I have done, then two more
17 members is awesome. But to have a single issue as a
18 reason to become on the board, and then slip off and go
19 do your other next issue, whatever it is you happen to
20 have. We want committed library people. Thank you.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Next. Next.

22 SCOTT KELLNER: My name is
23 Scott Kellner. I'm a member of District 1. I'm also a
24 medical professional that spends quite a bit of time
25 taking care of adolescents. To people who are concerned
26 about suicide rates in transgender teens, I would
27 suggest that they allow those teens some access to
28 information that might help them navigate that -- those
29 difficult waters without having to go to somebody at the
30 library to get permission to find a book that might help
31 them. I think a teen who is struggling with their
32 sexuality who could read about that and read about other
33 people's experiences is much less likely to commit
34 suicide than one who's denied any access to that
35 information.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Next. Next.

37 DAN HARVELL: Mr. Chairman,
38 members of Council, I'm Dan Harvell. I reside in
39 District 7, a lifetime -- lifelong resident of Anderson
40 County.

41 I'm a grandfather of five, ages three through 13.
42 And I have appreciated the library for many years. I go
43 there on a regular basis. I especially appreciate the
44 Jeffersonian architecture that it represents. I think
45 it's the most beautiful library in the state.

46 Concerning this matter of the board members, I do
47 want to thank Council for the logical and common votes
48 -- commonsense votes that you have made so far on this
49 issue. This is about young children, very, very young
50 children. As adults, we are responsible for the safe

1 and moral upbringing of our children and grandchildren.
2 This issue is not a First Amendment issue. It's not
3 book banning. It's really commonsense that follows laws
4 that are already on the books. In fact, the accusation
5 of censorship is ironically hypercritical --
6 hypercritical -- hypocritical within the library's rules
7 and regulations on internet use. And I have those right
8 here. Three pages of what you can and cannot do on the
9 internet in the library. Is this not censorship? If
10 you're calling, if you're calling access to books to
11 young children that's inappropriate -- obviously
12 inappropriate by commonsense of that age, and you're
13 calling that censorship? Then so is this.
14 This should be trashed. But these are here for a
15 reason. They're here for a reason. And of course,
16 these govern adults, not just children.

17 Now, I've been in this issue for quite some time,
18 not only this county, but other counties. And I've seen
19 some of these books that had been available for children
20 first grade and up. And I was absolutely shocked at
21 what I saw. Some of the pictures and some of the
22 graphics of what I saw, actually violated the library's
23 rules and regulations of what can be seen at the library
24 on the internet.

25 As far as parents representing their children and
26 speaking up, Moms for Liberty and Parents Across America
27 have been pummeled and punished for their active
28 concerns for what's happening with their children in
29 schools and public places. Even to the point of FBI
30 surveillance and threats against them. Medical science
31 proves mental comprehension of young children. Societal
32 forced confusion is inappropriate to elementary age
33 children. There are reasons, for example, for those
34 under 18, why they can't vote, why they can't buy
35 cigarettes, vapes, alcohol, and adult sexual materials.

36 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr.
37 Chairman.
38 DAN HARVELL: This is not
39 censorship.
40 TOMMY DUNN: That's time.
41 Next.
42 DAN HARVELL: Thank you very
43 much.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Next.
45 JULIE HART: Hello, I'm
46 Julie Hart, District 7.

47 I served on the Board of Trustees for the library
48 from 2001 until 2023. I would like to thank County
49 Council for that opportunity and for your past support
50 of the library.

1 First of all, if I were sitting where you are, I
2 would like to know that none of the people that spoke
3 two weeks ago in favor of adding to the board or
4 negatively about the library, and it's the same thing
5 tonight, have ever come to a library board I was at,
6 come to public comment, or sent the library board an
7 email expressing their concern.

8 So my first question for you, none of them except
9 for one -- there is one gentleman -- have ever filed a
10 reconsideration for a book, that is to remove a book or
11 ban a book? Surely this is not the way, in all due
12 respect, that you want county boards to run. They just
13 -- they didn't come to the library to work this out.
14 They came straight to y'all. I think there are probably
15 some better ways to work this out if there could be some
16 communication with the library.

17 What I really want to talk to you about tonight is
18 public libraries are for everyone. You decide what to
19 read or listen to or watch. It is entirely your choice.
20 Libraries are for all churches, the unchurched and the
21 searching. They are not just for the politically
22 connected. They are for voracious readers, and those
23 struggling to read. You get the idea.

24 The Anderson County library staff and director have
25 done an incredible job of providing what the people of
26 our community want and need.

27 A lot of people have talked about children. So I
28 don't want to run out of time, three minutes is not very
29 long. What I'm really concerned about is the slippery
30 slope of allowing one group that's organized and vocal
31 to push the county into removing books that they don't
32 want in the library. There are LGBTQIA people living in
33 our community. They pay taxes. There are people in our
34 country that want to remove Black Lives Matter books.
35 Some don't believe the Holocaust ever even really
36 happened. Some want to remove the Bible from public
37 libraries. I thought Anderson was better than this.
38 And I hope you do too. Thank you.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Next. Next.
40 Public hearing will be ---

41 FELICE POELZIC (phonics): Hi, my name is
42 Felice Poelzic, and I've only lived in your community
43 for about three years. I have two children, one's an
44 engineer, one is studying to be a nurse. We used
45 libraries in Arizona, Connecticut, Florida. Anywhere we
46 live, the first place we went to is the library. We
47 were accepted there. And even Las Vegas, which as we
48 all know, is a shaky town. That library was run really
49 well.

50 And as far as my children picking up books that I

1 did not think was appropriate, I censored all of that.
2 I followed them around. One kid always read about boats
3 and stuff. The other one, well, I probably can't say
4 this in Council, but he would like *Armadillo Rodeo*, and
5 he would read it over and over and over again. And if
6 you're going to add two more people, I agree with the
7 folks that have said vet them. Make sure they're the
8 kind of people that represent everyone. Not just that
9 side, not just that side, everyone, because the
10 libraries in this country are the last bastion of places
11 people can go to learn anything. I censored my kids on
12 the internet. Cell phones didn't happen until they were
13 teenagers; 15, 16. I think the libraries have got to be
14 what they are, and what they've always been, a place to
15 just go learn some stuff. You know, you want to learn
16 about armadillos head on over there. You want to learn
17 about boats head on over there. The internet is kind of
18 shaky for me. I don't know about the rest of you folks,
19 but I watch my kids. That too. We just shut the
20 internet off. Thank you for giving me a few minutes.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Next. Next.
22 Public hearing will be closed.

23 Do we have a motion on the floor?

24 JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.

25 CINDY WILSON: Second.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by

27 Councilman Jimmy Davis; second by Councilman John
28 Wright. Open the floor up for discussion. Councilman
29 Glenn Davis.

30 GLENN DAVIS: Thank you, Mr.
31 Chairman. I just have a -- it's not a paragraph, but a
32 sentence that I extracted out of one of the emails that
33 I received. I'm going to read it. And I quote, A true
34 democracy is not about majority rule. It's about
35 preserving the rights of everyone. End of quote.

36 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

38 Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
39 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries with Mr.
40 Jimmy Davis, Councilman Brett Sanders, Tommy Dunn,
41 Councilman Elgin, Councilman Wright and Councilman Ms.
42 Cindy Wilson in favor; Councilman Glenn Davis opposed.

43 Moving on. Ordinance 6(a), second reading,
44 2024-005, an Ordinance to lease real property to Hope
45 Missions of the Upstate; and other matters related
46 thereto. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

47 JOHN WRIGHT: So moved.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr.

49 Wright; second Ms. Wilson. Open the floor up for
50 discussion.

1 JOHN WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman?
2 TOMMY DUNN: Councilman
3 Wright.
4 JOHN WRIGHT: I'd just like
5 to amend this lease agreement, if we could, and I think
6 this is something that we should probably look at doing
7 for all of our lease agreements for real property that
8 we have in the county, to include a termination clause
9 that the county could deliver ninety days written notice
10 and terminate the lease. Not just for this one, but for
11 any and all leases that we have here owned by the
12 county.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Hey, hey, get
14 that -- take it out in the hall. Anybody else want to
15 leave, now is the time.
16 Now, Councilman Wright.
17 JOHN WRIGHT: Thank you, Mr.
18 Chairman, just to reiterate, include in the lease
19 agreement a termination clause in which the county can
20 deliver written notice and terminate the lease with
21 ninety days notice. I think it's just a matter of good
22 business practice for all properties owned by Anderson
23 County. As we all know, most of the property which we
24 lease are to non-profits that do great work, like Hope
25 Missions. Also, some state agencies that we have in
26 there. And they're usually for a dollar or some kind of
27 discounted rate. So as a matter of good business, I'd
28 like to amend the lease agreement to include that.
29 TOMMY DUNN: He has a motion
30 on the floor to amend it. We have a second by
31 Councilman Sanders. Now open the floor up for
32 discussion on the amendment. All in favor of the motion
33 show of hands. All opposed like sign.
34 Now I'll go back to the original. Any discussion on
35 the original amendment? I'm sorry, the original motion
36 or the Ordinance? Seeing and hearing none, all in favor
37 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
38 Show both of them carry unanimously.
39 Moving on now to item number (b), 6(b), 2024-011, an
40 Ordinance finding that Homeland Park Water District,
41 South Carolina, may issue not exceeding \$1,250,000 of
42 general obligation bonds in one or more series; to
43 authorize Homeland Park Water Commission to issue such
44 bonds and to provide for the publication of notice of
45 the said finding authorization; and other matters
46 related thereto.
47 Do we have a motion to move this forward?
48 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.
49 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr.
50 Sanders; second Ms. Wilson. Open the floor up for

1 discussion. This is just a general practice right here
2 just to give them -- they have to do this -- we don't
3 have nothing to do with this. We ain't making no money.
4 We ain't taking money. We have to do this to get them
5 state law to make this happen. Anymore discussion? All
6 in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
7 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

8 Moving on to item number 7(a), Ordinance first
9 reading, 2024-012, an Ordinance authorizing (1) The
10 Execution and delivery of a first amendment to an
11 existing fee in lieu of tax and incentive agreement by
12 and between Anderson County, South Carolina, and a
13 company presently identified as Project Blue Starr, to
14 effect certain modifications thereto with respect to
15 certain property now or to be hereafter located in the
16 county; and (2) other matters relating thereto. Project
17 Blue Starr. Mr. Nelson.

18 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr.
19 Chairman, members of Council. This is a project with
20 one of our existing companies, a stellar company that
21 has been productive in the community for years.
22 Creating an additional 51 jobs. Adding capital
23 investment of building and land and equipment of \$56
24 million dollars. Average pay \$31.50 an hour, adding
25 3.2 million to an additional payroll of over 48 million
26 annual payroll for this particular company. This
27 existing project paid last year over \$2.2 million
28 dollars in property tax. This will add, in the first
29 year, 9,000 in property tax and over 30 years, an
30 additional 5.5 million. First year community impact
31 6.7, almost 6.8 million. And thirty year community
32 impact \$186 million dollars. Thank you.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr.
34 Nelson. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

35 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.

36 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr.

38 Sanders; and second Ms. Wilson. Open the floor up for
39 discussion. Hearing none, all in favor of the motion
40 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
41 carries unanimously.

42 Thank you, Mr. Nelson, you and your team, appreciate
43 what all y'all do.

44 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.
45 Appreciate your support.

46 TOMMY DUNN: No Resolutions,
47 number 8.

48 We'll move on to 9(a), Bid number 24-011, WCI and
49 T.L. Hanna pump station improvements. Do we have a
50 motion to move this forward?

1 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr.
3 Elgin; second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor
4 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
5 Show the motion carries unanimously.
6 Moving on to item number 9(b), bid number 24-026,
7 Kid Venture 2.0 Phase II. Do we have a motion to move
8 this forward?
9 JOHN WRIGHT: So moved.
10 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by
12 Councilman Wright; second Ms. Wilson. Open the floor up
13 for any discussion.
14 BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman, I
15 would just like to thank Senator Cash out of the
16 appropriations, or the bid amount, \$750,000 came through
17 Senator Cash. The remainder came through our
18 accommodations tax, which is basically our tourism tax.
19 And that money has to be spent on recreational
20 activities and to promote tourism. So, I want to thank
21 all the people that come and visit Anderson, as well. I
22 think someone spoke earlier, our Administrator is
23 already working on designs for Kid Venture 3.0. So
24 thank you, Mr. Burns, and thank you, sir.
25 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?
26 JOHN WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman?
27 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wright.
28 JOHN WRIGHT: I just want to
29 echo Chairman Sanders' remarks. They're real excited to
30 get this Kid Venture 2.0 wrapped up, Phase II. And to
31 answer her question, it will complete Phase II, but I
32 think we're going to always look, as a county, on how we
33 can better improve all of our parks, and Kid Venture
34 being one of those. Thank you.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
36 Anyone else? I just want to say, I appreciate the
37 staff, what all they've done. Appreciate the funding we
38 got through the state, Cash. Keep something in mind, as
39 Councilman Wright just said, the whole Civic Center,
40 especially the outside, is always revolving, moving.
41 There's no one plan, two plan or three plans. I've been
42 going around here and something's going to happen that
43 took six years to do. I don't know where this come up,
44 took about six years. There never was nothing started.
45 What I will say, though, we didn't even have a Parks
46 Department 15 years ago. That man there instigated, he
47 found a need, Council at that time agreed with him, and
48 we started a Parks Department and it's been -- and it's
49 done tremendous, especially with not a whole lot of
50 money. But Mr. Burns has found out through the state,

1 him and his staff. He's got a staff that writes grants.
 2 I want to appreciate what they've done. And the Civic
 3 Center is always going to continue to be -- and it's
 4 going to -- I'm out there every day, at least once a
 5 day, and the place is packed. Even when it's raining
 6 there's a couple of them out there walking dogs.
 7 Appreciate all what y'all do.

8 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
 9 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
 10 Move on now, requests by Council members.
 11 Councilman Jimmy Davis.

12 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr.
 13 Chair. If I may, I'll combine these into one motion.
 14 From the District 6 special appropriations account, Love
 15 Well Ministries \$300.00 and the Powdersville YMCA
 16 Mentoring Program \$2,500.00. I make that in the form of
 17 a motion.

18 CINDY WILSON: Second.
 19 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion
 20 and second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor
 21 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
 22 Show the motion carries unanimously.
 23 Councilman Sanders.

24 BRETT SANDERS: Thank you, Mr.
 25 Chairman. I'd also like to combine mine. And also, on
 26 the Pendleton Recreation Association, we done that last
 27 Council meeting and we were short actually \$1,000.00, so
 28 I'd like to appropriate \$1,000.00 out of my special rec
 29 account to make that whole. And the Love Well
 30 Ministries, I think they requested \$2,500.00 from all
 31 districts. Can you come back to me on that and let me
 32 make up the difference, if possible?

33 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah.
 34 BRETT SANDERS: Thank you. And
 35 I put that in the form of a motion on District 4.

36 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
 37 CINDY WILSON: Second.
 38 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr.
 39 Sanders; second Councilman Jimmy Davis. Any discussion?
 40 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed
 41 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

42 Move on to Councilman Glenn Davis.
 43 GLENN DAVIS: Thank you, Mr.
 44 Chairman. Out of District 2's special rec account, I'd
 45 like to appropriate \$2,500.00 to Love Well Ministries,
 46 and I put that in the form of a motion.

47 CINDY WILSON: Second.
 48 TOMMY DUNN: We have a
 49 motion by Mr. ---

50 BRETT SANDERS: Wait a minute.

1 Speak up, sir.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Wait a minute.
3 We have a motion by Mr. Davis; second Ms. Wilson. Now
4 open the floor up for discussion. Mr. Sanders.
5 BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Burns, I
6 thought it was \$2,500.00 total?
7 RUSTY BURNS: \$2,500.00
8 total, yes, sir.
9 BRETT SANDERS: Total. I just
10 didn't want him ---
11 GLENN DAVIS: I'll do
12 \$500.00.
13 BRETT SANDERS: Okay. Thank
14 you. I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman.
15 TOMMY DUNN: He wants to
16 rectify that motion and change it to \$500.00. Do we
17 have a second?
18 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
19 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr.
20 Sanders. Anymore discussion? All in favor of the
21 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
22 motion carries unanimously.
23 Mr. Davis, anything else?
24 GLENN DAVIS: That's all.
25 Thank you.
26 TOMMY DUNN: Councilman
27 Elgin.
28 GREG ELGIN: From District
29 3, I'd like to appropriate \$250.00 to the Love Well
30 Ministries. Make that in the form of a motion.
31 CINDY WILSON: Second.
32 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
33 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr.
34 Elgin; second by Councilman Jimmy Davis. Any
35 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
36 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
37 unanimously.
38 Councilman John Wright.
39 JOHN WRIGHT: Thank you, Mr.
40 Chairman. From District 1 special rec account, I'd like
41 to appropriate \$500.00 to Love Well Ministries. Put
42 that in the form of a motion.
43 CINDY WILSON: Second.
44 TOMMY DUNN: We have a
45 motion by Mr. Wright; second by Councilman Elgin. Any
46 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
47 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
48 unanimously.
49 Moving on to Councilman Wilson.
50 CINDY WILSON: We're still

1 broke. Thank you.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Out of District
3 5's special appropriation account, I'd like \$5,000.00 to
4 Centerville Elementary School, and \$500.00 to Love Well
5 Ministries. I put that in the form of a motion.
6 JOHN WRIGHT: Second.
7 TOMMY DUNN: Second by
8 Councilman Wright. Any discussion? All in favor of the
9 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
10 motion carries unanimously.
11 Now, Councilman Sanders.
12 BRETT SANDERS: I didn't hear
13 what Mr. Elgin gave.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Two fifty.
15 BRETT SANDERS: Two fifty. So
16 we need ---
17 JIMMY DAVIS: I think we need
18 four fifty.
19 BRETT SANDERS: --- \$450.00 to
20 round it out. I'd like to put a request in for or a
21 motion for \$450.00 for Love Well Ministries. Put that
22 in the form of a motion, sir.
23 TOMMY DUNN: We have a
24 motion. Have a second from Councilman Wright. Open the
25 floor up for discussion. He always gets out cheap.
26 BRETT SANDERS: That's why I go
27 last.
28 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of
29 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
30 the motion carries unanimously.
31 Moving on now to Administrator's report. Mr. Burns.
32 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this
33 time, Mr. Chairman.
34 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to
35 citizens' comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your name,
36 you have three minutes. Please step forward, state your
37 name and district for the record and address the chair.
38 Mr. Harmon.
39 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman,
40 first speaker is Clyde Cummings.
41 CLYDE CUMMINGS: Good evening,
42 my name is Clyde Cummings. I live in District 4. I'm a
43 native of Anderson County. What my first thing is, this
44 one cent sales tax you're going to vote on for county
45 roads, I understand it's for county roads.
46 Now there's a lot of people don't really understand
47 county roads, and I'm one of them. County roads or
48 state roads. And I don't know how you're going to
49 communicate this to the voting people. But since we
50 don't have a -- printed newspapers, and it's in

1 Cincinnati, and it's a day late, or three or four days
2 late, I would like to see some effort put to notify our
3 voting people just what involved -- what's involved in
4 the county roads, whether it's municipal roads, county
5 roads, there's a lot of state roads, I understand. I
6 know the road to my house is half county and half state.
7 Or not half. You know, they call on the county to work
8 on part of it and they said that's not my job; you've
9 got to call the state. So I wish you would do something
10 about that to inform everyone about this, if that's
11 possible. I don't know how you could do it. But it
12 would -- it would be greatly appreciated by me. Thank
13 you.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. This
15 is not a question and answer thing, but we will take
16 care of that. It's going to happen. If you'll stick
17 around after the meeting somebody will talk to you for a
18 few minutes. Okay?

19 BRETT SANDERS: Just come see
20 me after the meeting, sir.

21 TOMMY DUNN: I do a lot of
22 District 4. I might know a little bit more.

23 BRETT SANDERS: I'll talk to
24 you after the meeting.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Next, Mr.
26 Harmon.

27 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman,
28 no one else is signed up.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr.
30 Harmon.

31 Moving on to comments from council members.
32 Ms. Wilson.

33 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr.
34 Chairman. It's great to see the chambers filled. And I
35 do appreciate everyone being here tonight and making
36 their concerns know. I really appreciate it. And I
37 appreciate all the work everybody does. Thank you.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
39 Councilman Wright.

40 JOHN WRIGHT: Thank you, Mr.
41 Chairman. Just echo Ms. Wilson's comments. Appreciate
42 everybody showing up tonight. And hope everybody has a
43 great evening. Thank you.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
45 Councilman Elgin.

46 GREG ELGIN: Yes, sir, Mr.
47 Chairman. Again, thank everybody for showing up tonight
48 regardless of where you spoke or how you spoke, we
49 appreciate you being here to give us your opinion. We
50 really do. Appreciate everybody that came tonight. And

1 be safe getting home. Thanks.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
3 Councilman Glenn Davis.
4 GLENN DAVIS: Nothing at this
5 time, sir.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
7 Councilman Sanders.
8 BRETT SANDERS: Nothing at this
9 time, sir.
10 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
11 Councilman Jimmy Davis.
12 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr.
13 Chair. Just want to thank everyone for being here. To
14 give you a heads-up, Rhythm on the River is just around
15 the corner at Dolly Cooper Park in Powdersville. May
16 the 4th. They're going to have a ton of food trucks and
17 a lot of things going on. So mark your calendars for
18 Rhythm on the River on May 4th. And then soon following
19 that will be the Saluda River Rally, again, on the
20 Saluda River in northern Anderson County. And thank
21 you, David Mead, for being here. David, raise your
22 hand. He's here representing I think the greatest
23 newspaper we have here, The Williamston Journal. And if
24 you're not a subscriber, he's the one to tell you the
25 news. So we appreciate him and Greg for being here
26 representing the Anderson Observer. So we do have some
27 things going on and some information to get out.
28 And I thank everyone for being here. Thank you, Mr.
29 Chair.
30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I
31 just want to thank everybody for coming tonight.
32 Mainly, I want to thank everybody for being civil to one
33 another for the most part. Appreciate that.
34 Meeting be adjourned.
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36 **(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:14 P.M.)**

RESOLUTION R2024-015

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONSENT TO THE INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS ON DACUS DRIVE, (C-07-0065); AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, Dacus Drive, C-07-0065 (the “Road”) is currently a paved Anderson County (the “County”) public road, located in Williamston S.C.; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 59-41 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances, the requisite number of landowners using the Road to access their property petition the Anderson County for the installation of four (4) speed humps along the Road as more fully set forth in the; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 59-41 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances; the Anderson County Roads and Bridges Department conducted a feasibility study and has determined the Road qualifies for the construction of four (4) speed humps along the Road at the locations identified on the attached Exhibit A at an estimated cost of Four Thousand dollars (\$4,000.00); and,

WHEREAS, Anderson County, South Carolina, a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, acting by and through its County Council, desires to express its intent to authorize construction of the speed humps on the Road provided the property owners residing on said Road pay fifty percent (50%) of the estimated construction cost for a total property owner match of Two Thousand dollars (\$2000.00);

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by Anderson County Council in meeting duly assembled that:

1. Pursuant to Section 59-41 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances, Anderson County, acting by and through its County Council, hereby states that Anderson County consents to the installation of four (4) speed humps on the Road at the locations set forth on Exhibit A provided that the property owners residing on said Road pay fifty percent (50%) of the estimated construction cost for a total property owner match of Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).
2. Construction shall not begin until the property owners’ match is received by the County.
3. All orders and resolutions in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict only, repealed, and rescinded.
4. Should any part or portion of this resolution be deemed unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall not affect the remainder hereof, all of which is hereby deemed separable.
5. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon enactment.

RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 2024, in meeting duly assembled.

ATTEST:

Rusty Burns
Anderson County Administrator

Tommy Dunn, Chairman
Anderson County Council

Renee D. Watts
Clerk to County Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leon C. Harmon
County Attorney



MEMORANDUM

ANDERSON COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGES

Memorandum

To: Matt Hogan
From: Norman McGill
Date: 3/27/2024
CC: Cindy Wilson Council District 7

RE: Speed Humps on Dacus Drive (C-07-0065)

By way of Request 77604 in Cartegraph a petition for speed humps came in for Dacus Drive (C-07-0065)

- Petition meets the required signatures needed. Verified by Engineering Technician Devin Stephens.
- Traffic study was conducted on Dacus Drive between 3/4/2024 and 3/11/2024 to find out if road meets the criteria based on 95% speed of at least 10 mph over posted speed of 25 mph or less.
- Traffic Study indicates that the 95% speed on Dacus Drive during this time was 36 mph. (Posted speed on this road is 25 mph).
- Dacus Drive meets the criteria for speed humps for street classification, speed and traffic volume and road accommodations.
- The construction cost for speed humps presently is \$1000.00
- Number of speed humps needed to go on Dacus Drive would be minimum of 4. In which case residents would be responsible for half the cost if approved by council.

Tommy Dunn
Chairman, District 5

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Start	1	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76	Total	Pace Speed	Number in Pace
Time	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	999			
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11:00	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	29-38	1
12 PM	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9-18	1
13:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
14:00	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	25-34	5
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16:00	2	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	21-30	4
17:00	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	16-25	5
18:00	1	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	19-28	6
19:00	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	31-40	4
20:00	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	29-38	4
21:00	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9-18	1
22:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
23:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
Total	7	14	7	13	11	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56		
Percent	12.5%	25.0%	12.5%	23.2%	19.6%	5.4%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
AM Peak	10:00	10:00	10:00				11:00								10:00		
Vol.	1	1	1				1								3		
PM Peak	16:00	16:00	18:00	14:00	19:00	19:00	12:00								16:00		
Vol.	2	3	3	3	3	1	1								9		

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01:00	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14-23	1	
02:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	
03:00	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24-33	1	
04:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	
05:00	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	19-28	2	
06:00	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	10-19	2	
07:00	0	2	0	1	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	26-35	6	
08:00	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	24-33	4	
09:00	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	14-23	2	
10:00	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	*	1	
11:00	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	8-17	1	
12 PM	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	20-29	4	
13:00	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	21-30	3	
14:00	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	24-33	2	
15:00	1	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	26-35	6	
16:00	1	0	1	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	26-35	6	
17:00	0	2	5	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	26-35	7	
18:00	0	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	25-34	5	
19:00	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	26-35	4	
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22:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	
23:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	
Total	6	10	16	23	28	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90			
Percent	6.7%	11.1%	17.8%	25.6%	31.1%	4.4%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%				
AM Peak	11:00	06:00	00:00	08:00	07:00	05:00	07:00								07:00			
Vol.	2	2	1	3	5	1	2								10			
PM Peak	13:00	17:00	17:00	19:00	16:00	16:00	19:00								17:00			
Vol.	1	2	5	3	5	1	1								15			

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Time	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	999				
03/06/24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	
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02:00	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19-28	1	
03:00	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19-28	1	
04:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	
05:00	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	14-23	2	
06:00	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	13-22	2	
07:00	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	24-33	4	
08:00	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	24-33	3	
09:00	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	21-30	4	
10:00	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9-18	1	
11:00	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	20-29	3	
12 PM	1	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	16-25	4	
13:00	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	19-28	2	
14:00	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	26-35	4	
15:00	1	5	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	16-25	6	
16:00	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	20-29	4	
17:00	1	0	1	3	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	26-35	7	
18:00	0	0	1	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	26-35	8	
19:00	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	24-33	2	
20:00	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	26-35	3	
21:00	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	25-34	3	
22:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	
23:00	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24-33	1	
Total	8	12	16	30	23	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97			
Percent	8.2%	12.4%	16.5%	30.9%	23.7%	6.2%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%				
AM Peak	06:00	05:00	09:00	07:00	07:00	05:00									07:00			
Vol.	1	1	2	2	2	1									6			
PM Peak	12:00	15:00	12:00	18:00	17:00	16:00	17:00								17:00			
Vol.	1	5	2	4	4	2	1								11			

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01:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
02:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
03:00	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19-28	1
04:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
05:00	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	*	1
06:00	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9-18	1
07:00	2	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	26-35	5
08:00	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	30-39	2
09:00	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	11-20	5
10:00	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	21-30	4
11:00	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	19-28	3
12 PM	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	15-24	1
13:00	0	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	26-35	6
14:00	2	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	21-30	5
15:00	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	9-18	2
16:00	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	19-28	4
17:00	1	0	0	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	26-35	6
18:00	0	0	2	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	24-33	7
19:00	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	19-28	2
20:00	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	15-24	2
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23:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
Total	17	12	14	29	15	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	95		
Percent	17.9%	12.6%	14.7%	30.5%	15.8%	5.3%	1.1%	1.1%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
AM Peak	10:00	09:00	10:00	07:00	07:00	08:00		07:00							07:00		
Vol.	3	4	3	3	2	2		1							8		
PM Peak	14:00	12:00	16:00	14:00	13:00	17:00	21:00			15:00					18:00		
Vol.	2	1	2	4	3	1	1			1					9		

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03/08/24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
01:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
02:00	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9-18	1
03:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
04:00	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	24-33	2
05:00	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	*	1
06:00	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10-19	2
07:00	0	0	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	24-33	6
08:00	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	25-34	4
09:00	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	8-17	1
10:00	1	0	0	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	26-35	7
11:00	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	16-25	3
12 PM	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	21-30	3
13:00	3	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	34-43	3
14:00	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	1
15:00	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	21-30	4
16:00	0	0	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	26-35	5
17:00	0	0	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	21-30	4
18:00	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	26-35	4
19:00	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	21-30	4
20:00	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	26-35	4
21:00	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	21-30	4
22:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
23:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
Total	9	9	15	27	24	9	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97		
Percent	9.3%	9.3%	15.5%	27.8%	24.7%	9.3%	4.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
AM Peak	09:00	06:00	07:00	07:00	10:00	06:00	05:00								10:00		
Vol.	2	2	1	4	4	1	1								9		
PM Peak	13:00	15:00	17:00	13:00	16:00	13:00	13:00								13:00		
Vol.	3	1	3	2	3	2	1								8		

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03/09/24	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9-18	1
01:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
02:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
03:00	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19-28	1
04:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
05:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
06:00	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24-33	1
07:00	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	11-20	3
08:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
09:00	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	31-40	2
10:00	1	1	1	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	24-33	6
11:00	2	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	26-35	4
12 PM	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	24-33	2
13:00	0	1	0	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	26-35	9
14:00	1	1	2	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	31-40	4
15:00	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	31-40	4
16:00	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	25-34	3
17:00	0	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	16-25	4
18:00	1	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	26-35	3
19:00	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14-23	1
20:00	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	24-33	2
21:00	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	29-38	2
22:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
23:00	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	*	1
Total	8	12	8	20	26	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85		
Percent	9.4%	14.1%	9.4%	23.5%	30.6%	10.6%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
AM Peak	09:00	07:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	11:00								10:00		
Vol.	2	3	1	4	2	3	1								12		
PM Peak	14:00	17:00	14:00	13:00	13:00	14:00	15:00								13:00		
Vol.	1	2	2	5	4	1	1								10		

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Direction 1																		
Start Time	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	999	Total	Pace Speed	Number in Pace	
03/10/24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		*	*
01:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		*	*
02:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		*	*
03:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		*	*
04:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		*	*
05:00	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24-33	1	
06:00	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9-18	1	
07:00	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19-28	1	
08:00	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10-19	2	
09:00	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10-19	2	
10:00	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	31-40	2	
11:00	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	25-34	4	
12 PM	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	26-35	4	
13:00	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	29-38	2	
14:00	1	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	21-30	6	
15:00	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	25-34	3	
16:00	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	*	1	
17:00	0	1	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	30-39	5	
18:00	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	10-19	2	
19:00	0	1	0	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	31-40	4	
20:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	
21:00	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	21-30	3	
22:00	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	1	
23:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	
Total	5	13	2	19	15	8	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	66			
Percent	7.6%	19.7%	3.0%	28.8%	22.7%	12.1%	4.5%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%				
AM Peak	10:00	08:00		11:00	11:00	10:00									11:00			
Vol.	1	2		2	2	1									6			
PM Peak	14:00	18:00	14:00	14:00	19:00	17:00	15:00	12:00							14:00			
Vol.	1	2	2	4	3	3	2	1							8			

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Direction 2																	
Start	1	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76	Total	Pace Speed	Number in Pace
Time	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	999			
03/04/24	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
01:00	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
02:00	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
03:00	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
04:00	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
05:00	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
06:00	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
07:00	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
08:00	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
09:00	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
10:00	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	*	2
11:00	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9-18	1
12 PM	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	26-35	4
13:00	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	26-35	3
14:00	1	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	28-37	5
15:00	1	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	25-34	5
16:00	0	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	16-25	4
17:00	5	2	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	21-30	7
18:00	2	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	26-35	4
19:00	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	24-33	2
20:00	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	15-24	1
21:00	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9-18	1
22:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
23:00	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	29-38	1
Total	14	12	3	19	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66		
Percent	21.2%	18.2%	4.5%	28.8%	22.7%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
AM Peak	10:00	11:00		10:00											10:00		
Vol.	3	1		1											4		
PM Peak	17:00	16:00	17:00	17:00	14:00	14:00									17:00		
Vol.	5	4	2	5	4	1									15		

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Direction 2																	
Start	1	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76	Total	Pace Speed	Number in Pace
Time	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	999			
03/05/24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
01:00	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14-23	1
02:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
03:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
04:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
05:00	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	20-29	3
06:00	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	25-34	3
07:00	1	1	0	6	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	26-35	7
08:00	0	0	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	26-35	5
09:00	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	21-30	2
10:00	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	21-30	3
11:00	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	24-33	3
12 PM	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	15-24	4
13:00	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	13-22	2
14:00	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	15-24	1
15:00	2	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	31-40	3
16:00	2	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	21-30	6
17:00	0	1	1	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	25-34	8
18:00	0	2	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	26-35	7
19:00	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9-18	1
20:00	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	11-20	3
21:00	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	21-30	3
22:00	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9-18	1
23:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
Total	11	14	14	35	18	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104		
Percent	10.6%	13.5%	13.5%	33.7%	17.3%	9.6%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
AM Peak	09:00	07:00	08:00	07:00	06:00	08:00	07:00								07:00		
Vol.	2	1	2	6	2	2	2								12		
PM Peak	15:00	20:00	16:00	17:00	17:00	15:00									17:00		
Vol.	2	3	4	5	3	2									11		

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Direction 2																	
Start	1	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76	Total	Pace Speed	Number in Pace
Time	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	999			
03/06/24	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14-23	1
01:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
02:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
03:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
04:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
05:00	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	14-23	2
06:00	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	24-33	3
07:00	1	0	2	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	25-34	8
08:00	2	1	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	25-34	5
09:00	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	*	2
10:00	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	14-23	2
11:00	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	24-33	2
12 PM	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	16-25	4
13:00	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14-23	1
14:00	0	1	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	15-24	3
15:00	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	21-30	3
16:00	1	0	2	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	21-30	7
17:00	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	26-35	5
18:00	0	0	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	26-35	7
19:00	0	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	16-25	4
20:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
21:00	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	1
22:00	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	1
23:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
Total	11	12	17	24	21	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91		
Percent	12.1%	13.2%	18.7%	26.4%	23.1%	6.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
AM Peak	09:00	05:00	07:00	07:00	07:00	07:00									07:00		
Vol.	3	1	2	4	4	1									12		
PM Peak	12:00	12:00	14:00	16:00	18:00	14:00									16:00		
Vol.	1	3	2	5	4	2									10		

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Start	1	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76	Total	Pace Speed	Number in Pace
Time	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	999			
03/07/24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
01:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
02:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
03:00	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24-33	1
04:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
05:00	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19-28	1
06:00	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	24-33	4
07:00	1	0	0	8	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	26-35	11
08:00	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	26-35	4
09:00	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	*	2
10:00	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	20-29	4
11:00	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1-10	3
12 PM	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	16-25	4
13:00	1	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	16-25	6
14:00	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	20-29	3
15:00	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	19-28	3
16:00	0	0	6	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	21-30	8
17:00	1	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	20-29	5
18:00	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	20-29	3
19:00	2	1	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	20-29	6
20:00	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	14-23	3
21:00	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	*	1
22:00	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19-28	1
23:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
Total	18	10	24	35	14	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103		
Percent	17.5%	9.7%	23.3%	34.0%	13.6%	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
AM Peak	10:00		10:00	07:00	07:00	08:00	07:00								07:00		
Vol.	4		2	8	3	1	1								13		
PM Peak	19:00	12:00	16:00	17:00	19:00										19:00		
Vol.	2	2	6	3	3										12		

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Start	1	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76		Pace	Number
Time	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	999	Total	Speed	in Pace
03/08/24	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	1
01:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
02:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
03:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
04:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
05:00	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19-28	1
06:00	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	24-33	2
07:00	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	26-35	3
08:00	1	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	26-35	4
09:00	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	26-35	2
10:00	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	21-30	4
11:00	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	29-38	2
12 PM	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	20-29	4
13:00	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	26-35	3
14:00	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	16-25	3
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17:00	2	0	2	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	24-33	7
18:00	0	2	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	26-35	5
19:00	1	2	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	25-34	7
20:00	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9-18	1
21:00	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	24-33	3
22:00	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	25-34	2
23:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
Total	20	15	14	31	20	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104		
Percent	19.2%	14.4%	13.5%	29.8%	19.2%	2.9%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
AM Peak	07:00	07:00	07:00	08:00	06:00	11:00									07:00		
Vol.	3	1	1	3	1	1									8		
PM Peak	14:00	13:00	12:00	17:00	19:00	15:00	15:00								19:00		
Vol.	4	3	2	4	4	2	1								12		

Anderson County
Speed study
Dacus Dr

Site Code: DACUS
Station ID:
Dacus Dr
Williamston
Latitude: 0' 0.0000 Undefined

Direction 2																	
Start	1	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76		Pace	Number
Time	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	999	Total	Speed	in Pace
03/09/24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
01:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
02:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
03:00	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19-28	1
04:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
05:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
06:00	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	*	1
07:00	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	*	1
08:00	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19-28	1
09:00	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	13-22	2
10:00	1	1	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	21-30	6
11:00	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9-18	1
12 PM	1	1	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	31-40	4
13:00	2	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	21-30	6
14:00	4	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	26-35	6
15:00	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	11-20	3
16:00	2	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	31-40	3
17:00	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	20-29	2
18:00	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	29-38	2
19:00	0	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	26-35	6
20:00	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	26-35	2
21:00	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	13-22	2
22:00	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	1
23:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
Total	19	12	11	22	16	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89		
Percent	21.3%	13.5%	12.4%	24.7%	18.0%	10.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
AM Peak	06:00	09:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	11:00									10:00		
Vol.	1	1	2	4	1	1									9		
PM Peak	14:00	15:00	13:00	13:00	14:00	12:00									14:00		
Vol.	4	2	3	3	4	2									11		

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Start	1	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76	Total	Pace Speed	Number in Pace
Time	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	999			
03/10/24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
01:00	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	1
02:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
03:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
04:00	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24-33	1
05:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
06:00	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9-18	1
07:00	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	20-29	2
08:00	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	26-35	4
09:00	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	31-40	3
10:00	0	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	16-25	4
11:00	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	14-23	2
12 PM	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10-19	2
13:00	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	16-25	3
14:00	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	16-25	3
15:00	0	0	0	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	29-38	6
16:00	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	24-33	3
17:00	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	15-24	3
18:00	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	24-33	2
19:00	1	0	1	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	31-40	6
20:00	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	*	2
21:00	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	29-38	3
22:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
23:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
Total	9	12	11	11	22	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74		
Percent	12.2%	16.2%	14.9%	14.9%	29.7%	12.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
AM Peak	01:00	10:00	09:00	07:00	08:00	09:00									10:00		
Vol.	1	3	1	2	3	3									8		
PM Peak	20:00	12:00	13:00	16:00	15:00	15:00									19:00		
Vol.	3	2	3	2	4	2									9		

Only one signature per household will be counted. At least 75% of the landowners whose property access the road requesting speed humps must sign.

Return to:

Anderson County Roads & Bridges
1428 Pearman Dairy Road
Anderson, SC 29625

NEIGHBORHOOD PETITION

We, the undersigned landowners, do petition the Anderson County Roads & Bridges Department for speed humps, and agree to provide the 50% cost share for the project.

Signature (Do not print)	Print Name	Address	Phone Number
✓ William Rogers	William Rogers	24 Dacus Dr	864-940-7482
✓ Cecil Jamerson	Cecil Jamerson	2 DACUS DR	864-940-8707
Marg Store	Marg Store	8 DACUS DR	864-760-9328
? Barbara Bolden	Barbara Bolden	28 dacus dr	864-622-9842
Tanya Crodale	Tanya Crodale	15 Dacus dr	864-546-0002
Rita Fowler	Rita Fowler	18 Dacus dr	864-221-6871
Maynard Turner	MAYNARA TURNER	22 DACUS DR	864-940-5770
	Travis Yates	162 Dacus Dr	864-309-3738
Steph Stet	Stephanie Stewart	107 Dacus Dr	864-992-4914
John Murdock	JOHN MURDOCK	105 DACUS DR.	864-933-4789
✓ Erika Edmondson	Erika Edmondson	202 DACUS DR	864-221-3489
Phyllis L Starnes	Phyllis L Starnes	210 Dacus DR.	864-437-4854
David Dellinger	David Dellinger	213 Dacus Dr	864-245-1045
James Bell	James Bell	12 Dacus Dr.	864-940-0695
James C DeVal	JAMES C DEVAL	9 DACUS DR.	864-947-4827
Mildred Smith	Mildred Smith	13 Dacus Dr.	864-847-8273
Linda Abramson	LINDA ABRAMSON	17 DACUS DR.	864-840-9527
Brandon Odachowski	Brandon Odachowski	109 Dacus Dr.	864-356-8229
Jordan Neeb	Jordan Neeb	208 Dacus Dr	864-977-0169
Timothy Sheets	TIMOTHY SHEETS	208 Dacus	864-305-7146
Wanda Burgess	Wanda Burgess	211 Dacus Dr.	864-840-9563
216 DACUS DR.			
Greg Forrester	Greg Forrester	103 DACUS DR	864-617-3495
Ashley Rhodes	Ashley Rhodes	104 Dacus Dr.	864-245-3235

I am the contact person for this road and will be responsible for the expedition of information between the roads & bridges department and the landowners on the proposed road.

Name:	Greg Forrester
Address:	103 DACUS DRIVE, WILLIAMSTON S.C. 29697
Telephone#:	864-617-3495

Signature (Do not print)

Print Name

Address

Phone
Number

Francis & Rhoda

FRANCIS E Rhodes

106 PALMS DR

864-584-2894
4641

Samantha D Broom

Samantha D Broom

104 W Park Dr

864-361-5784

Gatha Rainey

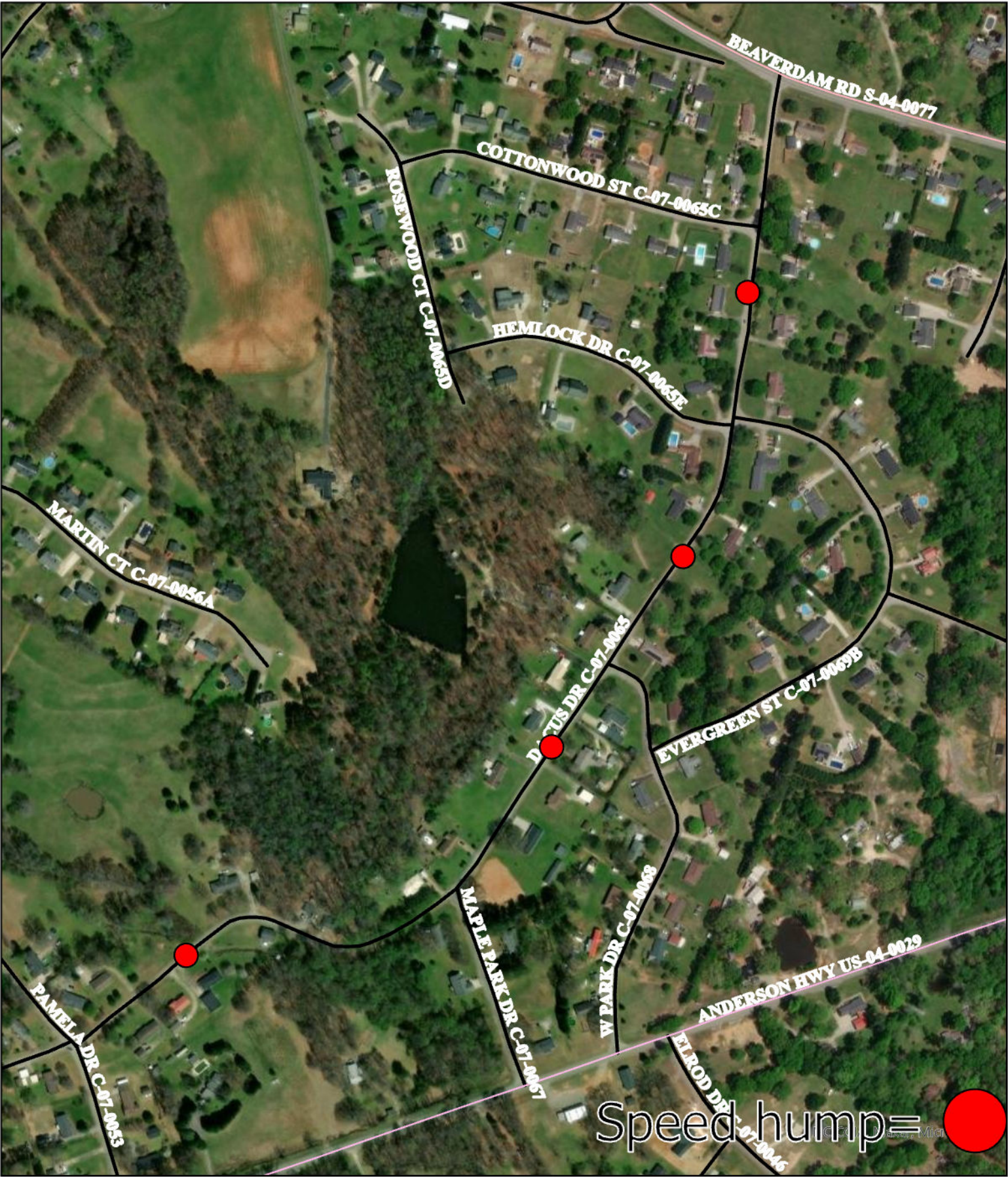
Gatha Rainey

103 W Park Dr

864-642-8026

These two homes' driveway enters
on Dacus Drive.

Exhibit A



Dacus Drive approx. locations of proposed speed humps, adjustments may be made during installation



Anderson County Central Services Division
Purchasing Department

To: Mr. Rusty Burns

From: Robert Carroll

Date: 03/28/2024

Re: Bid #24-027

Anderson County received bids on March 21st for the Public Safety 700mhz/800mhz Radios. We had two (2) contractors to submit a bid. County staff recommends award to the low bidder, Kimball Communications of Hendersonville, N.C. The total price is \$250,571.14. Staff is requesting approval of the bid at this time.

Anderson County Purchasing Department Bid Tabulation

BID #24-027 PUBLIC SAFETY RADIOS

#	Total Cost	
1	KIMBALL COMMUNICATIONS	\$250,571.14
2	ROCK COMMUNICATIONS	\$320,461.00
3	KC2W	NO RESPONSE
4	VEICOMM	NO RESPONSE
5	MOTOROLA	NO RESPONSE
6	CJIS GROUP	NO RESPONSE
7	CELLANTENNA	NO RESPONSE
8	WHITE CAP	NO RESPONSE
9	DEBBIE ALSTON	NO RESPONSE
10	ALLIED SOLUTIONS	NO RESPONSE
11	CHARLESTON WIRELESS	NO RESPONSE
12	BARBARA GENGARELLY	NO RESPONSE
13	GLOVES PLUS	NO RESPONSE
14	E REPUBLIC	NO RESPONSE

#	Total Cost
15 PROLOGICITS	NO RESPONSE
16 COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL	NO RESPONSE
17 MICROWAVE NETWORKS	NO RESPONSE
18 ALPHAVETS	NO RESPONSE
19 NOVA TECHNOLOGIES	NO RESPONSE
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29 AWARD TO:	

EXHIBIT B

BID FORM

Name of Party submitting the Bid: Kimball Communications Inc

To: Purchasing Manager for Anderson County

1. Pursuant to the Notice Calling for Bids and the other Bid documents contained in the Bid package, the undersigned party submitting the Bid, having conducted a thorough inspection and evaluation of the Specifications and General Conditions contained therein, hereby submit the following pricing set forth herein:

Bid: Public Safety 700mhz/800mhz Radios

Total Bid Price for items described in the Specifications (attached):

<u>QTY</u>	<u>U/M</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
50	Each	Public Safety 700mhz/800mhz Radios :per attached specifications	\$4,683.57	\$ 234,178.64
			Tax \$ 327.85	\$ 16,392.50
TOTAL				\$ <u>250,571.14</u>

**** Price must include delivery to Anderson County Technical Services.



AGENDA
Public Safety Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 8:00 am
101 South Main Street
Anderson, SC
Second Floor, Administrator's Conference Room
Chairman Greg Elgin, Presiding

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Greg Elgin

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Glenn Davis

3. COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISCUSSION

Adam Westmoreland

4. OLD BUSINESS

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

7. ADJOURNMENT

Tommy Dunn
Chairman, District Five

John B. Wright, Jr.
District One

Greg Elgin
District Three

M. Cindy Wilson
District Seven



Brett Sanders
V. Chairman, District Four

Glenn Davis
District Two

Jimmy Davis
District Six

Renee Watts
Clerk to Council

Rusty Burns
County Administrator



RECREATION FUND APPROPRIATIONS APPLICATION

WHAT DISTRICT(S) ARE YOU REQUESTING FUNDING FROM:

DISTRICT: 3

Mail/Email/Fax to:

Anderson County Council Clerk
P.O. Box 8002, Anderson, SC 29622
rdwatts@andersoncountysc.org
Fax: 864-260-4356

Tommy Dunn
Chairman, District 5

Brett Sanders
V. Chairman, District 4

John B. Wright, Jr.
Council District 1

Glenn A. Davis
Council District 2

Greg Elgin
Council District 3

Jimmy Davis
Council District 6

Cindy Wilson
Council District 7

Renee Watts
Clerk to Council

Rusty Burns
County Administrator

1. Name of entity requesting recreation fund appropriation:

Starr Fire Dept.

2. Amount of request (If requesting funds from more than one district, annotate amount from each district):

\$750.00

3. The purpose for which the funds are being requested:

To help offset cost of July 4th Celebration

4. Is the entity a non-profit corporation in good standing with the South Carolina Secretary of State? If so, please attach evidence of that good standing.

5. Contact Person: Gregg Campbell Chief

Mailing Address: PO Box 373 Starr SC 29684

Phone Number: 864.934.8421

Email: turnercamp@wctel.net

6. Statement as to whether the entity will be providing matching funds:

The Starr FD will cover the rest of the cost

I certify that the forgoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I am authorized to make this application on behalf of the above-named entity.

Signature

Gregg Campbell
Print Name

March 27 2024
Date



RECREATION FUND APPROPRIATIONS APPLICATION

WHAT DISTRICT(S) ARE YOU REQUESTING FUNDING FROM:

DISTRICT: 7

Mail/Email/Fax to:

Anderson County Council Clerk
P.O. Box 8002, Anderson, SC 29622
rdwatts@andersoncountysc.org
Fax: 864-260-4356

Tommy Dunn
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- Name of entity requesting recreation fund appropriation:
*Palmetto Middle School 8th grade Robotics Team
Anderson School District One*
- Amount of request (If requesting funds from more than one district, annotate amount from each district):
*District 7 - \$5,000
District 1 - \$500 District 4 - \$500 District 2 - \$500
District 3 - \$500 District 5 - \$500 District 6 - \$500*
- The purpose for which the funds are being requested:
The 4 student team qualified for the VEX Robotics World Championship in Dallas, TX. We are trying to raise money to offset the travel expense and hotel rooms for the 4 students and teacher.
- Is the entity a non-profit corporation in good standing with the South Carolina Secretary of State? If so, please attach evidence of that good standing.
See attached
- Contact Person: *Buffie Yates*
Mailing Address: *140 Middle School Rd
Williamston 29697*
Phone Number: *864-367-2918*
Email: *yatesb@apps.anderson1.org*
- Statement as to whether the entity will be providing matching funds:
At this time, we do not have any matching funds.

I certify that the forgoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I am authorized to make this application on behalf of the above-named entity.

Buffie Yates
Signature

Buffie Yates
Print Name

3/25/2024
Date

MEMO: To Whom It May Concern

FROM: Travis Thomas
Director of Finance

DATE: August 6, 2018

SUBJECT: Tax Exempt Status of Anderson County School District One

Anderson County School District One is not considered to be tax exempt for sales tax purposes. However, we are a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina and are eligible for contributions and donations. These same contributions and donations are considered tax deductible. The following codes from the South Carolina Code of Laws and Internal Revenue Codes are for your information and reference.

1. Section 59-17-10 of the code of Laws of South Carolina 1976 declares that school districts are political subdivisions of the State of South Carolina.
2. Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Service Code states that the income of political subdivisions is tax exempt.
3. Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code contains the definition of charitable contributions. This section states, in part, that the term charitable contribution means a contribution or gift to or for the use of the United States, the District of Columbia, a state, a possession of the United States, or any *political subdivision* but only if the contribution or gift is made for exclusively public purpose.

Palmetto Middle School is considered a component unit of Anderson County District One Schools and is reported under the same Employer Identification Code and state employer identification code for required reporting to the federal and state government.