ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2018

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: I’d like to call the January 16th Special Presentation part of the Council meeting to order. And I want to welcome each and everyone of you here. Glad to see you here tonight.

We’re going to change the agenda order out in just a little bit. I think some people on Item (a) are supposed to be here. Give Ms. Wilson more time to commence. We’ll start with (b), Item 2(b) R2018-004, Vice Chairman Ray Graham. Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, I’d like to bring forth in form of a motion, R2018-005. This is A Resolution to Honor and Recognize Rhonda Gregory as 2018 South Carolina Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year; and other Matters Related Thereto.

Whereas, after earning an English Education degree from Anderson University Rhonda became an English teacher of 8th grade students teaching at McCants and Glenview Middle Schools in Anderson School District Five. After teaching for two years Rhonda believed she could help make positive differences in education thus prompting the decision to further her education. She attended Furman University enrolling in the School Leadership program earning a Master’s Degree in Leadership in 2010 and an Educational Specialist Degree in 2013; and

Whereas, Rhonda was a teacher for seven years before taking on the role of Assistant Principal at Honea Path Middle School. She is currently in her fifth year as assistant principal. She believes each student has the potential to find success. Rhonda can often be heard saying “Leaders are Readers”; and

Whereas, on October 24, 2017 Rhonda was recognized and honored by Anderson University as a rising leader of our community in The Independent Mail’s 2017 Class of 20 Under 40; and

Whereas, Rhonda Gregory was selected as 2018 South Carolina Middle School Assistant Principal of the year on December 5, 2017 by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators; and

NOW, THEREFORE the Anderson County Council recognizes and honors Rhonda Gregory who passionately serves the children and families of our community. We appreciate your dedication, leadership and personal commitment for our youth who will become future educators and leaders in our community. We are happy to celebrate and salute your most recent recognition and distinction as 2018 South Carolina Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year.

RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled this 16th day

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Mr. Graham. Have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, if I could have Ms. Gregory and her family come to the front for a presentation.

(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. We’ll be moving on to the next item on the agenda, 2(c)2018-005. Councilman Wooten. Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I’d like to put this in the form of a motion for R2018-004, A Resolution to Recognize and Raise Awareness for the Critical Demand of Foster Care Homes needed for Children in our Community; and other matters related thereto.

Whereas, since December 1, 2017, there have been 4357 children placed in foster care in South Carolina, with 3071 of those children having regular placement. Currently there are only 1639 licensed regular foster homes throughout the state requiring 62% of the children in foster care to be placed outside of the county they reside. As a result, these children are separated from their school, churches, friends and support systems; and

Whereas, since December 1, 2017 in Anderson County there have been 191 children placed in foster care with only 88 licensed regular foster homes. We are in need of 103 new families to assist in providing foster care to children of Anderson County; and

Whereas, the Department of Social Services serves within the communities of South Carolina to promote safety, permanency, stability and focus on the well-being of children and young adults through foster care and adoption. There are 570 children who are legally free and available for adoption currently in foster care; and

Whereas, children in foster care come from varying backgrounds including some who have been starved and exposed to trauma, abuse or neglect. These children are in need of nurturing family homes that will provide an investment of time, guidance, and love to make a difference in their lives. It is important to educate, campaign and bring awareness to the communities of Anderson County of the current issue we
are facing for children in foster care.

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Put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten has a motion.

Have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Are
there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of
Mr. Wooten’s motion show of hands. All opposed like
sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 2(d) 2018-006. Put this
in the form of a motion. Mr. McClure was presented
this the other night at the Zoning Appeals Board and
isn’t here. But for the record, like to read this and
let the Council pass this. Again, I put this as a
motion. A Resolution to Honor and Recognize Hubert
McClure’s Decades of Service to the Anderson County
Land Use and Zoning Board of Appeals and the Anderson
Community; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

Whereas, Mr. Hubert McClure has served on the
Anderson County Land Use and Zoning Board of Appeals
for Twenty years, including dedicated service as
Chairman; and

Whereas, Mr. McClure graduated from Westside High
School in 1985, Tri-County Technical College in 1989,
Clemson University in 1994 with a bachelor’s degree in
Mathematics and in 1998 with a master’s degree; and

Whereas, Mr. McClure served in the United States
Marine Corps from 1988 to 1996, including service in
Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm and
he has brought his military, educational, business,
and life experience to bear in his over twenty years
of teaching students at Tri-County Technical college,
one military veteran and student stating in a 2011
news article, “I just recently and with the help of
Hubert have been assimilating better into
civilization”; and

Whereas, Mr. McClure is the proud father of
Lauren, 19 and Walt, 11, and manages and co-owns a
beef cattle farm and worked with his father at McClure
Surveying for over twenty years; and

Whereas, Anderson County is grateful to Mr.
McClure for his over twenty years of dedicated service
to the Anderson County Land Use and Zoning Board of
Appeals and hereby honor and recognize his many
contribution to the Anderson Community.

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I put that in the form of a motion.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Ms. Wilson, you want to move on or what you want -- what would you like to do?
CINDY WILSON: I just called to find out where they are and I’ve got a phone call back, but I suppose at this moment, unless we see about 20 girls bouncing in here shortly, we’ll have to reschedule.
TOMMY DUNN: Reschedule? You want to -- okay.
CINDY WILSON: Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Hearing that, then, we’ll get that rescheduled when they can make it. Must have been a mix up or something. But anyway, hearing that, this part of the Council meeting will be -- of the presentation and proclamations will be adjourned. We’ll reconvene back here for regular Council meeting starting at 6:30.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED 6:15 P.M.)
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County of Anderson   )

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TOMMY DUNN: At this time we’d like to call the January the 16th regular Anderson County Council meeting to order. Like to welcome each and every one of y’all here. Thank y’all for coming out on a cold night. At this time I’d like to ask Councilman Waters if he’d lead us in Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. If we’d all rise, please.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: With your permission I’d like to keep my seat.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. We understand. Health reason Ms. Floyd will be sitting.

(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY KEN WATERS)

TOMMY DUNN: At this time are there any changes or corrections to be made to the January the 2nd regular Anderson County Council meeting minutes? Anybody have any? Anybody make a motion to accept them as presented?

RAY GRAHAM: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham makes a motion to accept as presented. Mr. Waters seconds. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 4, Citizens Comments. Mr. Harmon calls your name, please state your name and district for the record. Address the Chair. You have three minutes, and keep matters on agenda items only this first go-around. Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, there are two citizens signed up. First, Frank Pressly.

FRANK PRESSLY: Okay. I’m addressing Item number 13. I’m Frank Pressly, District 2. I googled Allied Waste and the word indictment. And I got about twenty-five examples of times over the past twenty years that Allied Waste has been indicted for corruption and bribery.

Now, my concern here is, we’re dealing with a company that spanked us twenty years ago. And there was no reason that we had to sell (feedback from mic). What I handed out to you here is, on the first three pages was one of the dozens of articles that I picked out because it’s kind of close to us here, although it involves a city council. And it shows that they were convicted of bribery and corruption related to Allied Waste. Now what I have attached to that is a copy of a contract, an EDS from Chicago, where Allied Waste is applying for a contract with Chicago. Now, if you notice on page 1, the name of the entity applying is Allied Waste Transportation Inc.
Now let me jump you forward to page 4 of that and you’ll see down at the bottom it says, please provide ownership information concerning each person or entity that holds an anticipated interest. You’ll see it’s listed Allied Waste North America, Allied Waste Industries, Republic Services, and then Cascade Investment. Oddly enough, they have so many of these Allied Waste names, that they didn’t even list Allied Waste Transportation so they don’t -- they got so many names they don’t even know their own name.

Now if you jump over to page 7, you’ll see that the reason that they have done this is, pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter blah blah, neither the applicant nor any controlling person is currently indicted or charged with or has admitted guilt of and so on and so forth. Basically what they do is they sell the companies around to shell companies who are their own entities. If you look through these and look at their origins, they are all the same company, they’re just sister companies, shell companies, and that’s how they cover up the corruption of what they have been indicted for and reduce down to a single person the ownership of one of these contracts so that they don’t have to say that they’ve ever been indicted and so forth.

I believe that we don’t need to deal with a company that ripped us off. They may be the only player on the block right now but we have Greenville. We should be able to work something out with them. Whatever they’re doing with other entities, should be good enough for us, too. The way I see it, the numbers they’re giving us, we’re going to spend a hundred and twenty million dollars with them in the next eighteen years. And why is it eighteen years? What happened to multiple year contracts that binds the hands of the Council and so forth? I mean it should be one year to one year. To have our own waste disposal, to build it and to run it for the next twenty years is ---

LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.
FRANK PRESSLY: --- projected to cost about forty million dollars.
TOMMY DUNN: Time.
FRANK PRESSLY: We need to take that eighty million dollars ---
LEON HARMON: Next speaker, Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3.
Well, I didn’t know Mr. Pressly was going to be here tonight, and I didn’t know he was going to talk on
that. But guess what, I was, too. I think there’s too much hanky panky. We’ve gone through so much with these companies, I believe, and you can put it on the record, I believe that these waste companies are nothing but the pure Mafia.

We have distinguished gentlemen and ladies sitting up there. Do you want your name attached with that? I think that we need to pursue this a lot further. The landfills are a big part of where there is the corruption that is behind the scenes not only in Anderson County but other places. Y’all need to look hard and long before you hook up with this arrangement.

TOMMY DUNN: Next, Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: That’s all, Mr. Chairman.


GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Tonight I wanted to talk about District 2. I am involved with all of Anderson County; every space, every inch, every mile. I am involved with Anderson County. But I am particularly involved with District 2 because that is the District that allows me to be here through their voting for me for the past eighteen years. And that’s where my concern is.

This year -- well, first of all, I was unable to meet all of my goals for last year, but I did pretty good anyway. Those of you who called me, you know that I worked from the bed and did a pretty good job and was very comfortable while I did it. But I worked never the less. I will continue the work that we’re going to do this year.

I want Anderson County to be more people friendly. All people friendly. I want Anderson County to focus on -- not on the fishing part of it, not on the sports part of it only, I want them to focus on every facet of it. The quality of living part. Clean neighborhoods. Communities where people are comfortable to live in. And I want us to look at the complaints that people come to us with.

On the quality of living for District 2, I would like to see our parks in District 2 a little better. I’m not asking for a Civic Center park, but I’m asking for a park that people can access right in their neighborhoods without having to go all the way up to the Civic Center.

I’m looking for Broadway Lake to start something this year. As you may or may not know, I have asked that Broadway Lake be turned into a facility where families could go to enjoy the water out there. It’s
awful that we have people out there swimming around
and there’s this big old sign that says No Swimming
Please, and then under the sign, you see the sheriff
police people standing around looking. Either we’re
going to close it down or we’re going to fix it up so
it can be used. I’ve had this as a ongoing project
for about two years. Nothing much has been done.
They did a courtesy -- I feel like it was a courtesy,
let’s do this so we can get her to be quiet for a
little while. But I want more than that. I really
want more than that.

I received a letter from a family, a couple who
recently used the house on Mc Falls Landing. Folks,
they actually wrote me a letter thanking me for
putting up with everything I went through to get that
facility straightened up. They said that because we
did that it’s a pleasant place to enjoy. The letter,
the little note that they sent me, it just made me
feel so good, like, maybe we are on the right track
about these things that we’re trying to do. There are
several parks around Broadway Lake. I would like to
see them cleaned up some and something put there so
folks can go out to enjoy. Like I said, I’m not
asking for another Green Pond out there. All I’m
asking for is it to be as nice as it could possibly be
for the people who live in that area.

There are other things that District 2 will be
working towards trying to accomplish in this year
that’s going to be people friendly and it’s going to
increase the quality of life.

I listened to the story about the lady who was on
the ladder catching the babies as they were thrown out
of a house that was on fire. She in turn threw it
down. She said that was her job. She said that’s
what she was meant to do. She said she was doing only
what was in her heart about her job. And I started
thinking about Council. And I said, do we do what we
need to do with the people who have problems that come
to us? Or do we just chuck it off? Or do we not
answer the telephones when they call? Or do we tell
them we’re going to call you back and we don’t? Are
we doing the same thing? Are we working to the extent
of our position that we’re supposed to be doing?
Sometimes I don’t think so. Sometimes I don’t think
so.

There’s a lady who has an issue with zoning and my
heart goes out to her. I can’t help her. Number one,
I’m not an attorney. Number two, the questions she
asks I can’t answer. But I know this lady needs some
help. If she’s wrong, then let’s work with her and
show her that she’s wrong. If she’s right, then let’s work with her and make it right.

But for District 2, that’s what I pledge to do. That’s what I pledge to continue to do. To work with people. To talk to people. I don’t have an unlisted telephone nor do I have one of those things on my phone that will let you know who is calling. Anybody calls, I pick up the phone. Could be my child. Anybody calls, I pick up the phone. I’m having problems with my cell phone right now. Apple whatever, you know Apple’s having problems. But you call my house, I answer the phone. I pledge to continue to work in this year. I don’t know about next year. I can only talk about -- really I can only about this moment right now. But I’m going to push it, Lord, and I’m going to go through the year.

And I want you Council members to please join with me. Let’s do a better job in representing our constituents. Let’s answer the phone when they call. Let’s try our best to help them solve their problems. Let’s not put on a Pony Show -- let’s say Dog and Pony Show -- for the people who voted for us to be up here. To represent them. And I’m asking you to let’s be people friendly. Let’s work with everybody here in Anderson County, the North, the South, the East and the West of Anderson County. If you’ve got a problem, then you’ve got a Council person. If you live in Anderson, then you’ve got a Council person. And if you’ve got a Council person, then that Council person should be us. And we should be the ones that are helping these people. If we don’t know, let’s find out.

And that is the -- my commitment to the citizens of all of Anderson County and to the citizens of Anderson County District 2. And I thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now to the next item on the agenda. Year End PAWS Report. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can you hear me now? Am I on? Yeah, I want to take a few minutes tonight regarding the Animal Shelter, our PAWS shelter. (Inaudible). I wanted to talk a little bit about the animal shelter tonight and the great job that they’re doing out there. As a lot of you know I’ve been pretty much involved in the animal protection business, and rewriting ordinances and so on. And I just wanted to read a couple of numbers to you tonight and then I’d like to introduce our veterinarian from the shelter if she’d like to say a few words. I’m not putting her on the spot, but, anyway.
Just to look at some of the things that have occurred. For instance, in 2016 there were 1449 adoptions. This year there were 2895 adoptions. Euthanasia back in 2016 was 2986 animals. In 2017 it was only 409 animals euthanized. This is a great step forward. I think maybe spay and neuter is catching on in addition to the great job that they’re doing at the animal shelter. And we’re basically right now Anderson County is considered a no-kill shelter because their rate down there now, they’re saving any place between 93 and 95 percent of all the animals either by getting them back to the owners or adopting them out or sending them out to other no-kill shelters around the state and around the country. Just doing a fantastic job.

And I’d like to introduce our vet. Kim, would you like to come up and say anything? If you would, you had mentioned something about what they’re doing in Charleston and some of the state laws. That would probably be a better mike. This is Doctor Sanders, our veterinarian, in case you haven’t met her.

KIM SANDERS: Just want to say thank you all for the support that you’ve given us over the last year. It’s just been tremendous and we couldn’t have done it without every bit of your support and all of your help. The goal for the state of South Carolina for the end of 2018 will be to no longer be euthanizing healthy dogs. And as one of their key resource centers, we are certainly headed in the right direction. We’re really excited to be a big part of that and be one of the first states to have a no-kill initiative in place and to be one of the leaders for South Carolina. So thank you all for your support.

TOM ALLEN: Thank you. Really appreciate what you’ve done. I paid her five dollars earlier to say those nice things about Council. So it’s okay.

But seriously, though, they’re doing a wonderful job down there. And I encourage anybody, if you’ve not been down there, go down, adopt an animal, foster an animal, chip in a few dollars, take down some -- a bag of dog food, cleaning materials or any of the other things they need down there. So thank you, again, Kim, for what you do. And thank you, Ms. Floyd.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen.
CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I add?
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: It was (microphone issues) brought before this Council, I guess it’s been about
four, five years ago, implemented the low cost spay/neuter program and hopefully that’s finally kicking in, too. But the new spirit at the (microphone issues again).

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Allen, thank you for that report. But I do have a concern. In my neighborhood, we just recently received a cat, a black and white cat. We all wondered how it got there. But we have two cats now. I don’t know if this cat is a product of the release -- I mean clip and release thing. But we do have a new cat in the neighborhood -- well, we had a new cat in the neighborhood. I saw him the other day, in the road, splashed. Splat. Somebody ran over him. When I got back, I was going to call somebody to come remove him. But when I got back it was a mess. Somebody else ran over the poor little cat who was not euthanized, who was just wandering the neighborhood. Then I went up on Main Street and I saw another cat that was dead, splash. On Main Street. And then I saw another one the same day. There’s three dead cats in the middle of the street that were just lying there. I wish we could do something about that. Thank you.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

RAY GRAHAM: I’d also like to commend Dr. Sanders and her staff on the excellent job you guys have done this year. Y’all are truly putting in a lot of hard effort and moving in a good direction and definitely want to commend you guys for the great job y’all have done and we appreciate all the hard work.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Also like to echo, I know it’s very tough, I’ve said numerous times, that’s one of the toughest jobs I believe you could have out there working that. I know I couldn’t do it. And appreciate all what the staff does and under the leadership of Doctor Sanders. Been a remarkable turnaround. And doing a great thing and any way this Council can help, let us know. Thank you very much.

Moving on to Item number 7, Ordinance third reading, there are none. Item number 8, Ordinance second reading there’s none. Item number 9, Ordinance first reading there’s none.

Moving on to Item number 10 Resolutions 2018-007 a resolution directing the Anderson County Administrator to instruct Anderson County Planning staff to begin
the process of reviewing the Anderson County Code of
Ordinances to streamline land development processes.
Put that in the form of a motion.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Now
discussion. I'd just like to explain that. Some of
us have talked about it now for quite some time. Some
of our ordinances contradict what the other one says.
We just went back to something -- y'all remember last
year I think it was we had an instance where we had to
go through three readings so somebody could put a
brick house in a place. Hopefully get somebody to
come in, me and the Administrator’s talked about it,
me and Mr. Forman’s talked about it, me and several
Council members have talked about it and this is just,
put this in motion to get something looked at and get
CINDY WILSON: Very quickly. It’s --
along with what you’ve said there have been some
comments out in the development community and the
Board of Realtors and Building Association that they
appreciate the better efficiencies that they have in
permitting here, but we do have a few things to iron
out. And I would hope that in the near future we
could have a meeting with all those entities and the
developers to sit down and go through things. We by
no means want to discourage good development but we
certainly want to make sure anything that is not --
well, I should say, if they’re applying for rezoning,
or a radical change in use, then it does definitely
need to go through the process and make sure it ends
up really well. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of
hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
carries unanimously.
Move on to Item number 11 Bid Approvals. 11(a)
Five Mile Sewer Line Phase Two. Requesting award of
bid to low bidder Strack Incorporated. Bid of one
hundred seventeen thousand dollars and seventy-one
dollars. County has been
awarded a RIA grant of a half million dollars and the
remaining balance of the one point two and some change
will come from the sewer fund balance. We have a
motion to move this forward?
KEN WATERS: So moved.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second
CINDY WILSON: I always have a problem remembering our local preference and all. Did that play into this consideration?

TOMMY DUNN: No, it didn’t take effect in this. Mr. Carroll’s shaking his head no.

CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. All abstentions. Show the motion carries with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten, and Ms. Wilson in favor. And Ms. Floyd abstains.

Moving on to Item number 11(b) Sheriff’s cars. Twenty Dodge Chargers. Bid approval to Sheriff cars, twenty Dodge Chargers, requesting awarding to Global Public for six hundred and one thousand seventy-five dollars. Council approved one million dollars in the current capital budget for patrol cars and this will be paid from those funds. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters. Do we have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Now discussion? Have any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I do.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Briefly, could I find out more about the twenty Dodge Chargers. Now I know you said that the money was put in the budget for this, right? Under the Sheriff’s department, I mean in the Sheriff’s department budget?

TOMMY DUNN: Part of Sheriff’s department in our capital budget. Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And it was enough to buy twenty of the Dodge ---

TOMMY DUNN: Uh-huh (affirmative).

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. I want to ask one question. The Sheriff cars, will -- is this going to be in addition to the others that are there, right? Do we have any that are going -- that we’re going to retire?

TOMMY DUNN: They are retiring some, yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: I beg your pardon?

TOMMY DUNN: They are retiring some, but I’ll let -- they shaking their head, yeah, they are retiring some for this and they’ve already tired some. They’ve got an on-going, online selling cars.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. I’ll call. Thank you.

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

Moving on, Report from the Planning and Public Works Committee meeting held January 8th, 2018.


CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We had discussion concerning recreational space as an issue brought about most recently at Town Hall meetings conducted by Mr. Waters in the Powdersville area for the Northeast County Comprehensive Land Use Map and Plan. The feedback from those meetings indicates a desire by some new residents in the area for more parks.

The county currently owns 36 parks with five hundred and fourteen acres, not including city, state and national parks, with many ballfields, picnic shelters, walking tracks, playgrounds, tennis courts, boat ramps and lake parks. We recognize that many of these new residents are coming from high taxed areas for jobs and retirement to our much lower taxed county. They are locating in dense residential developments which have no places for adults to walk or play areas for children. We requested Mr. Michael Forman, Planning Director, to review what and how other locals address this matter in developments and to report back to us.

Next we received an update regarding solid waste. A quick recap of our efforts is as follows. The solid waste disposal contract of the last twenty years expired 12-31-17. It was a deal put together by the previous administration, which included the giving of our Big Creek county-owned landfill for two million dollars to a subsidiary of Laidlaw International, along with the disposal and hauling contracts, without benefit of public competitive bidding. These contracts were tied to CPI resulting in annual price increases.

We began deliberations in June as we concluded the 2018 budget, completely -- and complete and fully executed closing documents could not be found. Attachments consisting of schedules and engineering reports could not be found. Our committee met several times during June and July. As time was shortening our committee requested that a request for qualifications be sent to any and all possible facilities within a reasonable drive. The packages were sent out September 20th and two responses were
received on October 19th. One for Greenville County’s Twin Chimneys Facilities across the river and Waste Connections, the current owner of the former Anderson County Big Creek landfill. Greenville County offered to take Anderson County municipal solid waste for seventeen dollars a ton, no CPI, construction and demolition for fifteen dollars a ton, e-waste twenty cents a ton, yard waste fifteen dollars a ton and so on. Waste Connections is currently billing Anderson County at twenty-nine dollars and fifty-two cents per ton, but offered to reduce to twenty-seven fifty-three per ton for municipal solid waste, continuing to tie to CPI and other considerations.

When we met in November we requested further negotiations with Greenville County and Waste Connections. Greenville’s response was removed from consideration as our county attorney believes that their unwillingness to post a one million dollar performance bond and not having a transfer site in Anderson County disqualified them.

In addition to those items Council members were concerned about the increased cost for hauling for our municipalities and small haulers tied to the additional mileage and the possibility that Greenville County Council could increase the cost to users by a vote.

It was requested by our committee members to staff that negotiations continue with Waste Connections to further reduce the cost to the county considering the seven hundred thousand dollar difference between the two facilities. By December 8th we were informed of an improved price from Waste Connections for twenty-four dollars and ninety-nine cents per ton, still tied to CPI. Our committee expressed that while that number was heading in the right direction, there was still a substantial gap between the parties, even considering the additional hauling expense. We also made an informal request for a thirty day extension on the contract, as the December 31st expiration and the holidays were fast on us.

As Committee Chair, I frequently asked our Administrator for updates. At our January 2nd Council meeting, I spoke with our solid waste director asking for the latest news and he stated that the company had come back at twenty-three dollars per ton. I thanked him for his work and congratulated him on a number that looked very supportable. We set a date for our next Planning and Public Works Committee meeting for January 8th. We were into our 30 day extension that had been granted.
Friday afternoon I made an almost daily trip to the courthouse to inquire as to new developments and to pick up paperwork for the Monday meeting. Reviewing paperwork that evening it was discovered that on December 29th our Administrator had received a memo from our solid waste director outlining the negotiated items with the company. And that is as follows.

I’ll just go through the numbers. The initial disposal rate of twenty-three dollars and ninety cents per ton is item 1. Item 2 is a fifteen year term for Anderson County’s municipal solid waste and construction and demolition. 3 is a four percent increase of disposal rate that would take place in the sixth and the eleventh years of the contract, not tied to CPI now. Item 4, Anderson County approves an annual tonnage cap increase from four hundred and thirty-eight thousand tons to eight hundred and seventy-six thousand tons as approved by DHEC. Number 5, Anderson County approves a lateral expansion subject to the submission of project details that meet all local, state and federal requirements. Item 6, Anderson County exercises the two one-year extensions for current hauling contract. 7, host fees will continue as in current contract.

Our committee -- oops -- our committee had met on Monday the 8th, of course, to discuss the aforementioned recreational space and the new solid waste considerations. It was very disappointing to note the delay in advising the Committee Chairman and in whose district the facility resides. We discussed that while it was believed that the numbers were supportable and would probably receive County Council approval, the doubling of capacity and the lateral expansion at this late a date would throw a wrench into the situation, making the existing timetable unworkable. We requested our county attorney to advise us to the possibility of a one to two year extension on the contract, if it was legal, under our county procurement codes, allowing our County Council, county citizens, the company and the residents time to explore all avenues. I requested that items 4 and 5 be set aside and be addressed in a more timely manner and separately.

We agreed to reconvene on Friday, the 12th to receive our attorney’s opinion and to further discuss solutions. At our new business we quickly acknowledged our hazmat team and their cleanup work on the 3rd tanker spill and turn-over near the landfill. And that concluded our January 8th meeting.
Shall I continue with January 12?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

CINDY WILSON: Our committee reconvened with a 30 minute delay allowing members to participate in the Tri-County Tech ribbon cutting. Mr. Allen filled in for one of our members who could not come. Our County Administrator who could not be with us had released his opinion to us the afternoon before that a one to two year extension would violate our procurement codes. Therefore -- excuse me -- there was a general consensus that our committee would support the items other than four and five and those items we would save -- with those items excluded, the county would save finding and building an estimated one point six million dollar transfer station and renegotiating new hauling contracts. We had a very spirited discussion regarding the increased capacity and the lateral expansion items. The company had sent a new memo stating that they wanted approval for six hundred and fifty-seven thousand tons per year down from eight hundred and seventy-six thousand tons per year. The current capacity is four hundred and thirty-eight thousand tons per year, of which, by contract, Anderson County is disposing approximately sixty-six thousand tons per year.

Additionally we requested a report outlining what amount is being disposed of by companies in our county and how much out of county trash is coming in. Anderson County currently uses eighteen to nineteen percent of the annual capacity. This report has yet to be obtained, but should be shortly. However, a review of the Daniel report of 2009 shows the following numbers, starting with 2004.

That year, and I’ll just round up, three hundred and forty-six thousand six hundred and twenty tons. 2005, approximately at least three hundred and sixty-nine thousand seven hundred tons. 2006, three hundred and fifty-five thousand tons. 2007, three hundred and forty-four thousand tons. 2008, three hundred and seventy-two thousand six hundred tons. 2009, two hundred and thirty-six thousand eight hundred tons. South Carolina DHEC, in response to my questions last week, stated that for 2017 Waste Connections received three hundred and forty-six thousand four hundred and fifty-one tons of the four hundred and thirty-eight thousand tons per year, which is 79.1 percent, just shy of a 20 percent trigger for expansion application. We also discussed a variety of complaints from the community regarding the landfill, including litter, heavy truck traffic, eighteen.
wheelers on roads that (MICROPHONE ISSUES). As we had
very mixed feelings from the Council members present,
we do not have a motion to bring to you tonight as
there would be too many working parts on a timetable
that wouldn’t allow for items 4 and 5 to be part of
the contract, and then as required to be in the solid
waste plan, part of the County Comprehensive Land Use
Map and Plan as multiple public hearings and three
ordinance readings would be required.

We then moved on to examining some photographs and
descriptions of some of the camper and tent dwelling
issues that have been provided to our committee by one
of our Planning Commission members. We adjourned.

Just by way of notification prior to our County
Council meeting tonight, Chairman Dunn called and
there have been some new developments pertaining to
the solid waste matter. And I would like to ask Mr.
Dunn is he would bring us up to date on that, please.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. Through the
negotiations, as we discussed Friday at the committee
meeting, to carry on further negotiations, and as our
attorney, Mr. Harmon, and department head, division
head, Mr. Greg Smith did, the company has agreed to
pull 4 and 5 out of the contract. It also agreed to
-- we talked about -- Mr. Allen brought up the two
main problems the smell and the litter -- to address
these issues. Get the litter picked up daily and work
with Mr. Smith on the smell.

And so I think with those concerns out, it will
be, as I’ve said earlier the items 4 and 5 will be
brought up at a later date. The company did say that,
some time to work on, give us time to work on some
things getting them. But this much is it. They’ve
agreed to this to go ahead and get the contract out.

CINDY WILSON: Pardon?

TOMMY DUNN: They’ve agreed to this,
take those out and get the contract out.

CINDY WILSON: So we will take up the
contract in written form very soon, I would presume.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, my thing would be,
somebody makes the motion to take it up tonight, we
can move on with it. It would be giving the authority
-- it would be just like we said taking 4 and 5 out
which we all agreed on.

CINDY WILSON: Shall I make the motion
that we move forward with the contractual agreement
with the landfill pending approval of what’s in the
document?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

CINDY WILSON: And a proper public
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes a motion, Mr. Wooten seconds it. Now discussion?

CINDY WILSON: May I quickly say how much I greatly appreciate my fellow Council members’ real hard work on this. And we’ve had community input. The staff was run ragged during this time. We are very grateful. It goes without saying that trash, garbage, solid waste whatever you want to call it, the sooner it’s out of sight, it’s out of mind. But that’s not so in a lot of areas of our county.

This probably represents about a forty-five million dollar contractual agreement going forward for the next fifteen years. So that’s very important to our county citizens and we welcome working with this company and the community.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Yes, Mr. Chairman. This has definitely been -- it’s probably one of the biggest headaches since I’ve been on Council. Mr. Smith, Leon and all the staff that’s been involved in having to listen to us to say go back and let’s renegotiate, definitely commend you guys for the job well done. Ms. Wilson, I definitely commend you for being persistent and I think we can definitely say we have got an excellent deal here.

What impresses me probably the most is basically eleven years from now, we’re going to be paying less than what we’re paying today. We’ve got to have a place to put our solid waste, and, you know, through y’all’s hard work, y’all have been able to save the county a lot of money and we definitely appreciate y’all’s diligence on that.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. We’re going to make a vote on something in a few minutes. But are we voting on? Are we voting to accept the information that we received from the Anderson Regional? Are we going to stay with them?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Are we voting to move on to Twin Chimneys?

TOMMY DUNN: We’re moving to stay with the company we’re with now.

GRACIE FLOYD: And that’s Anderson Regional.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: And with the price reduction.
GRACIE FLOYD: And removing 4 and 5.
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Out of the contract.
TOMMY DUNN: That’s right.
GRACIE FLOYD: So we are not going to entertain the Twin Chimneys thing; right?
TOMMY DUNN: No, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Good. Okay.
TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?
CRAIG WOOTEN: I’d like to say, being a committee member, I think the best negotiations are the ones that end up in your favor, are sometimes lengthy, tiresome and uncomfortable. But it was a true effort by the committee to get what was best for Anderson County.
And I do, I also want to commend Mr. Smith and his efforts because it’s a tough job to go back and forth and make something like this happen. You know, Ms. Wilson’s efforts, I mean, were tremendous in this. I really feel comfortable that we exhausted every means to get a good deal for Anderson County. It went from twenty-nine to twenty-seven to twenty-four to twenty-three. So we’re getting a higher level of service while saving money for the county. With the lateral expansion and the capacity being taken to another time, it allows us to give it to them should we deem it necessary to keep providing for the county, but it also allows for input. And so I think this was a win-win all the way around. I want to thank Mr. Dunn’s leadership as chairman to sort of bring us together on this and it’s a win and I think it’s, you know, we always used to say, legislation ordinances is not pretty. But when it pushes back and forth like it did, I think we got the best product.
GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, thank you for letting me speak again because I do have one other thing to say. I was not at the meeting, but I was there. I want to -- I know we give awards to our people who do a good job, even though we pay them the big bucks. We say, oh, what a good job you’ve done, blah, blah, blah. But I really do want to commend Greg Smith. I worried that man to death, explaining this to me and explaining that to me and what happened here and what happened there. And he hung with me. This man went above and beyond the paycheck that we pay him, because I know I got my couple of dollars out of it, the work that you did. Greg, the only thing I can say to you is you go, boy. You did it. You hung in there with
me. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

KEN WATERS: Just to ---

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters.

KEN WATERS: I have to say, Ms. Wilson, she hung in there for a long time, and so I appreciate that hard work, because I’ll tell you what, we’ve been working on this, what, about a year? So that was a long year and we definitely run the race on this one. But she did. I commend you for hanging in there, Ms. Wilson. You done a good job. Thank you, ma’am.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Just want to say I want to thank the committee, but I also want to thank Mr. Harmon and Greg Smith for what they done. They went back and done this negotiation time in. And Mr. Carroll. The staff. Greatly appreciate it. Anything we do in the county is a team effort and we appreciate this, moving forward. Just want to remind you, we’ve got this part out, we still got hurdles to climb. Let’s get on it. Get to it.

CINDY WILSON: You have our pledge to begin that process before long. And we’re going to use the Duke Power approach to the coal ash removal as a template. All the people over there commented on how much they appreciated their input being respected and the relationship with Duke Power. I think we can carry that spirit forward with this company and other issues over there and people will be much happier. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. If nothing else, we’ll call for the vote. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 14, Report from Public Safety/Health and Human Services Committee meeting held January 16, 2018. Chairman Graham. Chairman Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’ll go ahead and apologize. This is a little lengthy, but I’m going to speed through it. Just want to share some information with everyone. First and foremost, Lieutenant Baker, who -- is he still here? Lieutenant Baker and his staff was here tonight. Once again they have done a remarkable job as far as getting us up to date on plans. They have submitted to Anderson County and Oconee County a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan to the committee today. And each one of you guys should have a copy of that before you tonight. The committee voted to bring this
forward with full support. So at this time I’d ask
the Chairman if we could vote on that.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Public
Safety Committee doesn’t need a second. Are there any
discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously.
Just for the record, show Ms. Floyd stepped out of
the room. Six in favor.
I’d just like to add -- Mr. Chairman, if you would
give me just a second. I’d just like to add I want to
thank Lieutenant Baker and his whole staff for all the
work they’ve done on this and the great job they’ve
done since coming in. Nothing heard but good things.
Keep that snow and ice away from us tonight, you’ll be
doing a great thing. Appreciate that.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
Lieutenant, definitely thank you guys, you and your
staff, for the hard work on getting all these plans
updated. Definitely appreciate the persistence that
you guys have shown on this.
Going on with other matters, we did discuss
dispatch being -- MedShore dispatch being placed in
Central Dispatch. We’ve discussed this several times.
To my understanding, everything should be in place so
we should be able to move forward with that within the
next month. Steve Kelly -- he had another meeting
tonight -- but he is going to be working with the
Sheriff’s department and dispatch to ensure we can
have a smooth transition with that. That there is
going to be very important on some of our issues we’ve
been having with EMS with dispatch time. That’s going
to be very important as far as moving forward and
helping create a better response as far as to our
citizens. So I’ll definitely commend them as far as
moving forward with that.
The other things we discussed was the EMS as far
as new contracts in terms of contracts. In talking,
we actually had I think about five of the providers
represented today at the meeting. We actually had
five providers I think represented today. One of the
biggest things, and Steve kind of echoed this, you
know, we’re still having issues with the EMS system.
I’m not going to sit up here and paint a rosy picture
that everything is perfect. But Steve and his staff,
along with the providers, have worked diligently on
ensuring that we are moving forward. Moving forward
in a positive direction. If there’s issues that comes
up, you know, it’s not a matter of pointing fingers,
you know, what are we doing wrong. It’s a matter of
coming together and trying to determine what can we do
to make it right. I definitely commend these guys for
the hard work on this. As each one of my fellow
Council members knows, you know, we’re going to be
looking at pursuing another contract as far as with
EMS providers in the very near future. What myself
and the committee don’t want to take place this come
June, we’re having to do an extension, or we’re having
to basically scratch our heads and figure out where
we’re going from here. So at this time, I’d like to
put forth, Mr. Chairman, in the form of a motion, to
direct the County Administrator to develop appropriate
documents to provide for a long term contract of at
least three years with possible two year extension for
EMS services within Anderson County. And you know,
what this is -- I guess I need to see if I can get a
second before we discuss it.

TOMMY DUNN: Was that?
RAY GRAHAM: That’s a motion to do that.
TOMMY DUNN: That didn’t come out of
committee, did it?
RAY GRAHAM: That did not come out of
the meeting. We talked about this and basically we
was trying to figure out -- and I actually spoke with
the county attorney to ensure that we were, you know,
basically covering our bases as far as on the
procurement and whatnot.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham’s got a motion
on the floor to instruct the Administrator to start
drawing up the paperwork to try to get some extension
contracts. We have a second?
KEN WATERS: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. And
what this is a help do, too, is not only on our side,
but our EMS providers where they can make some plans.
Not knowing what’s going to happen tomorrow and taking
that uncertainty out of things. And get things in.
That’s what we need to be able to start doing. The
sooner the better. And again, they get this done, the
Council will -- come back before Council and Council
will, you know, vote on it. This is just giving the
Administrator to go out and do that. Mr. Chairman.

RAY GRAHAM: That’s exactly right. This
is basically in good faith showing the desire of the
Council is to pursue a three year contractual
agreement with the EMS providers so basically take and
move forward, you know, whether it’s pursuing new
equipment, an ambulance or whatnot. It’s hard to
knock on the door at the bank and ask to borrow money
for an ambulance when you’ve got a one year
contractual agreement that’s basically sustaining you. So in a sense, it’s kind of putting the efforts back in their hands. They have definitely -- and again, I’m kind of echoing Steve Kelly, the Director of EMS, his opinions and also, you know, what we have spoke concerning this in the meeting today. They have truly done an excellent job as far as moving forward. Again, we’re not where we truly need to be, but we’re moving in that direction. And that’s the purpose of this.

TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?
GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: First of all, is Steve here? Who’s Steve?
TOMMY DUNN: He’s the EMS director. No, ma’am. He had another meeting to go to. He’s not here tonight.
GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, so Steve isn’t here. Okay. This three year contract that the Administrator will do up, who is it for? Will he go -- is it a blank three year contract that we will give to whomever later on? Is that we’re saying here now? Not going to make the contract to anybody, we’re just going to say, here is the agreement on the contract. Or here’s what we want. Now, go ahead and fix us up a contract to use later on. Is that what it is?
TOMMY DUNN: It’s your motion, I’ll let you go ahead.
RAY GRAHAM: Leon, if you, or Mr. Harmon, if you could, please, sir.
LEON HARMON: Yes, Ms. Floyd. The agreements we have in place now, is more than a fill-in-the-blank contract. It was basically a one year extension to the previous contract that included a very extensive specification as to how each provider would operate. And we would have medical control oversight as well in that process. And so, I would anticipate that these contracts would follow a similar arrangement in the future. (Nothing verbalized – don’t know who is speaking) Oh, okay. The contracts would be with the entities and where they currently provide services. For example, MedShore here in their zone of operation. Pendleton. That type of thing.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But it’s not like a -- I’m trying to compare it to something else that we do, if we do something else like that. It’s not like a contract, let’s say we’re going to hire a nurse for Anderson County. Okay. It’s not like we’re going to write the qualifications and everything else we want.
It’s not like that, it’s from this nurse and then when we hire her then we give her the contract. Is that it?

LEON HARMON: No, ma’am. It’s not like a job description for a nurse, which is probably what we would do.

GRACIE FLOYD: Is it a binding contract?

LEON HARMON: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: What would we be binding to?

LEON HARMON: It would be a contract between the provider for a particular area and the county, Anderson County.

GRACIE FLOYD: Have we done anything like that before? Can you give me an example? Maybe I can put the two of them together.

RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, we have operated under existing contracts with MedShore and all of the local EMS providers for some time. What the basis of this contract is, is as a result of the study that we did. And in the new contract we put response times, how fast an ambulance should be there. Who should be on these ambulances. It also includes other things like oversight by Mr. Kelly who is our EMS Director. So it prescribes what the Council expects them to do. But it also provides to those providers what they expect us to do. That’s primarily it in a nutshell. So, yes, ma’am. This is a new one, but we’ve done it for years.

GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, okay. All right. Mr. Burns, I thank you. Because it was being presented like it was something brand new that we’ve never done before, but have we done it for three years before or just one year?

RUSTY BURNS: Done it for an extensive period of time and we have taken contracts of three years and then we have optioned the next year and the next year. So yes, ma’am, we have.

GRACIE FLOYD: So we’re not doing anything to give any one entity an edge over what -- everybody will get the same thing, right?

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am. Everybody will be fed from the same spoon precisely.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you. I understand. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: And like I said, this is just giving the Administrator and his staff the orders to do this, to carry it out for lack of a better term. All the nuts and bolts Council will look at and vote on, discuss, debate, whatnot. Anything else? All in
favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr.
Chairman.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
Thank you, fellow Council members, for your support on
that. Run down just a brief update as far as on the
EMS. This is basically some information that Steve
shared as far as what his staff has been able to see
was accomplished. As most of you know we have
basically taken ALS 1 and ALS 2, which is the two
QRVs. One of them is stationed at Three and Twenty
Fire Department. The other one is in place at Zion
Fire Department. Those chosen places were determined
through reviewing the call volume in those areas and
they seem to be working well as far as providing
services to those areas.

Vehicle stock and all the non-essential vehicles
was turned back in the fleet. I think they turned in
back five vehicles that was basically assigned to EMS
division, so that’s back in the fleet services at this
time. All hard inventory has been inventoried.
Basically all policies in Central dispatch concerning
EMS has been updated. Also they have went through and
ensured, basically updated the new basic care
protocols. All that has been signed and put in place
with all EMS providers, basically ensuring all the
care being provided is on the same page. That has
been updated and definitely done a great job on that.

They’ve increased the amount of community outreach
programs. They’ve also trained over sixty deputies in
bleed control and CPR and also put stop bleed kits
assigned to each one of those deputies to be able to
utilize in the field.

Employee roster for the QRV response has been
updated. I think they ended up removing fifteen
employees that was not able to work no more and
basically replaced five part-time medics to provide
that service.

Dr. Stoll is still in the process of completing
his medical control board. Hopefully that’s going to
be in place within the next few weeks or within the
month. That’s probably the big thing that’s probably
still lacking to get completed with the EMS system, so
hopefully we can move forward with that and continue
moving the program forward.

At this time, that’s all Director Kelly had to
report and that’s all that was covered in the Public
Safety meeting today.

TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it, Chairman Graham.
Moving on to Item number 15, we’ve had a request to go into Executive Session with personnel matters at the Sheriff’s department. We have a motion?
RAY GRAHAM: Make a motion we go into Executive Session concerning personnel matters with the Sheriff’s department.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham. Second by Ms. Wilson. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
We’ll just step right back here in the back, if that’s all right.

(EXECUTIVE SESSION)
CINDY WILSON: ... make the motion that we come out of Executive Session having received a promotion from the Sheriff’s Department regarding personnel matters.
TOMMY DUNN: And taking no action. We have a motion Ms. Wilson. Have a second by Mr. Graham. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Moving on to Item number 16 -- I’m sorry, number 16, appointments. Are there any appointments? Make sure there ain’t none.

Item number 17, Requests from Council members.
Mr. -- just let me say before we go into that, if you haven’t been checked, the one down for the South Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association. They’re hosting a thing in Anderson County. It’s very good honor to have this be hosting this in Anderson County and they could use a few hundred dollars if we could spare it out of our rec thing and help them host this thing. Want to put that plug in.

And at this time, Mr. Waters.
KEN WATERS: I have none at this time.
TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Mr. Allen.
TOM ALLEN: Can I use your mike?
TOMMY DUNN: I’d charge him.
TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.
Yeah, I have a couple here. Make sure I’m on the right page here. There was one on here that I’m going to hold off on, I think, and that is the one -- and they may hate me for this -- school district 4 is asking for money from each of the Council members. They’ve been invited to Carnegie Hall to perform, which is a real honor. I kind of want to check on this, though, because -- and I know this may not sound good -- but with the one penny sales tax they have that they’ve received this year, they’re getting over
twenty-five million dollars a year throughout the school districts from those taxes. None of it is going to academics. None of it is going into the classroom. And that’s by referendum, the way it was written. But we have really nice new football fields, new scoreboards, new weight rooms. We’ve had new roofs, new air conditioning systems put on. Can they not find a couple of thousand dollars out of that money to send the kids to New York? That’s the question I have. So at this time, I’m going to hold off on that one until maybe I find out more information on whether they can do that or not.

So I’d like to go on to the next one on the list, which was the Anderson County American Planning Association. I’d like to do two hundred dollars out of my rec account for that. Put that -- well, I’ve got one more to do, too, and then I’ll just put them both in the form of a motion. And, of course, I can’t find the other one I was looking for. But anyway, it’s the beauty pageant. And I’d like to take another two hundred dollars out of my rec funds for the beauty pageant. And I put both of those in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a second?
KEN WATERS: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. Any further discussion? All in favor of Mr. Allen’s motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Allen?

TOM ALLEN: That’s all.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: I don’t have any.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
I’d like to do two hundred dollars to the South Carolina Chapter of American Planning Association from District 3 rec account. And I’d also like to do two hundred dollars for beauty pageant rocks for special needs from District 3 rec account as well. I bring that forth as a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Graham, have a second?
KEN WATERS: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Graham?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, I will also do two
hundred dollars for the American Planning Association.
Two hundred dollars for beauty pageant rocks. And I’d
also like to request sixty-five hundred dollars to be
transferred from District 1's paving account to Roads
and Bridges for signage and markers pursuant to a
traffic study on Oak Hill Drive in Anderson for safety
measures.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Mr.
Wooten and second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All
in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed
like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

CINDY WILSON: District 7 only has seven
hundred dollars remaining until July, but five hundred
is promised out, so two hundred by way of motion to
the South Carolina Chapter of American Planning
Association, if I may.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson,
have a second by Mr. Waters. Any discussion? Hearing
none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. All
opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously.

District 5's rec account would like to appropriate
six hundred dollars to the beauty pageant and six
hundred dollars to the Planning Commission meeting.
Put that in the form of a motion.

KEN WATERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Any further discussion?

Mr. Forman, is that going to give y’all enough to
do what y’all need to do? Okay. All in favor of the
motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 18, Administrator’s
Report.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on 19, Committee
Appointments. Out of the standing committees, much
thought, there’s still work to be done, several
committees are in the middle of things. My
recommendation is to keep standing committees as was
last year. Put that in motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: I was hoping that I could
be appointed to something this year other than ???
(cannot hear what is being said).
TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Abstentions. Show the motion carries with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten and Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd opposes.

Moving on Citizen Comments. Mr. Harmon calls your names, please state your name and district for the record, again. Address the Chair and you’ve got three minutes.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first speaker is Frank Pressly.

FRANK PRESSLY: Mr. Chairman, I’d be interested in knowing how it is that we are only able to give year to year contracts to some people, but to others we can give fifteen year contracts. Is that something you’re going to make us seek declaratory judgement on? This Allied Waste deal, or this waste deal, a hundred and twenty million dollars over the next eighteen years is what we’re going to be paying them. We could do our own waste disposal, actually acquire it and run it for twenty years for forty million dollars. Did you make the same effort negotiating with Greenville as you did with this other entity because you seem pretty hard core set on this and when we had the meeting last week you came in and pretty much told Cindy what was going to happen. I mean it’s like you already knew what was going to happen. And I don’t know, I have real concerns about this. When you get red faced and angry about things and get emotionally involved, you have to wonder what’s going on. Sir, you protest too much. This is just a negotiation over some waste and we just -- I mean we get red faced and mad and just angry about it. And I don’t understand that. We’re just trying to get the best deal that we can for the citizens. And I don’t think paying the most expensive purveyor that we can rather than doing our own deal, that eighty million dollars that we save, we could build a prison farm, we could let that prison farm provide the labor for this -- for our own solid waste place. I mean, what’s wrong with us opening another one? We didn’t have to sell the first one. We did it because we had a crook representing us. So what’s wrong with us opening our own and opening a new one? We don’t have to kowtow to these guys. They got us last time, why did we want to get in bed with them again? You just seem way, way, way too adamant about it and dead set on it and pushing it through. I mean, it’s one of these last minute things like Joey Preston was doing. It’s a lot of money involved here and we can do our
own. We can -- there’s no reason why we can’t set up another waste disposal system here somewhere in Anderson County. I mean, where a county has a will, it has a way. And it will save us a lot of money over the long run. Don’t make us go seek declaratory judgment to get this contract nullified.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker is Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: If you’ve paid attention to some of the news that’s out right now, you know in San Francisco and Pacific Heights, where I believe Dianne Feinstein lives, is glory country. But also you see the map of San Francisco where they have oops sites all over the city, where human excrement is where people who are in the Sanctuary Cities just decide to let it go. I question how it is that where landfill sites happen -- the one at Big Creek, I have five families that live out there. All five of them are affected by cancer. That site got -- we got maneuvered into that one. The one at Slab Town. That site was already determined where it was going to be, before all the business, that some of the citizens up there that tried to do zoning and all. Slab Town is one of those, I don’t want to say like Homeland Park, because Homeland Park is not the same thing. But Slab Town is like one of those no-man areas where there’s crime, there’s drugs, Shenandoah, which is nothing but a -- and I’m going to say it -- a s-hole, like you saw somebody said that they didn’t say. It’s a bad area. They stuck that landfill up there. I want to know why it is that trucks go in and out of there at 2 and 3 in the morning. I want to know why it is that there’s a green slime that comes out of that landfill. We have problems with our landfills. We have problems with the people who are running them. And yet we just turn a blind eye to this. This is a big part of the corruption that is going on in the background of Anderson County. We have so many good things that are going on, but these things are not being addressed, and I wonder why.

LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.

TOMMY DUNN: Remarks from Council members. Mr. Waters.

KEN WATERS: Just looking at some of the numbers from the news release from the Stripe Bass Challenge this -- I think that was about a week and a half ago. The total purse was sixty-seven thousand dollars winnings that was split up among the winners of that tournament. So I thought that was pretty good. And then, just to look at something for the
future. The Upstate Regional Drill Championship will
be -- the way I read this -- March 3rd. And they
already have twenty teams signed up and they’re
planning on cutting it off at forty teams. So that’s
over three years, that’s turned into a pretty good
thing. So, that’s pretty interesting what those young
kids and the discipline they have. Anyway, just
wanted to mention those two things. And that’s all I
have, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters. Mr.
Allen?
TOM ALLEN: Since I have no microphone,
I have nothing to add.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Watching television, that’s
all I seem to get done these days, county meeting,
county business, telephone and television. And I was
watching it when they ran the thing about Hawaii.
That information that they got that there was a bomb
missile coming in, did you see those people running?
Did y’all see them running? I don’t know where they
were running; to, from, or for. But they were
running, boy. Getting out of the way. And I
remembered one time when I first got on Council, we
were taking all Council members convened at the
library and we were told that if something like that
happened, that we would be -- what’s that word --
sequestered? Is that the word? Sequestered? All
Council members would be sequestered at the library.
They even showed us the room way down in the belly of
the library where they had no windows and it was in
the middle down there. And I was told that we could
even be there. And that all of the business part
would convene in the library conference room and I
felt a little comforted by this thing. But if a
missile comes tonight, and we got a message like that,
where y’all going to be? Where we going to run to?
Do you know? What about your people? When your phone
starts ringing, do you know what you’re going to tell
them? I remember Duck and Cover, honey, but we’re not
talking -- we’re talking about Trump now. Okay. You
don’t know what’s going to happen, when it’s going to
happen or where it’s going to happen. But I know that
we need an emergency preparedness plan for Anderson
County. Where you going to go, Mr. Burns? You heard
me.

RUSTY BURNS: I’m going to go with the
Emergency Preparedness Director. And what you’re
talking about is Table Tough Exercise, we had one
around five years ago, utility on Bleckley Street.
GRACIE FLOYD: Five years ago we would have been safe. But what about five minutes from now? Mr. Burns, I’m going where you’re going. Because, we need to know, we need to inform our people, we need to have some type of plan that where you going to go. What’s going to happen or what we should do in case of an emergency like that. We laugh and play with it now. But it gets real when the phone starts ringing and they tell you something like that is liable to happen. Anybody who’s not making plans now for themselves, their loved one and the people that they supposedly serve is crazy.

Mr. Burns, please let’s look into that. All right. One time they had buildings marked and they had the little black hour glass -- that’s what I always called it -- on it for emergency that you could go there and all of that. But where do we go? Please let’s take time and take a look at that. Okay?

All right. This is my eighteenth year and how long have y’all been here? Nine year. That’s nine years without -- with me being on my own. I haven’t -- I was put on two committees. One never met, they never told me they were meeting. And one got mad at me the night I tried to have a meeting. Okay. But I’m kind of disappointed that nine years, I’m still not worthy or considered good enough to be on a committee and I wonder why? Is it because I’m a woman? Is it because I’m a Democrat? Or is it because of the other thing, and I guess y’all know that I’m black. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: Nothing at this time, Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wooten.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, I just want to take the opportunity to thank Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Young for some help with some constituents in my area that were able to be very responsive to and that was very appreciated. Some of the sentiment of this year, I’d like to be able to have different discussions about recreation in certain areas and how to work towards that. I know all districts have some different needs and some different preferences, but how we can work together on that, I would welcome that conversation. Very encouraged by the committee meetings the last couple of weeks. You know, weren’t easy but I really felt like we worked together for the betterment of the county. That’s all for me.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten. Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: Very quickly, a big thank you for everybody’s diligence and -- we had long meetings and frequent meetings and county staff was very helpful. It was an ordeal, really, but we appreciate everybody’s hard work and it’s important to note that prior to 2009 no standing committees were ever appointed even though I would ask and that is such a big improvement and look at how far the county’s come because we get our information, we go talk with our citizens, we -- it’s a process that I’m very grateful for and it’s very helpful to the county. So thank y’all very much.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. About to close. Again, I want to appreciate what everybody done, appreciate people coming out tonight. Just want to say one thing. I’m a very passionate person. Can be, I got a right to be. What does aggravate me and get me upset though, it’s not just Anderson County, I know it’s the world, but it’s the part we live in the part we work in Anderson County, is when we don’t agree, I’d consider all these people up here, most of them good friends. We’re not going to always agree. We’re going to debate, come to a thing. But a certain group of y’all when you don’t agree with me, it ain’t because this was a good policy or bad, you’re crooks. You’re Mafia. So tiresome to keep hearing that. Then we keep bringing the guy’s name up that’s been gone over ten years. Somebody might need to take a trip down to the lower part of the state and visit that guy because all you want to do is keep talking about him. This meeting will be adjourned.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10 P.M.)