ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
JANUARY 2, 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: At this time we’d like to call the January 2nd, Special Presentation Council meeting to order. Welcome everyone here. At this time we’re going into Resolution and Proclamation 2018-001. Vice Chairman Graham. Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time I’d like to bring forth in the form of a motion Resolution R2018-001. This is a resolution to recognize and honor Caroline Davis for her dedicated sportsmanship and outstanding performance in the North American International Livestock Exposition; and other matters related thereto.

Whereas, Caroline Davis did compete in the 2017 annual North American International Livestock Exposition held at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville on November 15, 2017. The exposition is the largest all breed, purebred livestock event hosting competitors from 48 states and 6 countries; and

Whereas, The North American International Livestock Exposition has been held for 44 years helping students develop showmanship skills and gaining experience in techniques associated with exhibition and evaluation of livestock; and

Whereas, Caroline Davis has been competing in the International Livestock Exposition for over 6 years. On November 15, 2017 Caroline received her first success as the Reserve Overall Champion Title with her cow Poppy; and

Whereas, Caroline is a recent graduate of the Agricultural Education Program from Clemson University and will soon begin her first job as an Agricultural teacher at Crescent High School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, Anderson County Council wishes to commend our young adults who demonstrate high levels of professionalism required to achieve this showmanship recognition. Developing life skills such as leadership, responsibility, dedication, and teamwork in a highly competitive environment. We are proud of your accomplishments and we wish you great success in your new teaching career.

Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 2nd day of January, 2018.

I bring this forth in a motion, Mr. Chairman.

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

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, if we could
have Ms. Caroline Davis and her family step forward.

(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)


CINDY WILSON: Thank you. This is a Resolution to Honor and Recognize James P. “Sonny” Davis upon his retirement from the Honea Path Town Council for his lifetime of service, and other matters related thereto.

Whereas, the Honorable James P. “Sonny” Davis recently retired from the Honea Path Town Council after seventeen years of service, serving as mayor pro tem, missing only one town council meeting during all his years of service, and stating his dedicated service came from a desire “to give back to the town I live in and love” and

Whereas, Mr. Davis led the Town of Honea Path in organizing litter pick-up and recycling efforts, actively assisted in Town events such as the Sugarfoot Festival, the Recreational Program, and the Honea Path Christmas parade, which was his favorite event as it allowed him to see the town people and distribute hundreds of stuffed animals and candy to children in attendance; and

Whereas, Mr. Davis was active in countywide leadership meetings, always watching for street light outages and road improvements, seeking grant opportunities, and making himself available to Town citizens in the “little town with the big heart”; and

Whereas, Mr. Davis is married to Glenda Fisher Davis, has two daughters and two granddaughters, worked at BASF in Anderson for over thirty years as a safety coordinator, is a deacon and trustee of First Baptist Church in Honea Path, and was recently recognized as 2017 Citizen of the Year by the Honea Path Civitan Club;

Whereas, Anderson County is grateful to Mr. Davis for his lifetime of service to the people of Honea Path and Anderson County and hereby recognize and honor his many contributions to the community.

RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 2nd day of January, 2018.

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

TOMMY DUNN: You may. We have a motion, we have a second? Councilman Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

CINDY WILSON: Well, I just add that Sonny Davis is one of those irreplaceable citizens
and citizen servants. We’re very blessed to have had him come our way. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Town of Honea Path feels the same way.

(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)

SONNY DAVIS: I guess they say politicians always want to take the mike. But let me just express appreciation to my family. That’s what made it work for me. And secondly, the town and Mayor Lollis -- a man of God and a true man that loves his county, loves his town, loves his state. This, too, helped me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. This is my favorite girl down here. But I thank y’all and thank you for y’all’s support.

TOMMY DUNN: That will conclude this portion of our meeting of our resolution and proclamations. We’ll convene back and start regular Council meeting here at 6:30.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:12 P.M.)
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TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call the January 2nd regular County Council meeting to order. Y’all come out on a cold wintry night. Before we get started good, I’d like to ask Council Lady Ms. Cindy Wilson to recognize special guest we have here.

CINDY WILSON: We have a very distinguished guest with us today, Mr. Will Ragland, former Councilman from the town of Pelzer who is the imminent producer of many spectacular theatrical productions. We have to give him a plug here. Ten dollars a ticket and they’re sold out on this every time. The Mill Town Players, Pelzer, South Carolina. We really appreciate his service to the community. Will you stand so we can have everyone see you?

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. At this time I’ll ask y’all to please rise for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Mr. Tom Allen. Mr. Allen.

(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY TOM ALLEN)

TOMMY DUNN: At this time we’ll be moving on to Item number 3. First order of business tonight will be election of Council Officers tonight. Chairman and Vice Chairman. Start off with election of Chairman.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I’d like to take this time to nominate -- excuse me, Mr. Chairman and fellow Council members, I’d like to take this time to nominate Tommy Dunn as Chairman for 2018. He has served as Chairman this past year plus several other years and does an exceptionally great job at this in keeping the meetings to order and keeping things moving along. And at this time I’d like to put his name in for Chairman, 2018.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham. Ms. Wilson seconds. Are there any more -- anybody else? Anybody at all? Hearing none, nominations will be closed. All in favor of Mr. Dunn show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on election of Vice Chairman.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion to nominate Mr. Ray Graham, who served in this capacity last year and has done a very diligent job.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham. Have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
more nominations? Hearing none, nominations will be closed. All in favor Mr. Graham Vice Chairman show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Move on. I appreciate the Council’s confidence and I’ll do my best to have another great year, I hope.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, if I may. At this time, on behalf of fellow Council members, I’d like to present this token of appreciation for your service for this past year as Chairman. We definitely appreciate the hard work and we definitely realize the extra time and hours that it takes to ensure that the meetings is prepared and ready to move forward with. And also all the other extra stuff as far as dealing with Mr. Burns. But we do appreciate the work that you’ve done and on behalf of Anderson County Council, we’d like to present you with this.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all. I appreciate it. Thank y’all.

Moving on to Item number 5, Approval of the Minutes. Any changes or corrections to the December 19th Council minutes? Have a motion to accept as is?

CINDY WILSON: May we accept the -- may we approve the minutes as presented.

RAY GRAHAM: Second it.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson to accept the minutes as presented. Second Mr. Graham. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 6, Citizens Comments. As Attorney Harmon calls your name, please for the record, state your name and district. Address the Chair. You have three minutes. At this time keep matters on agenda items only.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, one citizens is signed up. Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: That’s me. District 3. I do want to speak on the election of Chairman and Co-Chairman. I agree. I think Mr. Dunn has done a good job of moving the activities on and Mr. Graham, likewise. I would like to see, still, a little more decorum. It’s an issue for me with the microphones. Just like right now, the presentation that we had. You can’t hear people speak. Mr. Sonny Davis -- he did get the mike finally. But when you all are up here and you’re saying whatever you’re going to say, it gets wasted. And if you’re respectful to the
people who have to type up what you say and they
can’t understand and you’ve got all these question
marks and empty things, that’s your fault.

And Mr. Waters, you’ve done better about speaking
in the mike. And now, you gave your job to Ms.
Wilson. I told her last time I couldn’t hear her.
So it appears to be that the people on the end when
they speak, are trying to direct to the middle and
you need to direct to us. We are the ones that are
here to listen to you.

One other thing. Mr. Dunn, your little comment
when I made to Mr. Waters, about that he should be
speaking out here and you made some little comment
quirk, like well, she doesn’t want us to talk to each
other. That’s juvenile. We don’t need that. We’ve
come a long way in ten years. And we’re on the right
footing. And let’s go forth and everybody out there
needs to realize that they need to speak -- make sure
your microphone is on. Lean towards it, like I’m
doing, so we can hear, so that the recorder who has
to type all this up knows who says what and there are
not empty spaces. And I thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else, Mr. Harmon?
LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.
TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number
Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: First of all, I’m doing
the best that I can with this microphone. I’ve
always had trouble using it. I have asked for
another one, so Mr. Burns, please look into this
microphone situation and will you please get me
another one. It’s on, but that’s all you’re going to
get. It’s not a loud thing. But I would appreciate
it if you would look into that and get me another.

I apologize for being late today, but I had a
little issue when I got here. I was here on time, by
the way. But I had a little issue. First of all,
it’s going to be a while before I’m able to walk
alone, without some kind of apparatus to help me.
This door here is hard to open when I’m holding a
walker or a rollator. So, I have to bang on the door
to get it open every time I come. And I have trouble
getting the rollator or the walker out of the car
because I cannot lift. So -- and I don’t want to get
here too early because I don’t need to be here until
6:30.

But I’m not prepared tonight to do my issues
concerning District 2, but I did not get all the
information that I needed. But I will be doing that
at the next meeting. And I thank you for listening.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

There is no third reading or second reading.

Moving on to Item number 10, Ordinance First Reading. 2018-001 an ordinance amending the Zoning Map to rezone +/- 6.5 acres from R-20 (Single Family Residential, 20,000 sq ft lots) to R-M7 (Multi-Family Residential) on the SW corner of Lebanon and Marett Roads, TMS #091-00-10-011.

Before we get into that I think Mr. Forman’s going to have something to say and Mr. Allen’s going to speak, have a comment before we open it to public hearing. Mr. Forman.

MIKE FORMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

This is a rezoning request as you mentioned from R-20 residential 20,000 square foot lots to R-M7, residential multi-family, plus or minus six and a half acres on the corner of Lebanon and Marett Roads in the Five Forks voting precinct, Council District 4.

Real quick, R-20 which it’s currently zoned, allows for a single family residential, 20,000 square foot minimum lots. R-M7 is multi-family residential which would allow for up to seven units per acre. This is an aerial photograph of the property in question. It’s in light blue in the middle of your screen, right next door to the elementary school. As you can see, it’s at the southwest corner of Marett and Lebanon Roads. This is a current zoning map of the property in question, once again located in the middle of your map there in the middle of the screen in light blue. Currently zoned R-20 which is all the yellow properties you see. Right across the street is zoned R-A, which is residential agricultural. And there’s some industrial properties located east and south of the property in question.

This is taken from our future land use map. The future land use map designation of agricultural for the vast majority of that area, out off of Lebanon and Marett Roads. Real quick, just some pictures of the property in question. This is looking north on Marett Road, property is on your left. Looking south on Marett Road, the property would be on the right. This is looking east along Lebanon Road, property in question is on the right. And one more looking west along Lebanon Road, property is on the left. As you can see the elementary school in the background.

This, once again, this request is to rezone from R-20 to R-M7, multi-family residential. Lebanon and Marett Roads are both collector roads, allowing
unlimited trip capacity. There is, just for your own edification, there is a county served gravity sewer line that runs along the north side of and parallel with Lebanon Road. Through conversations with our wastewater, they currently have limited capacity to nearby pump station, but there have been preliminary discussions to consider a new line that would free up some capacity up in that area.

And continuation of that evaluation, once again, while facilities do potentially exist the applicant’s request in staff’s opinion is incompatible with the county future land use map as I showed you earlier. Therefore, we as staff, are compelled to recommend denial of this request. The District 4 Zoning Advisory Group met early December and recommended denial by a vote 3-0. And Planning Commission also met in December and recommended denial as well by a vote of 4-0. And that completes our staff report.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Forman.

TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. How many folks are here tonight, just hold your hand up, regarding the Marett Road? That’s what I thought. About like the groups at the other two meetings, which I’ve also attended. Thank you. Just wanted to know how many. I kind of know what the opinions are of most people, but I would just ask this. Every single person does not need to get up and speak tonight. I know a lot of you are against it. So if there’s two or three or four people that, you know, would like -- want to speak on either side, that would be fine. But we don’t need all fifty or sixty people to stand up and say the same thing. Also, in the other two meetings, I’ve noticed, of course, it was denied, this request.

And I will say one thing regarding Mr. Marett. Everyone I talked to likes Mr. Marett. He’s a nice individual. They just don’t like the idea of where this apartment complex might want to be placed. So I just wanted to make note of that. And those of you that do want to speak, because this will be a public hearing, try to limit it to maybe two or three people on each side of the question, if that’s the way it should turn out. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen.

This is Mr. Allen’s district.

At this time we’ll go into a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this, please step forward and state your name, district and address the Chair, please. Anyone at all?
JERRY LARK: My name is Jerry Lark. I live in school district 4. If you put the map back up there, we have a -- most of us are from the community right down Marett Road. We live in North Forest Estates. Most of us have been in this community from -- anywhere from twenty to fifty years. Back in 2000 there was going to be a three hundred unit rental trailer park built not too far from this property. We formed the Five Forks Property Owners Association back in 2000. It’s been seventeen, almost eighteen years ago. I remember some input from Ms. Wilson, I believe at that time about zoning. Because we were one of the first communities in Anderson County -- not the first, but one of the first to zone our area.

We actually had to hire a lawyer, each family in our community gave from twenty-five to two hundred dollars to stop that trailer park from being built right down the road from that school. There wasn’t a school there at the time. But we had public meetings; we had several public meetings. We worked with the Anderson County Planning Commission. We had input from the community. And what we came up with was a comprehensive map that is what you see today, R-20 agricultural. That’s what we wanted our community to look like. And we were able by the skin of our teeth to hold off that 300 unit trailer park and we’re very proud that we were able to do. We went to a vote to zone our community and the vote was ninety-four percent in favor of zoning. Ever since then we’ve been a very close-knit community, watching any kind of changes in our zoning and zoning maps throughout our area.

If you’ll look at this map that you see on your screens, that is near a -- that is very near an elementary school. I was also privileged back in the ‘90's to serve on the Anderson County Board of Education, representing School District 4. And I never will forget that at that time, you look in the paper in the real estate section and you say, oh, this is near Hanna High School. This house is in School District 5. You didn’t ever see School District 4.

Well, through the years, this community behind me, these people and others, have supported several bond referendums to improve our schools. And today, academically and esthetically we have some of the finest schools in Anderson County. And I don’t see in the paper much anymore where it’s in the Hanna School District. Or it’s in District 5. We have --
we are a growing community, but we’d like to grow the right way.

If you look again at that map, you’ll see that that six and a half acres plot there is right up against the driveway that goes into that elementary school. And I’m not sure if you’re familiar with Mt. Lebanon Elementary School, but that is one of the finest looking schools in Anderson County. It’s something we’re very proud of in our community. And we know that if you put apartment buildings, and that’s what you’re going to get I’m understanding, apartment buildings, we’re going to see apartments built right up against that driveway to that school. We also know that with apartments, and there are some fine people live in apartments, but along with apartments sometimes we have more crime, clutter, and it’s just not a good spot there to put apartment buildings. And I think I understand there’s going to be 24 families living in a six and a half acre spot.

Most of the lots in our community, in our area, our subdivision are two and a half to seven and a half acre lots. We have a lot of farmers in our area. And we just don’t believe that with the traffic being congested as it is in front of that school now, that putting apartment buildings, etcetera, in front of that school is a smart thing.

There’s also a lady -- I’m not sure she’s here tonight -- but she built a house right next door to that development where they’re wanting to put those apartments. She’s built a nice two story house. In September of this year she moved in. And now they’re going to build apartments next door.

So you can see I think why our community and our neighborhood in particular is very displeased. And by the way, Mr. Marett is a fine individual. I think very highly of him. He was very supportive back in 2000 of us zoning our community, I believe. But I guess things can change. But, anyway, we just don’t believe that this is a good use of this property and we would appreciate your support in denying this change of zoning.

Thank you very much. Are there any questions?

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, sir.
JERRY LARK: Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?
PAUL RUMMAGE: My name is Paul Rummage, and my wife Elaine and I have lived in North Forest Estates since 1981 or over 36 years. We moved there because we wanted space. We lived in Greenville before and we lived in a small house on a small lot.
And we were attracted to North Forest Estates, which is the big open space that you see on your map there at the bottom of the screen. The lots there are from two and a half acres to seven acres. So everybody that lives there loves their space and we’d like to keep it that way as much as possible.

All of the -- almost all of the property south of Lebanon Road that you see there is zoned R-20 residential. This R-M7 would allow lot spaces in a minimum of eight thousand square feet. And it would stand out like, in my opinion, a sore thumb if that were built there because all of the property around it is R-20 or residential agriculture north of Lebanon Road.

So high density residential development there’s none anywhere close to that area. So we would urge County Council to vote no on this rezoning request.

Thank you.

JANE MCMILLAN: Hello. My name is Jane McMillan. I am a parent of two children who have attended Mt. Lebanon Elementary School, as well as each of the other schools in District 4. And I can attest that the District and the school administration, the teachers, the support staff, everyone involved in it is of extremely high caliber and is dedicated to the children of District 4.

I also have waited in a number of school lines for getting in -- my children into school and getting them out of school. There are no sidewalks in that area. It’s an extremely long line that, as you see, there’s kind of a wiggle to the driveway and that’s on purpose to try to keep as many of the cars off of Lebanon Road as possible. Nevertheless, on drop-off and pickup those cars go far back into Lebanon Road and come both ways. There has to be a police officer that is there to direct traffic. But it is already a very congested area at those times.

To add an apartment building with all these individual vehicles would make it a nightmare and would highly increase the risk for accidents with children and with parents.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Anyone at all? Yes, sir.

MIKE WALKER: My name is Mike Walker. I live in District 4. And I think just in the interest of time, I’d just like for everybody that’s opposed to this to please rise, raise your hand. And then if they would sit down. Then those that are in favor of this if they would do the same. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Anyone at
all? Public hearing will be closed. We have a motion?

TOM ALLEN: Make a motion for denial.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen makes a motion to deny. Ms. Wilson seconds. Any discussion?
TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair? If I could.
If this is voted down this evening, what is it, one year before it could ever come back up again or how is it?
TOMMY DUNN: That’s what you want to touch on, Mr. Allen.
TOM ALLEN: If you want to mention that when we get done.
TOMMY DUNN: I want to touch on, Mr. Forman. How drastic a change they got to make for it to come back up, the property applicant. Because that has happened before and I’ve heard rumors about this. It’s a shame we need to try to fix this, but somebody just makes a tweak here or there and putting everybody back through this again. Go through it.
MIKE FORMAN: Yes, sir. If the motion is denied tonight, they could come back with -- or they would not be able to come back for a year with anything equal to or more stringent. So anything less stringent that is they can come back with an R-M5 or anything basically less stringent than the R-M7 tomorrow. Theoretically.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.
TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all. Any more discussion?
GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman?
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to -- I was looking through this thing and I’m listening to what the community is saying about it. And what I can’t understand is that they particularly talked about the school. And what I can’t understand here on the second page it says what would be the impact to schools and utilities if the proposal were approved? And it says right here in type, black and white, adding twenty-four families to the area would have little noticeable impact on schools and utilities. And then I’m looking at the bottom and see, who signed this, who said that? There’s no signature, there’s nobody -- there’s no date that it’s been received by, no Planning Commission. No nothing. So who made that -- this is not accurate information. And who did this? Who said that?
MIKE FORMAN: Mr. Chair, Ms. Floyd.

That was done by the applicant. That’s the application supplement that’s provided with the application.

GRACIE FLOYD: The applicant did it?

MIKE FORMAN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: There’s no signature.

Okay. From now on, when we get stuff like this, can we make it a rule that everybody has to sign what needs to be signed. This should have never come before us with no signatures on it.

All right. Also, it says multiple family would add affordable housing to the surrounding market area. All the existing or changing conditions which affect the development of the property and support the proposed request. He says multi-family would add affordable housing to the community. I don’t think so. I mean, it’s our -- is this not giving us information we need to know and it’s giving us different information from the people who live there. And I always go with the people who live there. But it just bothers me that it’s not signed. It’s just a piece of paper that somebody sent with no accuracy.

Thank you.

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

JERRY LARK: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Forman, if they decide to come back tomorrow, we’ll see you all then.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. -- Tommy, I have one more question.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Forman, hang on just one second.

GRACIE FLOYD: I have one more question for you. I have one more question for you. If this thing was denied twice by the Advisory Commission and the Zoning Commission, how did it get back up here to us?

MIKE FORMAN: County Council is the only authority that can actually deny it. The recommendations for denial were made by those two boards.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Good. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 11, Resolutions. There are none. Item number 12, Approval of the 2018 County Council meeting schedule. Y’all prepared to do that
tonight, or y’all need what-you-call it. We always can amend it, like we always have in the past. You want to make a motion?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.
RAY GRAHAM: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second Mr. Graham. Any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Do you want me just to wait until we get to further, because I see two things.

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.
GRACIE FLOYD: ???? A lot of them went out of town for the Clemson game, not that I’m interested in the Clemson game, but that was something that -- we don’t do that anymore?

TOMMY DUNN: That’s a moot point. We’re here tonight. It’s not like those other ones.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, no.
TOMMY DUNN: No, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: I’m getting ready.
TOMMY DUNN: This is it. Next year will be what-cha-call it.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. What about July the 3rd? That’s the time when folks usually go -- leave for their vacation.

TOMMY DUNN: Is that a recommendation?
GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. I would like to remove the July the 3rd date and put it some other time.

TOMMY DUNN: When it gets a little bit closer people can know what their schedule is.

GRACIE FLOYD: I ask that we wait for closer time. But anyway ---

KEN WATERS: May I make a point of order?

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.
KEN WATERS: July has five weeks in it, so we could just move it back a week and still have a -- just a point of order.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, seeing like that, I don’t have any ???? I think it’s a good idea for those with families, if they’re going out of town on the 3rd for the 4th, they’re going out of town for the 4th, then they don’t have to leave 4th of July day. I put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: What’s your motion, Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: My motion is that we take the meeting schedule away from July the 3rd and put
it at another date some time in July so that families would have an easier leaving for their 4th of July holiday or vacation.

KEN WATERS: Can I amend that motion?

TOMMY DUNN: You can when she gets a second. We have a second for that? Second Mr. Allen.

KEN WATERS: Okay. Can we go ahead and move that week back to the following Tuesday?

TOMMY DUNN: Your motion to move it back? What would that date be?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Tenth.

TOMMY DUNN: Move it to July 10th? Is that what your motion is?

KEN WATERS: That’s what my motion is.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a second? Mr. Waters got a second for his amendment. Now we’re voting on the amendment, July 3rd meeting changed to the 10th. All in favor of Mr. Water’s motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Now voting on Ms. Floyd’s original motion to have -- to move the meeting from July 3rd to some other date. All in favor of that motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Now we need to vote on the original motion that we set the agenda tonight dates. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 13, does anyone have any appointments? I don’t have none on my sheet. Does anybody have any?

TOM ALLEN: Can everybody hear -- can you hear me, Liz? Can you hear me now? Okay. I just want to check. It’s my pleasure tonight to do the formal introduction of our new Clerk to Council, then. That would be Ms. Lacey Croegaert. And we’re glad to have her here and hope she doesn’t pull her hair out too soon trying to take care of us seven prima donnas up here and the rest of the crew. So welcome aboard, glad to have you.

TOMMY DUNN: I concur. Thank you, Mr. Allen.

Moving on Item number 14, Requests by Council Members. Mr. Waters. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: None.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd. Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: I don’t have any.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.
CRAIG WOOTEN: None at this time.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson. None.
District 5 has none.

Administrator’s Report.
RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Item number 16, Citizens Comments. Mr. Harmon calls your name, please address the Chair, you have three minutes. Mr. Harmon.
LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, one citizen is signed up. Elizabeth Fant.
ELIZABETH FANT: What a difference a year makes. Stock market is going great guns, illegal immigration is down as far as people trying to sneak across the border. We have less officers killed in 2017 than we’ve had in the past ten. We’re finally getting law and order back in the country. I’m looking forward to the year 2018 and the continuation of where we are now.

It’s soon going to be time for the County Council to start working on budget again. We have all kinds of needs, all kinds of wants. But the one thing that I want to see happen that hasn’t really happened in the last few years is I want to see us working on some benefits for human needs and for people who are less fortunate. We seem to get caught up in the spin of creating economic development and jobs and this, that and the other. Which in the ultimate it helps people to get a job, to have an income, buy a car, get a house and all of that. But I think we’re missing a whole segment of our population who is really hurting and we’re not doing anything to help them. And County Council really is the only one that can start those initiatives. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
We’ve had some movement in negotiations in the solid waste contract. And with everybody’s permission, I’d like to set up a meeting for Monday so we can go through all of that and then have it up for first reading for the second meeting in January. And we’ll have to move along pretty briskly to meet our deadline. If y’all would look at your calendars and times, let’s see what we can work out.

And meanwhile, Happy New Year. And thank you to wonderful county employees and county citizens who’ve done so much, along with our Council, to work to move...
this county forward. It’s really, really blooming.
Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wooten.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Just like to echo, looking forward to a prosperous 2018 and working together with everyone and that’s it.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.

Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: Same thing here. Just want to let everybody know we look forward to 2018. We’ve definitely got a lot to be thankful for for 2017. Now it’s time to start moving forward with the New Year.
As Ms. Fant stated, we’re going to be dealing with the budget here soon. Got a lot of new things continuing to come to Anderson so definitely look forward to working with everybody on that. Like to also take this time to thank my fellow Council members for electing me as Vice Chairman again for 2018. Looking forward to serving.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.

GRACIE FLOYD: The only thing that I would like to say at this time is that I’m glad to be back. I think I’m back full time.
Mr. Burns, if we could work out something to help me get in, I’d appreciate it. Thank you.
2017 wasn’t all that hot. I understand that I’m not the only one that’s kind of glad to see it pass. I’m glad it’s gone. Hoping that 2018 is going to be better. Not only for me, but for you as well. Hoping that I will be acknowledged as one of the Council members here and that my input will be considered. Willing to work hard for the whole of Anderson County and for my district, also. Hope that the new year has been kind to you already and let’s hold on tight because it’s ??.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.
TOM ALLEN: Happy New Year.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters.
KEN WATERS: I wore my orange tie, but it wasn’t exactly what I thought was going to happen. But anyway, I’m still proud of it and lot of good accomplishments by the Clemson football team. Their season went one game shorter than I wanted it to. But I’m still going to watch the game next weekend. I’m going to pull for one of the teams there, too.

And look forward to 2018. 2017 had some challenges, but it was a great year and look forward to 2018.

Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters. At this time on behalf of the Council, it’s a great honor to wish Mr. Allen a Happy Birthday. Also, just want to take this time, we’ve got a lot to do in this coming year, budget and many other things. Also want to take this opportunity.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:12 P.M.)