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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
MAY 15, 2018

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROE GAERT
TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call to order the regular Anderson County Council meeting part of our resolution and proclamations of May the 15th, 2018. I’d like to welcome each and everyone of you here.

At this time we’ll start with 2(a) Resolution 2018-027. If you would I’ll ask Vice Chairman, Mr. Graham, to proceed with this.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This is in reference to a resolution to recognize and honor Mr. Jeff Maxey as 2019 South Carolina Teacher of the Year and other matters thereto.

WHEREAS, Mr. Maxey initially began his career in the community serving as a minister. While serving in this role Mr. Maxey was invited to attend school classrooms to provide guidance and assistance to the students who needed help in gaining a better understanding of loss. As a result of his experience working with students Mr. Maxey became inspired to become a teacher; and

WHEREAS, after earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Western Kentucky University and a Master of Arts in Teaching-Learning and Behavior Disorders from Spalding University, Jeff was on the path to teach inner city middle school students. Jeff spent 8 years as the National Director of Education and Training in North Africa. He was responsible for conducting research based studies and leading the development of teacher training materials. Additionally, he provided training, mentoring and teaching to educators; and

WHEREAS, Jeff is a Special Education Resource Teacher at Starr Elementary in Anderson School District Three where he has been teaching for four years. Jeff also dedicates time to serve as The Special Education Department Head, District Teacher Trainer, District Evaluator and a Master Teacher Mentor, and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2018 The South Carolina Teacher of the Year Gala was held in Columbia, South Carolina at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. During this event Mr. Maxey was chosen as the 2019 South Carolina Teacher of the Year. He will serve for one year as an ambassador of educators. In this role he will provide mentoring, attend speaking engagements, work with teacher cadets and teaching fellows, lead the State Teacher forum and serve as a spokesman for over 50,000 educators; and

Now, Therefore, the Anderson County Council wishes to recognize and honor Jeff Maxey who passionately serves the children and families of our community. We appreciate your dedication, your leadership, and
personal commitment to our youth who need guidance and
support. We are happy to celebrate your recognition
and distinction as 2019 South Carolina Teacher of the
Year.

Resolved in a meeting duly assembled this 15th day
of May, 2018.

Mr. Chairman, I bring this in form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion, second Ms. Wilson.

Motion Mr. Graham. Any discussion? Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: It’s so unbelievable in this
day and age of people struggling to get ahead and
questing for wealth and fame to have someone in our
midst to be honored in this way of giving up the
opportunities to make lots of money in order to serve
children who really have intelligence but have such a
difficult way of learning the way a lot of us learn.
That is so rare. So thank you, Mr. Maxey.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, if I may. Mr.
Maxey, I just read ???? with your dedication and
commitment you bring to Anderson School District 3.
And it’s definitely a privilege, especially with me
having a daughter going to that school. She definitely
looks up to you. Since this has occurred, I mean, it’s
unreal the talk in the community about how much value
you bring to our school district. And it’s great to
see our school district recognized. And it’s
definitely an honor and privilege to see you recognized
for this achievement. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: I’d also like to echo Mr.
Graham congratulate you and want to thank you very much
for what all you do for the citizens and students of
Anderson County, especially District 3. They’re very
fortunate to have someone like you teaching them and
leading them and mentoring them. We’re very fortunate
and hope you’re around much more to keep doing this.

All in favor of the vote show of hands. Show the
motion carries unanimously. Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Maxey, if
you could, you and your wife and the staff come up here
and we’ll recognize you.

(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, if I may.
Also, and I apologize for not doing it earlier, but I
want to recognize Ms. Hipp, the Superintendent of
School District 3. And also, Ms. Davis, the principal,
for Starr Elementary. Definitely without y’all’s
support we would not have the teachers we have in our
District. And we definitely thank y’all for everything
TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all.

We’re going to move on now to Resolution (b) Proclamation. And this will be National Safe Boating Week. Couldn’t come at a more fitting time. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: I was going to say, this is very apropos today that I get to read this.

National Safe Boating Week Proclamation.

For nearly 90 million Americans, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity. From coast to coast and everywhere in between, people are taking to the water and enjoying time together boating, sailing, paddling and fishing. During National Safe Boating Week, the U.S. Coast Guard and its federal, state and local safe boating partners encourage all boaters to explore and enjoy America’s beautiful waters responsibly.

Safe boating begins with preparation. The Coast Guard estimates that human error accounts for 70 percent of all boating accidents and that life jackets could prevent more than 80 percent of boating fatalities. Through basic boating safety procedures -- such as carrying lifesaving emergency distress and communications equipment on board, wearing life jackets, attending safe boating courses, participating in free boat safety checks, and staying sober when navigating -- we can help ensure boaters on America’s coastal, inland, and off shore waters stay safe throughout the season.

National Safe Boating Week is observed to bring attention to important life-saving tips for recreational boaters so that they can have a safer, more fun experience out on the water throughout the year.

WHEREAS, on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S. Approximately 80 percent of these fatalities caused by drowning; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets.

THEREFORE, Anderson County Council, do hereby support the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim May 19-25, 2018 as National Safe Boating Week and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.

In Witness Thereof, I urge all those who boat to...
practice safe boating habits and wear a life jacket at all time while boating.
Resolved in a meeting duly assembled this 15th day of May, 2018.
And I put that in the form of a motion, Mr. Chairman.

KEN WATERS: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen, second Mr. Waters. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hand. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Moving on to Item number 2(c) Proclamation of Great American Clean-up. I believe Ms. Wilson’s got that, if you would.
CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
This is to recognize all the wonderful people who turned out to help clean up.
WHEREAS, Anderson, South Carolina recognizes the importance of providing a safe, clean environment for all citizens of Anderson County, and
WHEREAS, many clean-up efforts in Anderson County take place throughout the year, but March begins a concentrated community based program. There were 849 bags of roadside trash collected countywide, and
WHEREAS, the Great Anderson County Clean-up event was held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 8 am to 12 pm throughout several areas of Anderson, and
WHEREAS, staff, friends, families and various volunteer groups from all over the community gathered to assist in the removal of trash and debris, collecting a total of 1425 bags of trash and litter and 75 used tires, and
NOW THEREFORE, we, the Anderson County Council of Anderson, South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2018 a successful Great Anderson Clean-up.
Further, we urge all citizens to unite and continue cleaning up our neighborhoods and communities in collective efforts of making Anderson County a clean, safe and litter free environment to promote the well being of our communities for future generations.
And, Mr. Chairman, may I put that in the form of a motion?
TOMMY DUNN: You may. We have a second?
Second Mr. Allen. Any discussion?
I’d just like -- like I did a few meetings ago, just want to again thank all the citizens that helped out this Great American -- Anderson County clean up. And all the employees. I think they went beyond what was expected of them. Great job they done that weekend, getting out and working and doing that and trying to take pride in the county and keeping it
CINDY WILSON: Well, our Ms. Porter, who is our wonderful educator, came to our community clean-up, brought her mother and her little daughter, Nora, and that little girl outworked probably any two of us adults for a while and then she commenced to picking wild flowers. So -- but it was a very interesting day and it looked clean for a few days and we’ve had people out trashing us again. I don’t know what the answer’s going to be, but I hope we can all put our heads together. Perhaps a little punishment might go a long ways. Thank you.

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

That will conclude this part of the meeting. We’ll reconvene back at 6:30.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15 P.M.)
ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
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TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call the regular meeting of the Anderson County Council of May 15, 2018 to order. Welcome everyone here. Appreciate you coming out.

At this time I’d like to ask us all to rise for Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Ken Waters.

(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY KEN WATERS)

TOMMY DUNN: At this time, are there any corrections to be made to the May 1, 2018 regular Council meeting? Any? We have a motion to move forward?

CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion that we approve the minutes as written for the May 1st meeting?

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson approval. Second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. All in favor show of hands. Got something? Sorry. Wait a minute. We got something, Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: I was trying to ???. On page 18 of the minutes, there is something left out that I said and that should be -- the word bill should go in there. And on page -- the last page of the agenda, ???

TOMMY DUNN: Minutes, you mean.

GRACIE FLOYD: The minutes, yes. I think the timing is wrong. It says the meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM. Adjourned. Am I wrong about that?

TOMMY DUNN: Shouldn’t have been. Not at 6:30. We just got started at 6:30. We was pretty quick, but I don’t think it was two minutes quick.

GRACIE FLOYD: I think that needs to be corrected because that is documented.

CINDY WILSON: That’s true.

GRACIE FLOYD: And the fact that it was left out what I said about that bill that was in the House, that’s standing in the House. I remember saying the name of the bill because I couldn’t think of ???, but the number of the bill was left out and I can’t remember that now.

TOMMY DUNN: With those -- I make the motion that we correct the minutes and state what Ms. Floyd said. We’ll get after the meeting and let Ms. Floyd correct that if that’s all right with everybody. I put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

Now, Citizens Comments.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one is signed up at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Harmon. Things happen.

Number 5, Presentation from the Delta Sigma Theta organization. If y'all would step forward. I think it might be best if you want to behind Mr. Burns. Mr. Burns, make sure she gets it on and everything suits her. Little bit quicker next time or you’re going to lose your -- we’ll give that job to somebody else now. It’s not yours for life. Okay. Go ahead.

TRACY RICHARDSON: Good evening. My name is Tracy Richardson. I am the Chapter President for Anderson Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated. And so, just to give you a quick background. Our sorority -- our Chapter is a part of the National Sorority. We have over 250,000 predominantly African American college educated women throughout this country as well as Japan and other countries. We -- our programatic thrust is to focus on public service. And so we are committed to public service.

One of the things that I wanted you all to know is that the Anderson Alumnae Chapter has been around since May 19, 1978. And during that time we started our initiatives looking at assisting individuals, the least of these in the community, with, for example, political awareness and involvement. And so what that entails is that we have programs that focus on registering individuals to vote. And not only vote in a presidential election, but to vote in the primary elections as well. Because the bottom line is that politics is local and it is very important for our citizens to vote on a local level and not just when it’s time for president.

And so we -- our organization is in line with the national organization. So we’re non-partisan and so what we do in educating citizens about political involvement awareness is to educate them about the issues. Who is running, what their views are. And so we have political forums. We have legislative breakfasts. Matter of fact I think several of you have been invited in the past and several of you have came in the past to some of our political awareness events. Again, registering individuals to vote.

Something else that we focus on as well is expungement. So we are working with our local probation, pardon and parole and developing programs or
having programs in the community to look at the expungement process and educating the community about that.

Every year -- because South Carolina still remain, I want to say in the top five as it relates to domestic violence and women being killed by their intimate partners, we hold domestic violence forums in the community. We also have the human trafficking forums and we partner with Clemson University. Clemson University has a sorority on campus, Omicron Phi. And so we partner with them and have our human trafficking forum every year. The I-95 -- going down the interstate of I-95, you have Atlanta on one side, you have Charlotte on the other. South Carolina is sitting right there in between and there’s a lot of human trafficking going on in both of those states and it does matriculate its way into our area; Greenville, Spartanburg, even Anderson County.

Something else that we focus on is physical and mental health. There is a problem with increasing individuals with signs or symptoms of depression. Anderson, which is a part of the Upstate, also has a higher prevalence of suicide completions, which is -- statistically has shown to be the case. And so one of the things that we have done is we have held health forums. We had a community health forum actually at the Westside Community Center a couple of years ago and that’s where we educated the community on not only mental health, but also physical health, and the importance of eating healthy and taking care of yourself, just as a shameless plug I would say.

But one of the things that our sorority will be doing on May the 26th right here at the Anderson County Library -- we will have mental health first aid training for the community. And I know that United Way does mental health first aids in the community right now, but our chapter is having a training and this particular training is free and available to the community. So we will be doing that particular training just to assist lay persons with understanding some of the signs and symptoms of mental health, as well as suicide. So if a loved one or a friend comes to them, they’ll know what to do and what they are actually dealing with, at least some perspective on it.

Something else that we also do, we are part of Saturday Servant and what that actually -- with Saturday Servant, we feed the homeless and those who need food on Saturdays in the month of October. And so our sorority has taken on that. And during that time we also provide hygiene items to the individuals.
Coats, gloves, hats, those different type of clothing for them.

Something else that Delta does, as well, that I’m real proud of is that we have an educational programatic thrust and within that we have our Delta gyms, and our Delta academy. And these are two programs, Delta gyms focus on mentoring young ladies that are high school age. And so we serve as mentors to them throughout the three counties we serve. We service Anderson, Oconee and Pickens County. And so we mentor to young ladies. We also mentor to young girls in elementary schools with our Delta Academy program. And one of the things that we also do as far as helping our future, which are our children. And that is that we provide scholarships to our youth in the community. The Jabberwock is one way that we do that and have been doing that for many, many years. And we also have May week, and that’s another way that we give back as far as scholarships to young women, as well as young boys. Now, what the community may not know is that we have given over, since 1978, we have given over a million dollars in scholarships to students who were attending higher education, whether that’s two year or four year colleges. So we’re certainly proud of that. You know, not to be so long-winded, but I just wanted to give you just a snapshot of how active we are in the community. We are again, doctors, lawyers, counselors, business owners, we are voters, we are advocates for the least of these. We are assertive women who are about knowing what the issues are, educating ourselves on that as well as educating others on that and so that’s something that we are -- I’m certainly proud of being President of the chapter.

I will say that just on a personal note, you know, I’ve been with the Department of Mental Health for twenty-four years. And I’m also the first trained Crises Counseling program trainer for the state of South Carolina, which means I was trained by FEMA. I am a FEMA trainer trainer in the event of a disaster and I’m Department of Homeland Security trained. But all of that I am a Delta. And so, certainly I’m proud of that.

I do want to say that I appreciate the work that each of you do for the community. We have to have individuals who are a voice for our community and a voice for people to make sure that the right thing is done. The Bible states that the poor will always be among us. And because of that we do have a spiritual responsibility in making sure that their needs are at least addressed, heard and taken care of working with
them. Not saying doing it for them, saying working with them.

So in closing, I do just want to take a point of special privilege to present to our soror, Gracie Floyd, a small token of our appreciation for her service that she’s did to the Anderson community and we do appreciate the work that she’s doing for Anderson County and we appreciate her support of Delta Sigma Theta.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: I’d just like to say we appreciate what y’all do for the community. Appreciate -- I believe you’ve been part of our criminal justice thing coming up and we really do appreciate you participating in that and look forward to working with you on that very much.

Ms. Floyd, you have anything you want to add before we move on?

GRACIE FLOYD: I thank you for that, Tracy. These are my sorors. I’ve heard about the work that Tracy -- I can’t think of your last name.

TRACY RICHARDS: Richardson.

GRACIE FLOYD: I know about the work that you are doing. And Brandy is my special -- she’s my special. Known her for a long time. We have been in the organization, but I am proud, I am proud of my sorority and I am proud of the work that they do. And I hope that I am an extension of it. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all.

Moving on now to Item number 6, Discussion on Housing, our own Ms. Hunter. Ms. Hunter.

ALESIA HUNTER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have with me this afternoon Mr. Chris Hill. He’s president of Scout Realty. And Mr. Hill has came to my office -- came to my office maybe two weeks ago and presented me with a plan of some housing that he would like to propose for Anderson. I don’t know if you saw the paper. He made the front page of the Greenville News today, I think it was today. And he’s here to share with you some of his visions of what he would like to present to Anderson and some of the ideas in terms of affordable housing. He does ??? development.

So I’d like to introduce Mr. Hill. Again, he’s with Scout Realty Group. It’s a land development and site acquisition company. He’s based out of Greenville and he specializes in residential and urban in-fill and mixed use communities. They were founded in 2003 and since then he’s been involved with more than 20 communities throughout the Southeast. And in 2017, Scout started and began a place to increase their focus
on developing and building communities for affordable housing.

And prior to establishing Scout, Chris is a graduate of University of South Carolina Law School. And he’s been practicing law for approximately thirteen years and he’s focused on real estate. Chris also owns a sales and marketing company that’s focused on a destination of resort real estate and represented at some of the largest buildings in the U.S. in land development area. So Chris is active with the ULI and has been a guest instructor at Clemson University for their masters of real estate development program. So at this time I will turn it over to Mr. Hill to address the Council. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Hunter.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, before he starts would you like to go to the podium?

TOMMY DUNN: Whatever’s comfortable for you. Whatever’s comfortable for you. If you’re good. Okay.

CHRISS HILL: I appreciate the opportunity. I did come over I guess a few weeks ago to speak with Alesia. And so in the Greenville market, I’m developing market rate lots that I sell to the D.R. Hortons of the world, the mungos of the world, those kinds of guys. And what we have figured out is to put a lot of the ground, curb, gutters, sewer, roads, etcetera, you’re every bit of twenty-five to twenty-seven thousand dollars. And that’s before you buy the land, before you pay your interest for the money you borrowed to do these deals. And so, we were having trouble trying to bring anything to the market where we could sell lots at a price where you could put a house under a hundred and eighty, a hundred and ninety thousand dollars.

Just by chance I had a property in Clemson that I bought from Milliken. I sold that to a student housing group and they asked, we’ve got some property in Greenville, would you be interested in buying it? It was around Judson Mill and it was some old mill property with lots off of existing roads, infrastructure in place, and that was sort of the genesis of starting to do the affordable housing.

And so, I have continued that model in multiple places. I’m currently selling lots that I can develop without full infrastructure, but where I can find road frontage in an area where DOT doesn’t control the roads, because DOT does not like curb cuts. But we’re selling lots in Woodruff; we’re selling lots in Duncan. We are -- as far as Mary Black Hospital area in
Spartanburg, I’m in Greenwood. I have two communities in Anderson. However, both of those were sites that I bought partially developed. I bought Oak Hill, which is, I guess, right off Clemson Boulevard.

TOMMY DUNN: And Market Place.

CHRIS HILL: Eighty-two lots. And then I bought a small seventeen lot subdivision in Homeland Park area that we’re currently selling homes starting in the one twenty’s, one twenty-fives.

So I think I’m here today really to say, I’m actively looking in this market. And what I would just ask is as we bring things in front of Alesia and we bring, you know, hopefully opportunities in front of you guys to see, help me think outside the box on ways we can achieve things that will still allow us to do lots that I can sell to my builder and we can, you know, get something in that’s not a hundred and sixty and a hundred and seventy.

It has amazed me to watch, for instance, in Woodruff I bought nineteen lots in the last subdivision developed in Woodruff, 1992. And they have set there every since. I bought the last nineteen lots. We went in, we put them on the website, we started selling and we sold all nineteen and have started all nineteen homes within sixty days. And this is really not an anomaly. Where we’re going is a very under-served area typically. Not necessarily -- you know, Homeland Park area for instance, is not -- we’re not going there specifically because the lots are cheaper but really because you’ve got quite a few renters and the programs we’re seeing with the builders I’m working with, people can end up buying these homes really close to or sometimes under what they’re renting some really poor rentals for. So I think it’s a mutually beneficial, you know, solution that if we can all figure out a way to deliver these lots everybody wins.

TOMMY DUNN: Very well could be. Look forward to hearing more from you.


Ms. Wilson, I come to you. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Did you say you work with D. R. Horton?

CHRIS HILL: I did some -- I have actually sold them some lots and I’ve also done some land acquisition. Yes, ma’am.

CINDY WILSON: Well, I’m not very fond of the quality they build, but we do have a lot of opportunities coming up with our neighborhood improvement program with lots that have been cleaned up. Those will start being available next year, I
believe. And we have a lot of housing over in the
Pelzer and Williamston area. A lot of the old mill
hill that if we had a good builder to go in and take up
some of those lots and restore some of those houses,
they are highly marketable and a lot of good things
going on. But we do want to encourage good
development. Be glad to help you in that regard.

CHRIS HILL: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I met Mr. Hill
last week or the week before last, I can’t remember
which one now. But I met him and I went on a ride with
him throughout the area that he is planning on having
these houses. He’s planning on building these houses.
I was so -- I was just elated when I saw them. Those
houses are beautiful. I have been talking about them,
but I wanted him to come here today and talk to us
because this is one of the things that we need in
Anderson County. It’s called affordable homes. I have
been so excited about it that -- I’m not a realtor but
I have carted some of my friends screaming and
scratching and clawing over there off of the highway
near the Fairgrounds to the houses that you’re building
over there. And they were amazed. Some of the men
that went with me got out and looked at them and all of
that.

But I told them the part that really got to me when
you said that some of those houses will cost them less
than what they’re paying for rent now. And I think
that’s a -- I think that’s the thing that’s going to
grab a lot of people to live well, to live better, in
affordable homes in nice communities. And Chris --
that’s what I’ve been calling you now -- Chris, thank
you for coming and thank you for what you’re doing to
Anderson, not only in my area, but what could happen
all over Anderson.

CHRIS HILL: Yes, ma’am. And just as one
more point, so there’s almost -- there’s a niche of
people that really are getting left out a little bit.
We don’t do subsidized housing. So there are the
people that can buy subsidized and then there’s that
little bit above that where these guys don’t have any
housing available and then there’s the one seventies.
So we’re trying to serve that niche in between where it
is a -- you know, we’re not asking Anderson to help
give us money to ---

GRACIE FLOYD: I know, I know.

CHRIS HILL: We are asking Anderson ????
a little bit of help on, you know, roads, etcetera.
Nothing that would ever jeopardize safety or anything
like that.

TOMMY DUNN: Understand. Look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for coming out tonight.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you for coming, Chris.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now. Item number 7(a) Ordinance Third Reading. Ordinance 2018-007 an ordinance amending the Zoning map to rezone +/- 3.3 acres from R-M7 (Multi-Family Residential) to C-3 (Commercial) along Hwy 24 and Welborn Street.

This is third reading. We’ve had this, we’ve had a public hearing on this. I’ll make the motion we move this forward.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any discussion? All I’d like to say is I want to appreciate the work the Collins have done with the community over there. I know they wasn’t exactly happy, but nobody’s here. Going back to that first meeting, it proves to show you you can work and try to come to a compromise. Appreciate y’all doing that and trying to work with that and I know what y’all have done in the past has been blessing and good to the community. Appreciate y’all very much for doing that and taking the initiative to try to work with them.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: I’d like to echo those comments, too. I think you did a great job working with the folks out there, the residents to get this worked out and I want to thank you for that.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank y’all again.

Moving on to Item number 8 -- I’m sorry. 7(b) 2018-011 this is an ordinance establishing the terms and conditions upon which non-exclusive franchise may be granted to private ambulance services operating. This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this, please step forward and state your name and district and address the Chair please. Anyone at all? Hearing or seeing no one public hearing will be closed.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This is in reference to ordinance 2018-011. This is an ordinance establishing the terms and conditions upon which non-exclusive franchise may be granted to private ambulance services operating within Anderson County for non-emergency patient transport, establishing the procedures for applying for such franchises, the
payment of franchise fee, the period of operation
granted by such franchise, renewal procedures and the
standards applicable for such franchise, establishing
appeal procedures for denial of a franchise
application, discipline of a franchise, denial of a
renewal of a franchise, or the termination or
restriction of franchise rights, establishing penalties
for violation of this ordinance. Basically the only
thing we’ve added in this is the actual fee which is
five hundred dollars for this franchise fee. And
Public Safety Committee just feels that that’s enough
for people to put some skin in the game to actually
request a franchise opportunity here in Anderson.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from Public Safety
Committee doesn’t need a second. Are there any
discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: I have one, please.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: The five hundred dollar fee
that you just put in, is that a fee that was approved
by Council or is it one that ---
TOMMY DUNN: That’s what we’re asking to
vote on tonight, to approve it.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But we voted on the
fee as well as the ordinance itself.
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
TOMMY DUNN: This is going to affect
nobody that’s in Anderson now. This is just to protect
us -- really not only protects us but protects existing
ambulance providers to let somebody come in and just
take over our service, plus having a little bit of
control. Most other counties have already got
something in place. We’re just trying to play catch-up
if something or other happens. All in favor of the
motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
motion carries unanimously.

There are no second readings at this time.

We’ll go on to Item number 9(a) Ordinance First
Reading 2018-017 an ordinance authorizing the execution
and deliver of Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreements by and
between Anderson County, South Carolina and a company
or companies known to the County at this time as
Project Avocado with respect to certain Economic
Development property in the County, whereby such
property will be subject to certain payments in Lieu of
Taxes, including the provision of certain Special
Source Revenue Credits.

Mr. Nelson, you have anything you want to add or
say?
BURRISS NELSON: ?? (inaudible).

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. We have a motion to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen, second Ms. Wilson. Now discussion.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

CINDY WILSON: Just a real quick question.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd. She has the floor. Then we’ll go to you. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I would like to explain this as I understand it because I think it’s a -- from what I can see and hear today and this afternoon, I think it’s a good project, but you’re going to have trouble understanding what it is. Southern -- well, you’re going to have problems understanding what it is. But I’m going to explain it to you without going into a whole lot of details. Think about the tower, the cell tower for the telephone. Okay. These people are going to do the same thing on these open areas agricultural land. It’s a solar system and the energy or whatever they call what comes into the solar system will be sold to Duke Power. Duke Power on -- then will -- I understand that it may not lower our energy bills that much, but it’s hoped that it will help it from going up as it is bound to be ?? (switched to next audio file) everything that’s going on. Did I explain that correctly? Okay. Good. But you need to know what we’re talking about sometimes up here. And I just wanted to offer that.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.


CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I talked with Mr. Nelson earlier today. Did we ever find out the difference in the millage rates between the properties?

BURRISS NELSON: ?? (inaudible).

CINDY WILSON: Okay. Well, we do use buckets on the farms.

BURRISS NELSON: I’m sorry.

CINDY WILSON: The other question the resolution and inducement agreement, which is the inducement agreement listed other projects, but the fee in lieu of and special source revenue credit agreements didn’t list all of them. And you were explaining to me that by the time we get to the third reading we’ll have all of them.

BURRISS NELSON: Well, they’ll be incorporated in a multi-county park agreement. These are large enough that they can qualify for negotiated
fee based on their complete -- their total size of
capital investment.
CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All in
favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Thank you, Mr. Nelson.
BURRISS NELSON: Thank you. Thank you for
supporting this.
TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number (b)
2018-018 an ordinance authorizing the amendment of the
Infrastructure Credit Agreement heretofore entered into
between Anderson County, South Carolina and One World
Technologies, Inc. to modify the provisions thereof
relating to the ownership of the existing facilities
and other provisions therein. Do we have a motion to
move this forward?
CINDY WILSON: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. We have
a second? Second Mr. Graham. Any discussion?
Mr. Nelson, you have anything you’d like to add?
BURRISS NELSON: Nothing other than this is
just cleaning up a little bit of the language that is
in our previous agreement for that project and it
allows them to get full advantage of the incentive
package.
TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
carries unanimously. Thank you.
BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now, Item number
(c) 2018-019 an ordinance amending Ordinance #99-004
the Anderson County zoning ordinance, as adopted July
20, 1999, by amending certain sections of the zoning
ordination text, specifically Chapter {30} 70 Article
10, Sections 1.2, 1.3, and 3.4 to eliminate fees for
Zoning Ordinance or Map amendments.
This is coming from the Planning and Works
Committee -- Planning and Public Works Committee. It
doesn’t need a second when we get to it, but this was
in her -- in the report for that, but this is moved up
here so this will not be -- we’re going to cover this
now. Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: Thank you. You’ve basically
described it perfectly. Ms. Myers and Dr. Parkey
presented us with this item at our meeting and it had
already been presented to the Planning Commission.
It’s simply eliminating the fees for the rezoning. And
all the verbiage and the numbers in the red print that
you have before you tonight will be removed. And that
part of our ordinance is before you if anybody has any questions.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Parkey, Dr. Parkey, do you have any comments you’d like to add anything to that? Everything good? Okay. Again, coming from the Public Safety Committee -- I mean the Public Works Committee doesn’t need a second. Any discussion? Any more? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 10 Resolutions 10(a) 2018-028 a resolution inducing and identifying a proposed investment under code name of “Project Avocado” that Mr. Nelson has talked about numerous two times before. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Mr. Nelson, you got anything to add?

BURRISS NELSON: No, sir. You described it perfectly. Thank you, sir.

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

Appreciate it. Keep up the good work, you and your staff. Thank y’all.

Moving on now Item number 11 Report from Civic Center Committee -- Ad Hoc Committee held May the 30th. Mr. Waters.

KEN WATERS: Yes, I’d like to make a motion that we go into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters. We don’t need to? Okay, I apologize. We don’t need to go into Executive Session. Mr. Burns, would you like to go over the contract that we discussed? Okay.

RUSTY BURNS: All members of Council have had the -- this contract for around ten days. It was coming out of the Civic Center Committee. It was approved unanimously to go to County Council. Basically it will be to hire TRC Management Company to be responsible for management, ticketing, sales and marketing, premium sitting programs, parking, security, food, beverage, artists and promoter relations, operations and everything else related to the event on the day of the event at the facility. They will use their best efforts to have the facility booked with quality programs, ensure the facility is available to all qualified promoters. And if you have any other questions or any concerns ---

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burriss -- I mean, Mr.
1 Burns, if you would just touch base how this was put
2 out for requests for proposal or whatever the correct
3 term is.
4 RUSTY BURNS: We put it out nationally for
5 requests for proposal. And we received one response.
6 This was the response that we received.
7 TOMMY DUNN: Had a couple other companies
8 inquire, but nobody -- this was the only one that
9 responded. Right?
10 RUSTY BURNS: Several companies who
11 visited Anderson and we had several people who called
12 and requested information. So it was widely advertised
13 to all the major promoters in the country.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
16 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, I know you said
18 the Civic Center and da-da-da all around the Civic
19 Center. But this does include the amphitheater, too,
20 does it not?
21 RUSTY BURNS: There’s the amphitheater,
22 Ms. Floyd, as well as the Sports Complex. Yes, ma’am.
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
24 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the committee
25 doesn’t need a second. Any more discussion? All in
26 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
27 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
28 Now moving on to Item number 12, Report from
29 Capital Projects Committee Meeting held May the 7th.
30 Chairman Graham. Mr. Graham.
31 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, at this time
32 we don’t really have anything to report. We are going
33 to continue with the meetings first of the week, and
34 hopefully by next Council meeting we’ll have some
35 recommendations back from the committee.
36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Chairman.
37 Moving on to Item number 13, Report from the Parks
38 and Recreation Committee meeting held May the 9, 2018.
39 Chairman Wooten. Chairman Wooten.
40 CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, sir. We met last
41 Wednesday, I believe. It was the first Parks and
42 Recreation Committee meeting. And the purpose of it
43 was to sort of tell where we wanted to go with Parks
44 and Rec. And Anderson is a collection of communities.
45 And I grew up in the Pendleton community and we were
46 always involved on the Square, we were always involved
47 with recreation. We knew the community members. The
48 community members knew us. We knew the police, they
49 knew us. We didn’t everything right, but we -- it
50 allowed us to have a sense of community where people
took pride. And I’m a big believer that we provide public safely and that’s probably the most important thing we can help work on.

But through that and working with the school systems, those things go together to create economic development. And once economic development is created, we go to work so that we can get off work to live our lives. You know, I go to work so I can come home and spend time with my children. And so when we talk about things like crime, we talk about trash, we talk about all the things that are challenges, a lot of it comes down to our sense of community and how people are connected with each other, how people are respectful to each other. And that’s the memories that you make and that’s what we want to be a part of. And you know, some folks said I was a little bit too idealistic and I said, well, we’re just chasing idealism through small realistic steps.

And with that we discussed a number of things, but you know, we have a trail that’s going through Anderson from the Connector, it’s going to go across to the Civic Center. It’s going to go behind AnMed. It can possibly connect to the walking areas within the city, through Linley Park and downtown.

And I spoke with the city. I would like for us to sort of form a working group where we can brand that. You know the Swamp Rabbit Trail in Greenville. You know the trail in Easley. We need to name our trail. We need to let people know what’s going on with that.

Also we talked about corporate sponsorship for parks. And we have a lot of companies that we’ve done a lot of work with. We’ve given them tax breaks. And they’ve come and provided wonderful jobs and they’re recruiting people to this area. We have some corporations that would like to be involved with making our parks nicer. But it’s incumbent upon us to make -- bring the parks up to speed. We’re not asking them to fix a problem. We need to take care of our own deferred maintenance and then allow the corporations to come in and make it nicer for the community.

With that, also, we had a proposed master plan from Mr. Brill and Mr. Schell where they’re constantly updating where do we want to go with this. And finally, in talking about the accommodations fee, we talked about areas where we can go in and start to make current improvements and have an impact in the short run.

So with the proposed accommodation fee, and I like this fee for one reason, it’s paid for by folks outside of the county. These are people who come in and stay
at a hotel and they pay a fee and we collect that fee jointly with the city and then we work on projects to make Anderson nice for the citizens.

So with that, we’re proposing one hundred thousand dollars for Broadway Lake for improvements to the center there. We’re proposing a hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars to KidVenture at the Entertainment Center where kids play to make it safe and accessible to everybody. We’re proposing a hundred thousand dollars for a baseball field at Dolly Cooper Park. We’re also proposing two hundred and eighteen thousand dollars for restrooms and ADA compliance and parking and straightening of a road, which is a match, I may add, for a grant for Green Pond. And then we’re proposing two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to resurface the Anderson Sports and Entertainment Center which is desperately needed as that’s our center place to host events and we need to maintain it and especially with this new management group that’s going to try to bring in regional and national acts that we maintain it in a way that it looks appropriate and it helps facilitate business.

So with those recommendations we’re bringing it from the committee for Council approval.

And I put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance -- I mean, I’m sorry, coming from the Ad Hoc Parks and Recreation Committee it doesn’t need a second. Now, discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Wooten, excellent report.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you.

GRACIE FLOYD: Excellent report. I have one question, though. You said that the proposed master plan is a proposal. Nothing is written in stone yet, right? But are -- or can we -- or may we have some input in that proposed plan as far as the funds are concerned? May I attend a meeting, please, before we just go ahead and sign off on it to discuss the parks, since Broadway Lake is in it.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Most definitely. Yes, ma’am. And that’s one of the things I asked of Mr. Brill and Mr. Schell. I said, for any plans that you’re making for any parks in anybody’s area, if you’re proposing any kind of substantial changes from a funding standpoint or a functionality standpoint, I said, I would like for you to get with that Council member individually so that if it moves forward it’s
with them knowing about it and with their approval.

GRACIE FLOYD: Good. Well, I have -- I know I haven’t heard anything from anybody. I guess they were waiting on tonight so we could vote on this before we move on. But I thank you.

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

Moving on, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Wooten, you got anything else?

CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir. No, that’s it.

TOMMY DUNN: I just want to thank you and your committee for your hard work. Keep on and bring anything else to our attention that y’all have seen necessary. Thank you very much.

CRAIG WOOTEN: I appreciate it.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now Item number 14 Report from Personnel Committee meeting held on May 9, 2018. Chairman Allen. Chairman.

TOM ALLEN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair.

As stated, the Personnel Committee met on May 9th to study a survey that was done by the Segal Waters firm of Austin, Texas. And that was to look at our overall personnel structure here in the county. And there were approximately four major areas that they keyed in on. And that was doing a wage comparison of what the county pays employees here versus other counties in the area versus private industry in the area. So wages was one thing looked at. The quality and quantity of job descriptions and how they were written and did they really pinpoint the work, the jobs that were actually being done. They looked at those to make sure they were correct or if they needed some reworking. They also looked at the need for annual appraisals, employee appraisals so that we know where employees stand when it does come time for promotions or raises or whatever. And they also looked at how comp time, vacation time, sick time and so on is compiled and how that compares with outside industry both public and private here in the area. So they looked at numerous things.

And what we would like to do then at this time, those were the four key areas that they looked at. And the Personnel Committee then voted to bring this to the full Council tonight with the recommendation that the administration and staff review these suggestions and come up with the appropriate fixes, in conjunction with the Personnel Committee, and then that can then be brought back to the full Council for final vote and implementation.

So I would put that recommendation in the form of a
Have a motion, doesn’t need a second coming from the Personnel Committee. Any discussion? Any more discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of Mr. Allen’s motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Chairman Allen, anything else?

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TOM ALLEN: That’s all. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Moving on to Item number 15, Report from the Planning and Public Works Committee meeting held May 11, 2018. And keep in mind, we’ve already done Item (b) so Madam Chainlady, Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Ms. Alesia Hunter, our Development Standards and Zoning Director, presented a very important result of county’s audit by FEMA, which was conducted April 26, 2018.

The purpose of FEMA’s visit was to assist community officials with the implementation and administration of the local Flood Plain Management Program and to evaluate Anderson County’s status as a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program.

In addition to being our Zoning and Development Standards Director, Ms. Hunter is now our certified Flood Plain Administrator, having completed the courses necessary to qualify.

The following is an excerpt which you have in front of you from the report, which I’ll quickly read. The administrative permit process includes application, review, inspection, record keeping, enforcement and substantial improvement in damage. The Flood Plain Manager, Alesia, is part of the development standard section. She works very closely with the building code section. The county has several checks and balances in place to ensure proper enforcement of their flood ordinance. Alesia reviews all three elevations certificates that are required and she inspects structure with a final elevation certificate. The final plat for subdivision is required to have a FEMA flood plain zone boundary and states which parcels will be required to submit elevation certificates. Majority of the permitted structures within the special flood hazard area have a lowest adjacent grade that is above the base flood elevation, making them eligible to be removed from the flood zone.

Our county has a hundred and thirteen of the insurance policies totaling a total amount of thirty-two million two hundred and eighty-six thousand dollars. The administrative and enforcement procedures, there were found to be no issues. The
follow-up, there is no need for a follow up by the
state or FEMA. And we are just so proud of Ms. Hunter
for doing all of this work and our good professionals
in staff who contributed to this effort.
You’ll see a list of projects that were audited.
There were thirteen projects or requirements that have
been met. It was a very, very complex evaluation. And
thank you, Ms. Hunter. And I was reading what SC D&R
stated of her efforts there. So we’re very proud.
This puts our county way ahead in that realm.
The next item that we had to deal with was we
continued the review of the capital improvement plan,
which by state law is required to be approved by County
Council in five year cycles. The capital improvement
plan list has also been provided as part of our backup
here and part of our budget considerations. The list
for fiscal year ’18-’19 identifies the need, estimates
costs and we are in discussion of possible funding
resources. And at our next Planning and Public Works
Committee meeting, we’ll have additional input from the
department heads for each request and we will return to
County Council with a prioritized list for Council’s
final approval.
And that is the report from the Planning and Public
Works Committee. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
Appreciate the work you and your committee is doing. I
also want to thank Ms. Hunter and her department. I
know it’s mostly her doing this and we really do
appreciate what all you’ve done for us in keeping us up
to date on this stuff because if it wasn’t -- you think
this ain’t important, but if it wasn’t, when people go
to get permits or to do this, that or the other, we’d
be hearing from it. So we appreciate what all you did
for us. Thank you very much.
We’re moving on now to the Road Acceptance into the
County Inventory. We have three roads tonight. Any
objection to doing all three of these at one time? We
have a motion to take all three of these in and meeting
county requirements.
KEN WATERS: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second
Mr. Waters. Any discussion? All in favor of the
motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
motion carries unanimously.
Item number 17 is just something that was brought
to my attention and I said I would bring this up for
full discussion with Council and see what their wishes
was. Doesn’t matter to me one way at all. But there
was some discussion about the primary day is June the
12, 2018 election day, about being off that day for
2 county holiday. Make that a county holiday for that
3 one time. Does anybody got any thoughts? Yeah, nay on
4 this?
5 CINDY WILSON: Should we meet another date
6 and free that up? Does anyone have a suggestion?
7 TOMMY DUNN: This ain’t a must meeting.
8 This is discussion concerning -- is this Council
9 meeting? No, this is for a county -- county workers
10 being off that day, is why I understood it. For the
11 primary. June 12. It’s not for a Council meeting.
12 CINDY WILSON: Well, should we have a
13 Council meeting that night?
14 TOMMY DUNN: It don’t fall on that night,
15 does it?
16 LEON HARMON: No. The Council meetings in
17 June would be the 5th and the 19th. This is the second
18 Tuesday in the month.
19 CINDY WILSON: Oh, okay. Thank you.
20 TOMMY DUNN: You got something, Mr.
21 Graham?
22 RAY GRAHAM: Have we done this in the
23 past?
24 TOMMY DUNN: Don’t think so, but let me
25 ask. Don’t want to speak out of turn. Has this been
26 done in the past, does anybody know?
27 RUSTY BURNS: I don’t remember.
28 TOMMY DUNN: Do you know, Ms. Floyd?
29 GRACIE FLOYD: I don’t think we have had to
30 do this in the past because the primaries, as well as
31 the general elections, are always held at a time when,
32 you know, when it was convenient. I don’t think we’ve
33 ever let the employees have a vacation day that day.
34 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. What do you think,
35 Mr. Allen?
36 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair, yeah, I was going
37 to say I don’t think we need a holiday, either.
38 There’s plenty of time before work, after work and we
39 could just have a liberal leave policy during the day
40 if somebody has to take off work to go and do it. But
41 I can’t see taking a whole day off to go.
42 RAY GRAHAM: I agree.
43 TOMMY DUNN: You make that a motion just
44 no action.
45 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, I’d make a motion that
46 that not be used as a holiday.
47 RAY GRAHAM: I’ll second that.
48 CINDY WILSON: I’ll second that ---
49 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham.
50 Discussion, Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: Is there -- the reason this is on here, is there an issue with some of our employees working as poll workers? Is that ---

RUSTY BURNS: ?? at the polls. No harm.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on number 18, Appointments. Mr. Waters, you got any?

KEN WATERS: I don’t have any at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Does anybody have any Appointments?

Okay. Moving on Requests by Council members. Mr. Waters, you have any?

KEN WATERS: I don’t have any.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: I have two.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, if you would, get that part there.

GRACIE FLOYD: I want my mike back Mr. Dunn. I mean Mr. Burns. I want my mike. Stationary mike back. The -- I have two appointments, please.

TOMMY DUNN: Appointments or requests?

GRACIE FLOYD: No, excuse me. I’m having a bad day, y’all, so you have to just bear with me.

Okay. Today’s the 15th, right?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Today’s the day I buried my husband, nineteen years ago and I always have a bad day on this day, so ... Where are we now?

TOMMY DUNN: You got two requests.

GRACIE FLOYD: No. Requests. I have two requests. I know what I’m doing. From District 2. District 2 have allocated -- would like to allocate ten thousand dollars to the YMCA for our children in District 2 to attend the camp. The YMCA camp is one of the best camps that we have. And I don’t like to see children out in the streets playing or watching TV in the house. So every year, I think this is the fourth or fifth year, District 2 has sent kids to camp with the recreational money. So I’m allocating ten thousand dollars for that, please. And that’s in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd makes a motion to allocate ten thousand dollars out of District 2's rec account for the YMCA camp for the kids in her district.

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. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Let me put these two together. District 2 was able to secure passes to the fair. We’re going to talk about that one later on. But we sent a lot of kids this year to the Anderson County Fair. And I was out with my rollator, and a helper when I could get one, passing out Fair tickets. Not only did we pass out tickets, we passed out free fair rides. I think I said that right. We passed out coupons for fair rides free. And it went over big.

But while I was at Nevitt Forest passing them out, I had a chance to talk with the principal there and she told me of a project that they are doing with their kids to encourage good behavior and all the other kind of stuff. I don’t believe in paying a child to be good. I’m from the old school. You be good or we got something good for you. But the thing is, what she’s doing will probably help a lot. And she needs some money in order to get it done. It lays in the recreational arena. So I would like to give one thousand seven hundred forty-eight dollars and ninety-nine cents to Nevitt Forest Elementary school to go into their recreational behavior fund for their children. And that’s in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion from Ms. Floyd. Have a second?

TOM ALLEN: 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.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: That it?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This is in reference to my paving account. I would like to bring this forth in the form of a motion. There’s fifty-five thousand two hundred fifty dollars for grading and drainage for the city of Belton. They have came to me and asked that this be allocated towards the paving of the armory, which they basically secured it and have completely remodeled and turned it into a recreational facility. There should be a little bit of money left over with this paving and with the remainder amount that they’re going to have left over, they’re going to put toward paving a spot behind the
Square that needed to be paved. I bring this forth as a motion this money be allocated.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Graham.
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?
RAY GRAHAM: Nothing, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.
CRAIG WOOTEN: None.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: Nothing for me.
TOMMY DUNN: Neither does District 5.

Moving on, Administrator’s Report.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Citizens Comments. Mr. Harmon calls your name, state your name and district for the record. Address the Chair and you got three minutes.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one citizen signed up. Elizabeth Fant.
ELIZABETH FANT: Good evening. Good evening, friends. Elizabeth, District -- I’m a little bit confused as to why you had a meeting yesterday. Special -- start over. Elizabeth, District 3. I’m a little bit confused as to why you had a meeting yesterday, special called meeting, ordinance first reading of the budget, why that wasn’t tonight. But if you needed a special meeting yesterday, at 11 o’clock in the middle of the day when nobody is going to attend, why that couldn’t wait for tonight. Want that question answered by somebody.

We’ve had a lot of events here lately. In Anderson County particularly we have a lot of outdoor events starting in April. You know, we have the Pendleton Fest, the Chili Cook-off. I was pleased to go to the Westside Community Center Gala which I’d never been to. Then this week we had an accolade for an outdoor track that’s going to go from the Belton Library all the way to the Leda Poore Park and a bench there was dedicated to Ms. Hattie Green who has been on the Belton City Council for something like sixteen years. We have Ms. Bea Thompson who is responsible really for the Westside Community Center and we have Ms. Gracie Floyd who has gotten an accolade tonight. Isn’t it nice to recognize those people in the community that tirelessly try to make the community a better place to live.
Anderson County is blessed because we’re not -- we don’t have a lot of huge crime. We have people that get along with each other. I do want to say that one event this last two weeks has really troubled me and that was the firing or retiring of a District 1 teacher who did just what District 1 has been sending their teachers to a workshop to tell them how to keep the kids interested. And one of the things they told them was that if they’re not paying attention to get up on the desk. And that teacher did that. And that teacher got fired or retired.

Now there’s something really wrong with that. This teacher was trying to encourage a black young fellow to stay awake. It was not a racial event. She was just trying to get his interest and wake him up. And was doing it with good humor. He was playing along. We don’t need such stuff as this to happen any more. We’re beyond that as people. We don’t care about what race you are, what color, what religion, how old you are, fat, slim, or whatever. Let’s just get along. But let’s do the right thing by people. That teacher was exemplary. Something like 28 years and now it’s gone.

LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.
LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.
Moving on now, comments from Council members. Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: Oh, thank you, Mr. Chairman.
It was really interesting to read the April Metrics report from the Sheriff’s department. Couple of highlights that were really astonishing and do confirm our good low cost, low income thing, a spaying and neutering program. I’m sorry I’m tripping up over words tonight. There were only a hundred and forty animals collected and transported this month. Our average daily population at the detention center was 375. That’s of great concern. But amazingly the litter crew cleaned twenty-six point four miles. They picked up thirteen hundred and eighty-two bags of garbage and a total number of two hundred and eighty-two tires. So there’s a lot of work in addition to the regular police work that they’ve done that’s going on and I want to commend all of our staff and our Council members for the hard committee work that everybody’s doing. I’m trying to attend as many of y’all’s meetings, too. There’s so much happening right now, along with the budget and things that are transitioning, that it’s really important for all of us
to learn as much as we can. And I appreciate all the
hard work everybody’s doing. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: I would just like to relay I
attended Anderson County Fair this past week and my
kids really enjoyed it and it was a wonderful
experience. I’m always amazed at how popular it is.
It’s packed every night.

Ms. Fant, I believe, because I had the same
question you did about meeting yesterday and I believe,
Mr. Burns, correct me if I’m wrong, it’s due to state
ordinance or state law that we have to -- or county
ordinance ---

TOMMY DUNN: County ordinance.

RUSTY BURNS: County ordinance that we
have to have the meeting before the 14th, on or before
the 14th.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay. So we had gone
through a lot of these items in committee meetings,
going through like the different sections and then they
alerted us that we were running up against the county
ordinance that we have to have the first reading by a
certain time. So it wasn’t -- we couldn’t bring it
till tonight. And so that was the reason. It wasn’t
to try to put it at a time inconvenient to folks.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Just want to commend, kind of touch what Ms. Wilson had
stated and also Councilman Wooten. You definitely want
to commend the Council. This is a busy time of the
year for each and every one of us. I know each one has
individual meetings with different department heads,
different divisions, different committees to try to get
this budget moving forward. And Ms. Fant, I appreciate
your comments every week, but I mean, it definitely is
not a convenience for us to meet at 11 o’clock either.
I own a restaurant. That’s my busiest time of the day.
So I mean, it’s definitely not necessarily always at
our convenient time, either. I mean it’s just
sacrifice that we as Council has to make. And I mean I
definitely appreciate what each and everyone of my
fellow Council members does, especially this time of
year, because it is a very trying time to try to get an
understanding on, you know, what the requests are. Are
they valued, are they a benefit to the citizens, are
they a benefit to the county. And we truly try to make
the best decisions to move forward with the budget.
And a lot of tough decisions at times on saying, no, we
don’t need to do that or yeah, we do need to stand our
ground and do that. But definitely appreciate what
everybody does. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I’m going to talk about the fair first. It was absolutely awesome. Council members, I don’t see why I don’t ever run into you guys at the fair. Don’t y’all like the fair? I missed you, Mr. Wooten. But don’t the rest of y’all like the fair? I mean, I don’t go out there to ride everything, but I surely do go to see the smiles on the faces of the children and the worried look of the parents. They have been very accommodating to me and for me. I go out there. I see everything. I don’t ride anything. I talk to the people. It just feels good to be out there. And for us not to attend, that kind of sends the wrong message. Somebody ought to see us out there.

Also, the Westside High. We had that gala last -- Friday night before last. It was good. I have gone every year they’ve had it except two and I have never had a full table with Council members. Why won’t y’all go to the Westside gala sometimes to see what happens out there? You Council members, the Council pays over two thousand dollars for that table, but you’re not there. And that disappoints me because I would go to things that you guys have. But anyway, next year let’s try to all fill that table. Just like Ms. Fant just got through saying, let’s support each other. Let’s support the things that are happening in our community.

All right. I asked for -- I’m hearing of how wonderful the economic situation is here in Anderson and it is phenomenal here in Anderson. I think the unemployment rate is three point three for Caucasian, for white is nine point seven (verbatim). What’s wrong with this picture?

At the Westside Gala you would have heard Mr. Burns talk about a program he and I are going to implement to try to increase those numbers. But it’s going to take it all. Folks, if we all aren’t employed then we’ve got a problem here in Anderson County. We’re getting new things. We’re getting housing. We’re getting companies coming to Anderson. We’ve got a plan for our parks and other stuff. But you know, if you guys just sit back on certain things, that means they’re right.

Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yeah, Mr. Chair. I just want to remind everybody we have an air show coming up this weekend, the 19th and 20th. It’s all free. And it’s going to be a fantastic show. We’ve got the Canadian Snowbirds coming in. We’ve got the A-10
attack team coming in. Going to have several static
displays, including an F-18 Hornet and a lot of other
things, along with some pyrotechnics. So it’s going to
be pretty darn exciting if the weather holds out for
us. But I would just encourage everybody. It’s all
free. If you get a chance and the weather holds out
for us, Saturday and Sunday at the airport. And that’s
all I have.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Mr.
Waters.

KEN WATERS: Yeah, just to add to Mr.
Allen’s comments there, I think this is the largest
event in Anderson County. Is that not correct, Mr.
Burns?

RUSTY BURNS: It has been. Last year we
had over thirty thousand people attend that event for a
one day event.

KEN WATERS: That’s all I have, Mr.
Chairman. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters.
Just a couple of things, housekeeping. Want to
reaffirm that’s absolutely correct, county ordinance.
And I don’t know why, hope somebody who’s been on
Council a while can figure out, because after we get
through this budget process, I’d like to change that.
No reason whatsoever. The ordinance says you got to
have a budget by first reading by the 14th, on or
before the 14th. Somebody can tell me what the reason
is behind that, that started way before I got on
Council, and I just think it’s a hindrance sometime
when you don’t get this information from the state and
all.

Another thing about the time, just keep in mind,
Anderson County is growing a diverse group of workforce
now. Everybody don’t work. It ain’t the same old
Anderson County. People don’t work, everybody don’t
work from eight to five or eight to four. We got
people’s off, we got twelve hour shifts. So 11 o’clock
is a great time for some folks. So just keep that in
mind. What might be inconvenient for you is convenient
for somebody else.

Also like to echo Mr. Allen about the air show
coming up. Let’s all pray for good weather. And we’ve
got some tough decisions to make if we don’t, I know
the staff does. And I want to commend the staff for
the job they’ve done. Some of them have worked
tirelessly on this. Not only the staff but the airport
committee, especially Mr. Butch Jones, and what he’s
done and put this thing together and really appreciate
what all he’s done on that.
Another thing, each Council member got a report this week in their box about the Moody report. Hope Mr. Burns get that out and make sure the public knows that. We got an excellent, if you read that, excellent credit rate and financial statement for Anderson County. And it goes back if you look it says when the year started and when it turned and what it got to. I think that’s something to be real proud of.

KEN WATERS: Tommy, what report?


KEN WATERS: Moody?

TOMMY DUNN: Moody. Everybody should have a copy of that. Thank y’all very much. Look forward to working with you. Dismissed.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.)