ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
JUNE 5, 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: We’ll get started. It’s a little bit after 6. At this time I’d like to call to order the part of June 5th Anderson County Council meeting Special Presentations meeting. At this time I’d like to welcome each and every one of you here, and thank y’all for coming.


RAY GRAHAM: I’m going to do that one.

TOMMY DUNN: You going to do that one? Listen, y’all know I ain’t too smart. I can only go by the script I’m given. Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, we did just talk about that.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. No, I said (b).

RAY GRAHAM: Yeah. I apologize.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This is in reference to Resolution 2018-029. This is a Resolution to Honor and Recognize Glenn Holliday for His Extraordinary Act of Heroism; and Other Matters Related Thereto:

Whereas, Glenn Holliday began volunteering as a firefighter in 1978 for the Three and Twenty Fire Department, where he volunteered for 14 years. In 1992 he became the Anderson County District One Fire Commissioner, a role he has been serving for 24 years; and,

Whereas, on Friday, April 27, 2018 on Old Mill Road at Highway 86 in Easley, South Carolina Glenn Holliday was driving when he noticed a single vehicle accident. Glenn pulled over to ensure the driver of the vehicle was okay and to contact 911. He noticed the vehicle was starting to catch fire; and,

Whereas, Glenn proceeded to pull the disoriented 96-year old man out of the burning truck to safety just before the truck became engulfed with flames; and

Whereas, due to Glenn’s quick reaction, determination and training he was able to avert injury to himself and the citizen whom he rescued; and

Whereas, Glenn continues to demonstrate the core values of fire service: dependability, decisiveness, initiative, integrity, unselfishness, courage, knowledge, loyalty and enthusiasm; and

The Anderson County Council honors and commends the extraordinary bravery, strength, and heroism of Glenn Holliday who single handedly saved the life of a fellow citizen. We are appreciative of your
willingness to sacrifice your time and self to protect the citizens of Anderson County.

RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled this 5th day of June, 2018.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Graham, second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? I’d just like to say it’s an honor -- find a finer gentleman than Mr. Holliday. I had the pleasure of serving with him a couple of years on the Fire Commission. Many a days I wish I was back there with you, Mr. Holliday. And also, got to work with him when I was on the Chiefs Advisory Board. And we really brought, I think done a great job service he did for the fire service in Anderson County working with the Advisory Board and making things happen and betterment not only for the fire departments, but for the citizens of Anderson County. I look forward to working with you again and kind of person Mr. Holliday is always very unselfish and always thinking of others. And Mr. Holliday, you might have -- was that in the Three and Twenty Fire Department you have them cover for? Or was that in another fire -- was it in yours? Still having to tote them, ain’t you, Mr. Holliday?

We appreciate you and thank you very much for what all you do and your service for Anderson County. I was just thinking that I know it probably does you, it don’t seem like you been on there twenty-four years. Seems like just yesterday we was talking to Mr. Garrison and all. But we really do appreciate it and all. Didn’t think we’d get another Commissioner as good as Mr. Garrison, but we did with you. We’re very fortunate to have you, Mr. Holliday. Mr. Graham.

CINDY WILSON: May I?
CINDY WILSON: Well, I just wanted to say thank you to Mr. Holliday and to all of our volunteer firefighters fighting for our volunteer fire departments. We are very blessed in our county. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I just want to commend Mr. Holliday as well. You know, looking at your history here, you’ve got right at forty years of service and I mean, that’s to be commended in anything that someone puts that much time of their life in. But also know there’s a lot of sacrifices for your family as well coming from the fire service.
Many meals missed and whatnot. I definitely thank you from my heart for the service and stuff that you’ve given Anderson County. Thank you so much.

Mr. Chairman, at this time, if we ---

TOMMY DUNN: If we would, I think Mr. Waters wants to say a few words.

KEN WATERS: You need not think you can get away from me. One of the things I used -- Mr. Holliday, this is the type of man he is, doing stuff like this. Not only that, I use Mr. Holliday quite a bit because if somebody calls me and asks me something about the volunteer fire service, I say call Mr. Holliday, he’s the one that knows about it. And I appreciate that very much because I really don’t like getting in other people’s business and I appreciate you doing what you do. Not only in this situation, but the other situations too. Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yeah, I, too, would like to thank you very much for what you’ve done. And listen, if you have to associate with these guys like this, I give you all the honor in the world. I congratulate you, again. So a job well done. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, at this time, if we could have Council meet us down front. Mr. Holliday, if you and your family and -- we actually need to vote on this first. Did we?

TOMMY DUNN: That’s right. I’m sorry, we’re getting ahead of ourselves. Let’s vote. Night’s not starting out good. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Holliday, if you and your family can step up along with your fellow firemen, if they want to come up as well.

(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)


CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is a trail blazing project that has come to fruition in our county. We’re real proud of y’all. This is a Resolution to Recognize and Honor the Graduates of the Project Search High School
Transition Program; and other Matters Related Thereto.

Whereas, Project Search High School Transition Program is a unique, business-led transition program designed for students with developmental disabilities, particularly youth transitioning from high school to adult life; and

Whereas, students attended the program for a full year of school in the host business, located at AnMed Medical Center; and

Whereas, the hospital provided access to an onsite classroom staffed by a special education teacher provided by the Anderson County School Districts and a job coach provided by the Vocational Rehabilitation to meet the educational and training needs of the students, with support services provided by Anderson County Disabilities and Special Needs Board; and

Whereas, in addition to classroom learning, the students mastered core skills through four 10-week internship rotations during the school year. The students acquired competitive, marketable and transferrable employability skills; and

NOW THEREFORE, Anderson County Council does hereby congratulate the graduates of Anderson Project Search 2018 Transition Program: Demaisha Goodson, Tristan Roberts, Jamian Jenkins and Dustin Cain. We are very happy to celebrate your hard work, dedication and persistence in becoming successful graduates. We would like to wish each of you great success in your future endeavors.

RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled this 5th day of June, 2018. And may I put that in the form of a motion, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. We have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: It also needs to be noted that AnMed did such a wonderful -- played such a wonderful role. And we have Ms. Slade here with us tonight. I haven’t had the honor of meeting the other lady. But we’d like for everybody to come forward after we vote.

TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? I’d just like to say it’s wonderful to have y’all and what all y’all have done and support y’all any way Council can help. Appreciate y’all and the joy and privilege to be able to recognize y’all here tonight.
All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)

TOMMY DUNN: That will conclude this part of the Council meeting. We’ll be reconvening back at 6:30.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:14 PM)
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TOMMY DUNN: We’ll call the June 5th, Regular Council meeting to order. Want to welcome each and everyone of you here.

At this time I’ll ask Ms. Floyd if she’ll lead us in Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. If we would all rise, please.

(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY GRACIE FLOYD)

TOMMY DUNN: At this time, I would, too, like to ask everyone on Council and staff and everyone else, please keep in mind, thoughts and prayers the Acevedo family. Mr. Acevedo has been along standing member of the Airport Commission and Chairman for many years and he lost -- they lost their son, past few days ago in a tragic accident. So keep our thoughts and prayers with their family.

Moving on now, are there any changes or corrections to be made to the minutes of the May 15th Regular Council meeting? Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir, if I may. On Page 13, line 24, it should D.R. Hortons of the World. And the next line it should mungos, M-U-N-G-O-S. And let’s see. And on page 31, line 34, it should be, instead of low income there was a word that didn’t make sense. Supposed to be spaying and neutering. And one of our citizens was trying to point another one out that I missed. I don’t know which one it was, I couldn’t hear what you were saying. But anyway, those are the ones that I spotted.

TOMMY DUNN: Does anyone have anything else? We have a motion to approve with those corrections?

KEN WATERS: So moved.

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

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

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

We’ll be moving on to Citizens Comments. Mr. Harmon calls your name please state your name and district for the record. You have three minutes. Please keep items on agenda matters this first go around. Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one citizen signed up. Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3. That other correction is on page 30, line 45. Says Ms. Haddie Green had been on the Council for
something like 60 years. Sixteen years.

We’ve had a lot of economic development. I’m sure you’ve read this in the Anderson magazine. All the highlights of the places that we’ve added economic development. This is all good, adding jobs and so forth. But I just wonder when you’re going to give the taxpayers a break. It just doesn’t look like it’s going to happen. Ever. I have looked in the book and comparing last year’s budget 2017 to ‘18, total revenues were one hundred and eighty thousand three hundred and twenty-three da-da-da. And budgeted for this year a hundred and ninety-four million.

What happens is, every time you do a budget, miraculously the expenses match up to the income. So it doesn’t matter how much more income is coming in, you always find a way to spend it, rather than giving it back to the taxpayer.

Some of you may be well off where you have two or three salaries, you’ve got social security, maybe military, got a stipend for doing County Council. You may have another job. Some of you have four or five incomes. Have a spouse, have all of that. But there are a lot of people out here that don’t have that. They can barely make ends meet.

I understand that one of the people who’s running for Tom Allen’s seat has publicly said he’s going to add a three percent fee -- not a hospitality tax, but a three percent fee -- that somehow or another is going to fly below the radar and be permitted. He’s going to add that to his district restaurants, etcetera, etcetera. I’m here to tell you, if he’s running on that, he needs to go home right now.

Now you’re talking about people to come over from Georgia. Yeah, they’ve got a little extra money to spend. But you talking about the majority of what is spend, is spend by our citizens. They can’t afford any ---

LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Anyone else?

LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Moving on to Item number 5, Budget Information.

Ms. Floyd. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I spent the last two weeks going through the budget. Department by department. It was a very informative thing that I did. I was really disappointed to see that not one other Council member cared about what the department
heads had to say. I’ve heard that you talked to one
or two. I’ve talked to them all. And I’ve heard
what they all had to say. I’ve gone through their
budget line by line.

And I have a couple of things I want to tell you.
I don’t want to tell you about notes and suggestions
because you can put in as many notes and suggestions
as you want to. But until you’ve talked to the
people you just flying by the pants of your seat.
The biggest thing in the budget this year was raises.
Raises. We have several people working on below the
poverty level. They’ve got a job that they go every
single day and work, but they are still below the
poverty level. And I’m hearing that, oh, they’re
going to get a raise this year. They’re going to
take them up from twenty-three to twenty-four
thousand dollars and take them up to twenty-six.
Guess what else is going up this year? Insurance is
going up. Gas is going up. Taxes going up. But
yet, we’re going to give them a whole twenty-six
thousand dollars and they will still be on the
poverty level.

My -- the part that bothers me is there is no way
they can get up. If you have a person who is a
secretary, they can go to school and they can take a
class in Typing II and we’ll bump them up somehow.
But there’s no way those on the low scale can go to
school to take a class in Sweeping 101 and come back
and get a raise. This year, I think that we ought --
this year we ought to be looking at raises this year.
They are complaining about it, big time. They need
more income. They need more money. And if we have
not addressed that, if we have not figured out what
we are going to do about that, we’re going to run
into some big problems, partly due to us and due to
the economic development.

You’ve been reading in the papers that, oh, how
great we’re doing in economic development. We have
companies and industries pouring down upon us. But
do you realize that we’re only hurting ourselves
because when these companies and these industries
throw their doors open to hire, guess who is going to
be first in line. Some of the people who have worked
with us for years. Some of the people that have
trained, that we have trained for years.

You don’t understand that? Then go look through
the people that have left us already. We have an
exodus going out of our front doors to companies
right now, to other counties right now, to other
industries in other towns right now. But when these
companies -- the IIT and the this and the that that
we have brought to Anderson, open their doors for
jobs, high level jobs, some of these people will be
leaving, going as well. You don’t believe me, talk
with some of the department heads. See, look at the
people they have lost. And these people are going to
counties like Oconee and Pickens. And they’re
leaving. If they can get higher prices or higher
wages there, they’re going to leave us. And we’re
really going to have a problem.

Some folks have even started looking, testing the
waters already. Heard a lady on television said that
in order to keep your employees, you got to keep them
happy. You got to give them fair wages. We have a
thing here in Anderson County where we don’t give
wages fairly. We get somebody to write us a letter
and tell us how wonderful somebody is and then we all
go meet in the back and then we grant these certain
people favorite -- our favorite folks, we give them
raises. But the everyday Joe, or the everyday Julie,
who comes to work, works hard, and do what they’re
supposed to do, they have to wait.

I know that the taxpayers need a break, too. But
how are we going to ever see what’s going on with the
taxpayers and the money if we don’t have workshops?
We don’t have budget workshops. This is the second
night we are going to vote on a budget where each one
of us supposedly have taken a look at what they see.
But as far as us getting together as a team, as a
county, as a board, to look over the work, to look
over those numbers together and talk about them, we
have not done that. But we’re going to vote tonight.

Also, tonight is the night for a public hearing.
That’s you folks. Public hearing means that you can
come up and talk about what you’ve read and what you
see. Well, how in the world can you do that if you
haven’t heard anything, if you haven’t seen anything,
if you have not seen one sheet of paper that said
anything about a budget. You have not sat in a
budget meeting. You have not been able to call
anybody to ask them what this line means. How can
you be expected to sit in a public hearing tonight?
The second reading of a budget that none of us only
know about -- or that they only know about what they
have seen or what they have read. How can you do
that? But some of you come week after week after
week and you say nothing.

The budget is a serious thing. It’s done by
every county in our state. But in Anderson County we
don’t take it and work it as it should be. We have a
few people that get together and come up with notes
and suggestions. I have plenty of suggestions on the
budget. But at a meeting like this is not the time
to bring it up. We need to have a budget workshop.
This is when you bring up your suggestions. This is
when you have time to discuss what you’ve heard or
what you’ve learned.

Anderson County, I have been fighting for the
past eight or nine years to have budget workshops to
take this budget thing seriously. To look at it,
case by case, department by department. Let’s see
what we can take out. Year before last I remember
somebody wanted a big machine that picked up rocks.
Yeah, that picked up rocks. Come on. Come on. We
need to take it seriously. I have plenty of
suggestions. I have plenty of them, but sit up here
and go through. Now turn to page 15 line 6 and I
think that we ought to do it. That is not the way to
do it.

Have you looked around lately and seen what we’ve
been losing? Do you see a camera over there anymore?
Look. You see a camera over there any more? No.
Look around you. Do you see a newspaper man down
there now? No. No. I’m talking about the county
newspaper. I’m talking about a newspaper from the
county that goes to every creek corner and door knob
in the county. I’m talking about have you seen one
lately? No. Have you read the Greenville News
lately, have you read the Anderson Independent
lately? No. Folks, something is wrong. I’m not
trying to paint a negative picture, but I’m just
telling you what I see. And giving you my notes and
my suggestions. We better get together. We better
start working with the people who work for us. Or
we’re going to lose some good people. Week after
week you get up here and tell them how wonderful they
are and you thanked them for the hard work and
everything. Thank them for the hard work through the
???. And I thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number
6, Notes and Suggestions on the Budget, Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Some good news. The solid waste contract has
increased the funds for the Solid Waste department
probably about three hundred and eighty-five thousand
dollars. Those funds can go towards the convenience
center upgrades and other needs that are very
pressing over there. I think we’ll have a C&D
landfill issue to work through soon. The perennial
winner of bringing in revenue and working under
budget is the Register of Deeds. They bring in about
one point four million a year from the transfers, and
their budget is about four hundred and ninety
thousand dollars. And guess what, Emergency
Preparedness, they have done a splendid job the last
year. They are way under budget from what it used to
be. They have accomplished really incredible things
with the county.

We’ve got a lot of things that we can work on.
Our debt service is going to increase slightly this
year due to the seventeen million dollar sewer bond
that will help bring upgrades and build out lines so
that the county can grow appropriately. We are going
to have to provide vehicles for school resource
officers. I don’t think anyone will deny that there
is a need for that. And the way it was explained
earlier this week is that the school districts will
pay for the resource officers and the county will
spend, what was it, about one point nine million for
new vehicles. I’m not sure of the numbers there. In
other words, it’s a very appropriate, logical
transition there.

Now for the salary increases. It is definitely
well known that we have a number of employees who
need and deserve salary bumps. I’m going to suggest
that the twenty people who have been paid greater
than the consultant’s pay scale indicates, that they
do not need to get a salary increase or even a
payment. They’ve been well paid for all this time.
More than the industry average around here. And I
really am very grateful for the hard work that Mr.
Allen is doing on the benefits issues, where we’re
having to increase insurance for health and other
matters having to deal with pay-outs when we have
employees who retire or resign. Those are issues.

Mr. Graham has been working real hard on the
Sheriff’s public safety expenditures and that’s where
we will know more about those numbers shortly.

Now I do have a concern with our animal shelter.
They have gone from a total disaster crises mode.
The County Council has been supportive in funding.
Our new veterinarian out there is nothing short of a
miracle worker. But when we have less than one half
intake now than what we had in ’08 and yet the budget
has literally tripled, I think it’s time to kind of
bring things in a little bit. We don’t have the
three hundred animals that were seized and that we
have to pay upkeep for and hire more people to take
care of. So Mr. Allen is working on those numbers
soon.

We have to purchase a five hundred thousand dollar software package. We’ve budgeted two point seven million with carry forwards to help pay for that. Our Sheriff’s support services, they’ve got a slight increase. Our environmental enforcement will have a new part time and a new position. That’s where we are spending money to go out and pick up litter and try to get the county cleaned up. Those are all supportable positions. However, I’m hoping we can start getting more involved in enforcement. It seems that the perpetrators should pay a dear price for trashing our county.

The Communications Center continues with huge overtimes. Hopefully the new management there will make that better organized and more cost efficient. Our PRT division has been folded into the PRT department.

We’ve got some special appropriations. One is for the Anderson Free Clinic, which was budgeted nothing last year and the recommendation is thirty thousand dollars. It’s my recommendation that pro rata of that go to the Honea Path Free Clinic. There’s a lot of people in that end of the county that go. And we were also promised appropriations for the towns for matching funds for paving going to the Transportation Committee. Surely looking forward to having that. The airport mechanics division is running a pretty heavy loss. I hope we can work on that. I know we have to have personnel on hand at the airport to really repair planes when it is needed, but hopefully we can work out a better approach to that.

Overall, the general fund will increase a little less than six million and our overall budget, including special revenues and enterprise funds added, we’re running a fourteen million three hundred and twenty-four thousand and thirty-five dollar increase. We have building projects and I’m going to hold feet to the fire on keeping our paving that we’ve promised because we had no paving money last year at all. So it’s very imperative for a government that is tasked with public safety and infrastructure to be able to repair those roads.

And we certainly have addressed the sewer system. It’s just amazing how we’ve improved that and it’s brought in good industry and development to the county.

Thank you very much. I hope we will go forward and review these and other things. There are a
number of committees that are working really hard and
the public’s invited to all of our committee
meetings. And your input is valued. And there’s a
lot to cover. And it’s good to have everyone working
so hard. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Moving on, Item number 8 second reading. Item
number 8(a)2018-012 an ordinance to amend an
agreement for the development of a Joint County
Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park) of Anderson
and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.
Second reading. We have a motion to move this
forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters and
second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Think Mr.
Nelson’s here. Do you have anything you want to add?
Put you on the spot, Mr. Nelson. You step on up if
you got anything you want to say you’re more than
welcome to.
BURRISS NELSON: Nothing else, Mr.
Chairman. Thank you for your support.
TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it. Don’t have
anything else? 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 2(b) 2018-016 An
Ordinance to adopt the operating and capital budgets
of Anderson County for the fiscal year beginning July
1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019. This will be a
public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this
matter, please step forward and state your name and
district for the record. Address the Chair. Anyone
at all?

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant again. I
haven’t seen that sheet where the organizations are
all getting money. I’ve looked for it. Guess it’s
in the budget book somewhere, but I haven’t found it.
Again, what Ms. Floyd is saying is correct. And I’ve
heard it from several other people, too. Department
heads. I’ve heard it from the Assessor. Different
people. About losing employees, going to Greenville
County, some of our employees who are retiring here
are retiring and then they’re going to Greenville
County and getting the same sort of job plus they’re
getting their retirement.
I wish that every single person that worked could
be rewarded for the work that they did. But
government, despite the fact that we’ve got very good
employees, government can’t be the all in all place
where we put all our money. We have too many people
out here in Anderson County that end up being like --
there’s a bulletin board that says one in six
children go to bed hungry every day. And then we
have government assistance and we have this and we
have that. Surely good jobs with good paying
salaries helps a lot of people to get on their feet
and get a good job and pay for some of those services
that we used to have to pay through government. But
if what happens is we just keep increasing the price
of everything, they never make any headway. It’s
just like when we had the lottery. Decided to have
the lottery. All of a sudden there’s this influx of
money that people were going and buying the lottery
tickets. What happened? Was the price of college
suddenly jacked up skyrocketed out of sight. So it’s
those kind of plays with the money that we need to
think about.

And the other thing that I’m really concerned
with is when we have all these nice ITT, Ryobi,
whatever and the places that we’re getting the
economic development, at the same time it doesn’t
look to me like we’re planning ahead for the
infrastructure and the need that’s going to result
from having more people, more cars on the road, more
houses, need more police, need better water
facilities and all that.

When I was -- my first year from out of college,
I get a job. Read in the Kiplinger Magazine, Changing
Times, it always said, no matter whatever your salary
is, you always should operate on the last salary.
Don’t operate on your new salary, operate on the
last, put saving, put ahead, go ahead, plan for the
head. We’re not doing that.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else at all?

Hearing none and seeing none, public hearing will be
closed. Now discussion. We have a motion on the
floor. I make the motion we move the budget forward.

KEN WATERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. Now is
there any discussion?

I’d like to start off by saying a few things.
There are a -- Council last year invested in a
Consultant group to come in to look at our employees.
We’ve known for some time about our employees, we’re
doing the best we can do. We went through a very
terrible, very bad recession. We got through this,
couldn’t do. Employees stuck with us. We know we
was losing some employees in certain speciality
fields. This past year, that’s the reason so-called
we had executive sessions and went in the back room
and tried to adjust these salaries to keep from
losing them and getting these people fixed on the
recommendation of the Administrator and his
department heads that come. Then we contacted this
consultant group to come in and done a very, very
thorough study, not only of counties around us of
like size but also private companies and private
sector thing. And they made a recommendation.
Personnel committee has been meeting and they still
hope to finish up and start back meeting next week, I
believe, according to Mr. Allen, Mr. Graham to
further recommendations to get some pay adjustments
and get our salaries up where they need to be and
competitive as we can.

As we started this process we said we probably
wouldn’t be able to do this all in one swoop. We’ll
probably take a little bit of time. Maybe as much as
two years, do half one year and half another year.
What we can afford and what we can do to try to take
care of our employees and keep them. As several
Council members have said in the past, our employees
are one of our most precious commodities we got and
we try to hang on to them and we’re doing the best we
can do and look forward to that.

Also in this budget is a public safety budget
also. This will have school resource officers, I
believe, in every school district from the Sheriff’s
office but District 3 who does their private thing
also. And it’s also, you know, we have to do the
training and furnish the gear for this stuff here.
And we’ve had a partnership for the Sheriff, Mr.
Burns, Ms. Davis, going into the school district and
working with them and coming up with I think a pretty
good thing. We’ve been able to come up with so far
to hold this together and nail it down.

Also in this is the Sheriff is wanting to put a
team, and Mr. Graham will talk more about that, a
team on the Interstate. That’s going to be a
recommendation I think, coming through is what the
Sheriff is to help. And it will I think -- what
would you say, Mr. Graham, in a year’s time probably
pay for itself and then some.

RAY GRAHAM: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: This team very much would
help to make our streets safer, too, as far the drugs
going out. So there is several things. As the
budget is now also there is some paving money in it.
We tried to come up, we know that desires. And plus
we hope we can leverage this with what we get from
our local DOT commission here, with Representative
Ronnie Townsend, former Representative Ronnie
Townsend. Hopefully we can match and leverage that
and even make a bigger splash on our paving and our
road thing. And this is still a work in progress.
Nothing about any Council member when I get through
talking can make a motion to do something. You know,
I’m not the senior Council member by no means on
here, but you know, you can make motions and do,
that’s the way this government works. You make
motions and get seconds and debate them and vote on
them. But time has changed and we get on. In years
past criticized for having too many workshops, didn’t
accomplish anything. Never had them because I think
what I call the new Council come on, before that
there wasn’t no budget workshops. We started
workshops and trying to get things going and now.
And now we’re trying to get things in committee.

We’ve gotten -- as I said to somebody the other
day, in my opinion, we got where all the nuts,
pencils and screwdrivers and nickels and dimes is, we
got to look at the big picture and get some things in
committee. Everybody’s more than welcome. And also,
anybody wants to have a budget workshop, let me know
and I’ll do it. Get everybody together and we can
have one and call one. And just because I can’t make
it or don’t come don’t mean you can’t have one.
There’s seven of us. Anyway we can do.
But the bottom line is the Administrator, the
Finance Department headed by Ms. Davis, is willing to
answer any question, give you any information you
want to get. If you ain’t got it, it’s your own
fault. Try to get something or other. I still want
to talk a little bit.

GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me.
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. I’m still
talking. That’s where we’re at, that’s where we’re
headed. And like I said, there’s still work to be
done. And I still got things. I said that from the
get go. There was things to be done and all things.
We all I would wish take an active role in the budget
and try to take things, talk to Administrator and the
Finance Department. I think each and every one of us
has got their own thing been doing some stuff and
talking to people. But you know, you can talk, I
think we all do talk to the department heads and the
Administrator and Finance Department. Bottom line
is, ain’t got but so much money and it’s up to us to
decide how you’re going to divide it up because
everybody can’t get everything they want. Just can’t
happen. And whatever in the past we tried to be very
frugal and do without, but this Council has -- people
won’t talk about it and give it up -- has decreased
millage and taxes in the past. Now Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, Mr. Chairman, excuse
me, but I didn’t understand what you were saying
about before. Were you saying that we used to have
budget workshops before?

TOMMY DUNN: I said ever since I got on
Council we’ve had budget workshops. But my
understanding, and I don’t remember none before I got
on Council. But we was criticized when I got on
Council for having too many budget workshops. So you
know trying to make things happen.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, ever since
I’ve been on Council for the first 8 years we always
had budget workshops. And I remember asking you one
year if we could have one and that didn’t go over
well. That was year before last.

But Mr. Chairman, may I ask that we have a budget
workshop this year please where we can all get
together and go through the budget on a equal level.
Not as the Finance Committee, but as the County
Council commission if we could all get together and
go over the Administrator’s workshop together. And
if I need to I’ll put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s up to you about
putting it in the form of a motion, but I’ll get with
other Council members and if they want to have one,
we’ll have one. And I’ll get a date when we can have
one.

GRACIE FLOYD: So we’re not going to vote
on it, having one?

TOMMY DUNN: That’s up to you to vote
on. If you want to put it in the form of a motion.
You said that was you. I’m not going to make a
formal motion to vote on it, no ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Harmon, could you
advise me, please?

LEON HARMON: Well, I think what the
Chairman has indicated is that ---

GRACIE FLOYD: I know what he’s saying,
but in order to -- shouldn’t that be a motion if it’s
going to involve everybody? Shouldn’t that be put in
the form of a motion according to the Robert’s Rule?

LEON HARMON: Well, you can certainly
make a motion. And if you can get a second, then it
can be debated and voted on.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. I put
it in the form of a motion, please.

TOMMY DUNN: What’s your motion?

GRACIE FLOYD: My motion is that we get together to have a budget workshop on the budget before the third reading so that we can all be on the same level, the same information for the budget. And I also stipulate that it not be in the form of a Finance Committee meeting, but as a budget workshop.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. You heard the motion. Got a second?

CRAIG WOOTEN: I’ll give a second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Wooten. Now discussion. I plan on, like I said, if everybody wants to have — got no problem having a budget workshop meeting. But there’s committee work to be done to get some stuff out to make recommendations and stuff. But that’s up to how y’all want to do it. My biggest thing is, you going to have a meeting, let’s be productive and get something accomplished and not just come and look at one another.

TOM ALLEN: Yeah. And I’d like to add to that, too, I have no problem with having a meeting, maybe get us all on the same sheet, because there is some questions come up towards the end and somebody will have a different number from somebody else.

TOMMY DUNN: And keep in mind, in the past we’ve had budget workshops and budget workshops and that’s still going to happen. Like I said, you cannot stop the process. Up to third reading, any Council member’s got a right to make motions and change stuff. And that’s going to happen. And if you’re going to tell somebody they can’t make a change on third reading, just can’t that way. Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion? All opposed? All abstentions. Motion fails for lack of majority. And I want to say, that’s not to say we will not have a budget workshop meeting.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair, may I make a comment?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

TOM ALLEN: Something that came up earlier was there was some talk about, you know, why isn’t money going back to taxpayers. And I’d just like to take this back to when I ran for office here in 2008, the population of Anderson County at that time was around a hundred and seventy or seventy-five thousand. We’re probably at two hundred thousand now or a little bit over. And somebody already -- they asked the question and then answered it too. Out
here in the county, we’ve got more people. When you
have more people it takes more money to run that
county. The budget of New York City is quite a bit
bigger than our budget. Mainly because they’ve got a
whole lot more people to take care of. But as this
county grows we have businesses coming in we do pick
up more revenue from the tax base. That’s fine and
we need it. Because every time this happens we look
at what we need, everything from paper clips to paper
to Sheriff’s deputies to Sheriff’s vehicles. I think
when I came on Council here -- Rita, maybe you can
help me -- the RSOs I think was costing us somewhere
less than maybe five hundred thousand dollars a year
and now we’re up to what? One point four million or
something for RSOs. Trying to put people, you know,
in the schools. Everything, it just takes more.
You’ve got more cars on the road so you need more
repairs. We’ve talked about raises. The people need
raises. We talked about personnel. As the Chairman
said, we’ve had a study come in here and there are
going to be some serious changes made in the
personnel system, the way it’s done, the way annual
appraisals are done on people. Whether they deserve
a raise or not. Right now, after this study was
done, we’ve got to put some money in to our personnel
in the way of pay raises because we’re way out of
wack with other counties in the vicinity and with
other private businesses in the vicinity. So all of
these things cost money.
And bottom line, that’s why we can’t really -- if
you want to look at it this way -- give it back to
the taxpayer. And we’ve not increased taxes. I
think our millage rate is still the same that it was
back in 2010 or earlier. It hasn’t changed. But we
need that money to operate the county and to pay
employees. So there is -- there’s uses for that
money. And that’s all I wanted to say, Mr. Dunn.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. I’d
just like to echo what you said. The Sheriff’s
department calls in the 911 intake calls alone
tripled. Just like the animal shelter. The animal
shelter surgeries have tripled since 2016, 2017, have
CINDY WILSON: May I? Forgive me for
digging up old dirt, but when our Council came in in
‘09, this county was so close to bankruptcy by June
of ‘09 it was scary. We had debt service payments
one half million dollar budget -- I mean half million
dollar debt service payment that was not even in the
budget, even though I had asked about it. We were
literally fleeced of about a quarter of a billion
dollars from the previous regime’s contractual
arrangements. Every year we were running about a
million dollars in legal bills. We had consulting.
We even had lobbyists in Washington. It was just
unbelievable. And this county and its
administration, Council and citizens deserve a big
thank you for working hard and being patient. And it
must be added that we had literally no economic
development from mid ’04 until First Quality in late
’09. And that was during the biggest boom of my
lifetime. And then, of course, the biggest bust of
my lifetime at this same time by 2009 to 2012
businesses were going out of business. People were
losing jobs. It was a tough time.

So I’m just so grateful for our citizens being
patient and trying to stay in tune and for good
people running for office and doing the homework,
because prior to ’09 I was the only one apparently
reading the stuff. But anyway, I’m glad to have some
help amongst other Council members doing homework,
too. I’m still learning a lot. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Folks, I don’t mean
to be argumentative, but I cannot let that statement
go as it was just stated. That’s not the truth. I
was here. I have been here since 1999. I was here
before she got on. We were not near whatever it was
she said, we were bankrupt. We were not. We were
going through a hard time because it was when the
economy tanked. We had businesses closing. We had
businesses moving away. But we did have some
companies coming in. It wasn’t like it was now. But
we did have -- we did -- we didn’t have everything we
have now, but we were not, we were not going under
any kind of bankruptcy.

One thing that’s different now is that -- it’s
not anymore -- then everybody was on the same page
about what was going on. We didn’t have little
committees for this person and that person and we
didn’t have the same people on the same committees
all of the time doing everything and the others not
know what was going on. We all were on the same
page.

Okay. So now is the time for you to decide what
you’re going to believe. Nobody cares that about
that but you. What you’re going to believe. But I
know that if we had to bring up factual information
on what was what on a given day, it could be done.
I thank you.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: I’m going to make this brief, but I personally feel that as Council member we’ve been criticized multiple times over the past few meetings for not attending said budget workshops or budget meetings. First and foremost, it is each and every member to represent their own district. You’re elected to represent the people in your district. It is also your responsibility to attend meetings. Just because a committee has a meeting -- Ms. Fant, I personally thank you for attending just about every meeting that we have. You take that initiative on yourself. That’s your choice. It’s also the Council member’s choice.

Ms. Wilson, even though you’re not on several committees, you are always at the meetings attending to stay informed on what’s going on. I can assure each and every citizen in Anderson County, I myself, along with several other members, have made numerous meetings to address this budget. We are not nowhere near completed with it. But to start over with a budget workshop is a smack in the face from the hard work that our employees, our finance department, our Administrator, our department heads. Just because we did not attend one meeting, I assure you, I attend more meetings at this county, along with my fellow Council members than -- I mean, it’s unreal how many meetings we have. But we’re making headway.

I’ve also realized in business in my lifetime, you get much more accomplished in a smaller setting than you do when you’ve got a mass of people in there. Today was a prime example. We had a meeting today and we got a lot accomplished, but we did not finish the agenda that was on that meeting. And I commend Ms. Wilson for holding that meeting, but I mean we had so many people and so much going on we were not able to finish that agenda. And that’s a prime example of what we would be looking at on that.

Mr. Chairman, that’s all I’ve got to say.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.

Anyone else?
CRAIG WOOTEN: I had a couple of things.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.
CRAIG WOOTEN: I guess maybe I’ll put this in the form of a motion. I agree wholeheartedly on taking care of the folks that we have. It concerns me that it was proposed earlier to maybe
wait three months or wait a certain amount of time or say we’re going to make it right for you over a two year period. If that’s the case, I mean, I’d like to propose or make a motion that we have a hiring freeze until we implement the study that Mr. Allen had performed and evaluated.

Now, obviously I’d put a caveat to that, if there was a critical need by the Administrator, we’d make sure that that need was filled. But I mean I would be highly discouraged if I was a county employee and I felt like I had not been paid appropriately for a long time and I saw other folks getting hired around me at certain wages. So, you know, if we had that hiring freeze in place, then we just -- we can hold that freeze until we implement the study and when we implement the study then we open it back up.

TOMMY DUNN: You make that motion, Mr. Wooten and put that in some language that -- to give the Administrator some wiggle room as you said on critical need positions.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Sure. I’ll make a motion that we have a hiring freeze until the personnel study is implemented, with exceptions made by the Administrator, with approval of Council, for critical need positions.

TOMMY DUNN: Get that motion?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a second? I second that. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: It does need to be noted in our salary and benefits consideration, that our county gives the best package of benefits. I think only Arthrex can excel beyond what we give. And that is an important component when someone takes a job with our county. You have good insurance, you have good retirement. We really go overboard for our employees. So I wanted to make sure that is mentioned, too. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham, you got something?

RAY GRAHAM: How are we going to -- I guess my biggest question on that is first and foremost I’m a hundred percent for getting our employees the wages that is credited to them. I guess my biggest question is how do we determine what position -- I mean we’re looking at positions right now and I guess it depends on who you talk with on whether or not it’s critical.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, I believe the Administrator would have to make a recommendation.
That’s what we’re paying him for. That’s what the motion -- if I heard Mr. Wooten right. And I would just like to amend that motion. I want to make it perfectly clear, if it’s alright. At this time I’ll make a motion we’ll amend yours that with the exception of the Sheriff’s office.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: We’re not ---

CRAIG WOOTEN: The school resources officer and that.

TOMMY DUNN: The Sheriff’s Office are not -- he’s an elected official. I’ll make a motion to add that amendment to that.

CINDY WILSON: And I’ll second that. How long will we anticipate the freeze be in place?

TOMMY DUNN: We can implement it. Hopefully here in the budget. That’s what the new what you call it. That’s what we’re going for.

CINDY WILSON: The new budget?

TOMMY DUNN: We’re debating my amendment now of excluding the Sheriff’s office. Anyone about that?

GRACIE FLOYD: I’d like to speak on the last thing that Mr. Wooten said before we decided we were going to amend it.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s already been on the floor about amending it. So, we’re coming back to talk about that, but right now we’re talking the motion on the floor is the amendment and that’s what we’re debating now, is the amendment.

GRACIE FLOYD: We haven’t to vote on the first one.

TOMMY DUNN: We can’t, Ms. Floyd, we’re going by Roberts Rules of Order.

GRACIE FLOYD: On the first one.

TOMMY DUNN: Got to do the amendment first.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd’s got the floor. I got to explain the Robert’s Rules to her.

GRACIE FLOYD: I don’t know what you’re saying but what I’m saying is, I wanted to speak to Mr. Wooten’s amendment.

TOMMY DUNN: And that will be ---

GRACIE FLOYD: And what I’m saying now is that Mr. Wooten, that’s not a bad idea.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, that’s not time. That will come up next. We’re going to debate that next. We do the amendment first. As you said a while ago, going by Robert’s Rules of Order. And
that’s what we going by is Robert’s Rules of Order. That will be it. Exactly. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair, based on that amendment, but there might still be critical needs in other departments, too.

TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. That’s what we’re talking about. Yeah. The Sheriff’s office -- my amendment, the Sheriff’s office is totally exempt from this. And his motion is the critical, if there’s a critical need the Administrator makes that recommendation to come to Council.

TOM ALLEN: Okay. Because I know Roads and Bridges are complaining heavily about losing people. So okay.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else have anything on the amendment? All in favor of the amendment show of hands. All opposed. Show the amendment carries with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Ms. Wilson, and Mr. Wooten in favor and Ms. Floyd opposes.

Now we go back to the original motion. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Wooten, as I was saying, that might be something, you know, good to look at because I, too, looked at that. But I don’t think -- I think that we should have put more time in discussion because what we’re saying here is going to impact a lot of the departments not just Roads and Bridges. What we need to do is go back and look at the critical employees that were asked for first. And then decide on the demotion -- on the motion, are we going to let this and this department do something or are we going to just cut it off at the board. It doesn’t seem like that’s the right thing to do, just to go ahead and say well, we’re going to do this. All except the police department. And that’s what I have to say about it.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Correct me if I’m wrong. The motion is not only for new positions, it is also for vacancies that comes up in that time frame; correct?

TOMMY DUNN: From now till we can implement the thing which hopefully will be by the first of July.

RAY GRAHAM: With that being said, we really can’t address a critical position until that position is brought before us.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s right. Any one
else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
opposed like sign. Show the motion carries Mr.
Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Wooten, Mr. Graham,
and Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd opposes.
Any more discussion on the budget? All in favor
of the motion on the budget as amended show of hands.
All opposed. Show the motion carries, Mr. Waters,
Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten and Ms.
Wilson in favor, Ms. Floyd opposes.

Moving on to Item number (c) 2018-017 an
ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of
Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement 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.
We have a motion to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second
Ms. Wilson. Mr. Nelson, you have anything to add to
this?

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
Appreciate you allowing me to present tonight. This
is a better set of maps of each individual site so
you’ll know exactly where they are. The numbers
haven’t changed. They’re all still the same. The
spread sheet is the last page. This is, of course, a
?? project and brings capital investment to the
county and does not create any jobs other than
construction jobs, but is a big increase in the
amount of property tax based on those agricultural
rates at each one of those sites.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have any questions
for Mr. Nelson?

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Sir.
TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Nelson.

Moving on to Item number (d) 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. We have a
motion to move this forward?

RAY GRAHAM: Motion.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham, second by Ms. Wilson. Are there any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number (e) 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 ordinance text, specifically Chapter 70, Article 10, Section 1.2, 1.3 and 3.4 to eliminate fees for Zoning ordinance or map amendments. We have a motion to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second Ms. Wilson. Are there any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 9, Ordinance First Reading 9(a) 2018-021 an ordinance amending the Zoning Map to rezone +/- 64.17 acres from R-20 (Single Family Residential) to R-A (Residential Agricultural) at 1215 Brown Road. Before we go into public hearing, I asked Dr. Parkey if he’ll speak on this just a minute and then we’ll go into a public hearing if you have any questions or whatnot.

JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The applicant is making this request to change the zoning so as to build a barn and a greenhouse on the property. Staff recommended approval. Zoning Advisory Group recommended approval and Planning Commission recommended approval.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any one have any questions or comments for Dr. Parkey before we go into public hearing? Hearing none, we’ll go into public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, state your name and district. Anyone at all? Hearing and seeing none, public hearing will be closed. We have a motion to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion to move this forward Mr. Waters, second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: Just a quick comment.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: It’s so nice to see active farmers or active farming efforts in our county. This is a very supportable application. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We have any more discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
carries unanimously. Thank you, Dr. Parkey.
Moving on to Item number 9(b) 2018-022 an
ordinance to amend Section 38-69 (Certificate of
Compliance required; uses exempt from certificate
requirements) of the Anderson County, South Carolina
Code of Ordinances to provide for an exemption when
an existing residential structure is replaced with a
residential structure. This is in title only. Be
worded for the second thing. I put this in the form
of a motion.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second. Fellow
Councilmen, what this is for, we’ve run into this
couple of times over the last year or so. What this
is doing, somebody is trying to get a -- removing an
old mobile home to build a house on it and they can’t
do it without going to the zoning board to get this
thing up. This was supposed to be worked on by Mr.
Forman. He left. They’ve been re-doing this and
this just keeps coming up so I talked with Mr. Harmon
and Ms. Hunter and they recommend this. And Mr.
Harmon is getting Ms. Hunter to write language for
second reading. So that’s what this is about. Any
more discussion?
GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Dunn, I don’t
understand this. It doesn’t -- it provides for an
exemption when an existing residential structure is
replaced with a residential structure. What is this
all about? This is in your district, I’m assume.
TOMMY DUNN: No ma’am. Definitely not.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But I don’t
understand it. What is it all about?
TOMMY DUNN: I’ll let Mr. Harmon talk.
You couldn’t understand what I talked. I just
explained it and you didn’t hear.
GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. I can understand it
better.
LEON HARMON: Ms. Floyd. What this does
it amends section 38-69 so to place a new exception
into that part of the ordinance to allow for what Mr.
Dunn was explaining already. For example, if a
mobile home is going to be replaced with a stick
built home, it does not require that it go through
the Planning Commission in order to get a certificate
of compliance. That’s what it would do. It would
shorten up the time for residents to be able to
replace a mobile home or replace a smaller home with
a larger home, that type thing.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Still doesn’t make
any sense, but okay. Thank you.

    TOMMY DUNN: Any one else? All in
favor of the motion show of hands. Mr. Harmon is
going to be writing, if y’all would -- we’ll all be
-- putting language on this for second reading and I
would ask my Council members, the ones that could, to
have a meeting and get this passed on second reading
so we can vote on it third reading at our next
Council meeting. Have to have seven days in between.
And this is trying to speed the process up. Citizens
shouldn’t be penalized because of our ineptness. So
I’ll just leave it at that.

This is right now, he put in for this a little
over a week ago and they told him it would be July
12th before they would have his hearing. So you can
imagine how long it would take something or other.
And you know the weather we’re having now, time is
money. Thank y’ all.

    Mr. Harmon, did you have something you wanted to
say? You looked like you were about to jump right
out of your seat.

    LEON HARMON: No, sir.

    TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Moving on to number
10, Resolutions, 2018-030 a resolution expressing
intent to cease county maintenance on and to
authorize county consent to judicial abandonment and
closure of a portion of an unnamed road designated as
C-01-0047A. This is in Mr. Waters’ district. And as
y’all know we can’t close a road, all we can do is
ask for it, pull back and pull back. Mr. Waters, you
have any comment?

    KEN WATERS: Yeah, everyone that uses
the road has signed a petition and everyone’s okay
with the abandonment of this road. And just like you
said, it’s just something -- a formality for us and
then I think the courts have to take care of the rest
of it. And I bring this in the form of a motion.

    TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Waters,
have a second by Mr. Allen. Any discussion? All in
favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 11 Report from the
Planning and Public Works Committee meeting held June

    CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
I hope y’all will bear with me. I didn’t have time
to write up a report. And Mr. Graham and Mr. Wooten,
if I leave something out or you need to add, please
feel free to jump in.

Our first item was an executive session involving
the Duke Energy Solar Proposal. This is an eight to ten million dollar ---

KEN WATERS:       Point of order, Mr. Chairman. Do I need to excuse myself from this?
CINDY WILSON:     Right. So sorry.
TOMMY DUNN:       Thank you, Mr. Waters.

Chairman Wilson, go ahead.
CINDY WILSON:     Thank you. This is an eight to ten million dollar project. This provides free backup power for emergencies at the Civic Center which is our main congregate point for emergencies. There will be a fifteen year lease on a small area of property with five year renewals that will come before Council as a separate vote.

But our committee voted to recommend to Council to approve this project going forward and then coming back to us with the specific contract and paperwork. It’s a very good win/win project. Duke is getting some funding from the federal government toward this and it’s a pilot project for the state, or at least the upstate. Y’all have anything else to add to that?

TOMMY DUNN:       I think it’s a great idea. Hope we can work it out. I think it would be a win/win for everyone. One of the situations, be a win/win for everybody.
RAY GRAHAM:       Mr. Chairman, if I may. Just one thing. One of the biggest benefits is this is basically our shelter, whether it’s in the event of we have a weather related incident down the lower part of the state and we shelter people from Charleston up this way or whatever. Regardless, in doing so, in the event that we have a power outage, it basically provides power still to that facility. The battery backup will actually provide it for several hours and then the solar panels actually regenerate the power in the event that they’re not able to get the grid back up. So it’s basically something that Duke Energy is bringing to the county for our citizens. So it’s a great opportunity for us, I think.

CINDY WILSON:     Our committee recommends that Council approve letting this project go forward.
TOMMY DUNN:       Y’all will come back with a contract and now, but Council vote on this move it forward for the next thing. Coming from the committee it doesn’t need a second. Are there any more discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed. Abstentions. Show the motion
carries with Mr. Waters abstains, Mr. Allen in favor, Dunn in favor, Mr. Graham in favor, Mr. Wooten in favor, Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd abstains. We can bring Mr. Waters back in now. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The next item was basically a round table discussion on how to approach the very large issue of affordable housing. It seems that it would be very good for us to look at renovation, rehabilitation, redevelopment. And Mr. Burns provided us some resources. There are numerous resources. We had a great group. We had Habitat for Humanity, Lot Project, some of our small municipalities sent their mayor or their planning person. But basically we shared some information and Mr. Burns and our planning department are going to put together a list of resources that these different entities can use to help projects in their neighborhood like the Farmers Home, I mean the Rural ---

TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, Rural Farmer.

CINDY WILSON: --- Farmer.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: DBG.

TOMMY DUNN: If I may, what would be the chance, Mr. Burns, you know some of the land that we’ve got that’s forfeited?

CINDY WILSON: That’s in there, too.

TOMMY DUNN: I just saying, you know, every once in a while there might be a lot there somewhere somebody like Habitat for Humanity. I mean they do exceptional work. They’re really truly the thing of affordable housing.

RUSTY BURNS: We had the treasurer and the assessor there today and we discussed in detail the Forfeited Land Commission and how you access that property and the availability of it. So everyone there ---

TOMMY DUNN: That would get it back on the tax books for somebody and it would be a win/win for everybody.

CINDY WILSON: That’s what precipitated our discussing that. Dr. Bea Thompson joined us and had some very good input. But anyway, we will be probably asking for you to help us with an ad hoc committee so we can really get deep into the information here. But the initial meeting is encouraging and our planning staff will come up with resources and information that will help the different interest groups.

Now the next item was the due diligence and
continued discussion on the dispersal of Anderson County properties. Those were the Forfeited Land Commission properties and other properties that the county has; some of which would be excellent for these type considerations. Our committee recommends, by way of motion, that our assessor package these lots together and send them out for bids. And that comes to you in the form of a motion that we do that.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion coming from the Public Works committee doesn’t need a second. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Abstentions? Show the motion carries Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten and Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd abstains. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Now the next item is the capital improvement plan. And we are deferring to -- after we discussed a great deal of this, we are going to defer to the CIP ad hoc committee which will come up with a final recommendation shortly.

TOMMY DUNN: And they’ve scheduled a meeting for next week.

CINDY WILSON: So we defer to them. So thank you, everyone. We had a great turnout, great staff input, great citizens, and thank you, Council members for sitting a long time.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all. We’re going to be now -- we have a motion to go into executive session to take legal advice regarding opioid litigation thing for Mr. Harmon.

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. We have a second Mr. Graham. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Abstentions. Show Ms. Floyd abstains. Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten, Ms. Wilson in favor. Be back shortly.

(EXECUTIVE SESSION)

CINDY WILSON: ... having received legal advice regarding the opioid litigation.

TOMMY DUNN: We got a motion Ms. Wilson come out of executive session receiving legal advice on the opioid situation and taking no action. We have a second?

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Abstentions. Show the motion carries Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten, Ms. Wilson in favor. Ms. Floyd abstains.
Moving on.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman ---

TOMMY DUNN: Can I have a motion?

TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I’d like to make a motion -- based on legal advice that we just received I’d like to make a motion to authorize the filing of a complaint in state court in Anderson County in the opioid matter. And I put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

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

Moving on now to appointments. Does anyone have any appointments? Hearing and seeing none, we’ll move on to Requests by Council members. Mr. Waters.

KEN WATERS: I do. I would like to request one thousand five hundred dollars to Parks and Rec Department, I think that was for the Saluda River Rally this weekend.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Waters.

Have a second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Anything else, Mr. Waters?

KEN WATERS: That’s all, thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?

TOM ALLEN: None at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: I don’t have any allocations at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: I don’t have any at this time, either, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.

Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: None.

CINDY WILSON: Seven’s broke.
Chairman.


TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: On the transfers, let me call your attention to the Voter Registration and Elections request for almost twenty-four hundred dollars for tents to cover the patio in front of the building for primary election night. Do you have any idea how ridiculous that is? There’s no lighting. The security will be difficult. And the reason given is that the Civic Center is unavailable due to a conflict. I spoke with Mr. Burns earlier. There is no conflict. And the crowds that come to that, both media, citizens and party people, Democratic, Republican, all. There’s no way you can fit them all on that patio and put tables out with wind blowing, papers everywhere. If it rains, heaven help us. Our county employees have been charged with assisting moving stuff wherever it is needed. There’s no reason for that. And I think it is pure folly, and it will represent a terrible problem that night.

TOMMY DUNN: Let me just say, if I can, just add. When this was brought to our attention, the Director of the Election Commission knows the Civic Center wasn’t a conflict. It was offered to them. Me and Mr. Burns met with members of their board. They have a self governing board and the member we met with was Farley. Me and Mr. Burns showed great concern -- my concern is safety, somebody falling and getting hurt. And we let it be known. My suggestion is you got a thing, they’re appointed by the delegation members and talk to them about it. But we did when this come to our attention did have a meeting and did express our concerns. Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Well, I guess my question is the scheduling with the rain and football. It’s been cancelled for the remainder of the year. And the graduations, there should be no other graduations. So I mean, I’m having a little bit of

CINDY WILSON: Tuesday night.

TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, but as soon -- listen, this was -- to be perfectly clear. This was some miscommunication from somebody. There never was a conflict at the Civic Center, it would have been fixed. And as soon as Mr. Burns found it out, he got it straight. And this was offered. But now, to be fair, on some of their side is, about having to haul
stuff to the Civic Center and unload it. They feel like it’d be more convenient for them. That’s their side. I’m not in that thing. I’m just saying, we expressed our things, did we not, so that’s where we’re at.

RAY GRAHAM: So they’re going to do it at the election office?

TOMMY DUNN: Yep.

RAY GRAHAM: So we need to get with the fire marshal. I mean there’s no way they’re going to accommodate the crowd that normally is there.

CINDY WILSON: On that patio.

RUSTY BURNS: We expressed this to the Chairman of Voter Registration. We expressed that to them. We also expressed, wondered if we have bad weather what are you going to do about that situation? He informed us that this is their decision and this is what they chose to do. But we pointed this out in detail. And the minute that there was some miscommunication about the Civic Center, which I don’t know if there was, that was corrected by me. So that’s what they want to do. Traditionally that election, all of our elections have been held at the Civic Center.

TOMMY DUNN: They have had one down there.

RUSTY BURNS: One down there. But that was that small municipal election when winner and loser, the votes combined a hundred. This is a statewide election. But we are definitely, or at least from me and from Mr. Dunn, that we didn’t think that this was the right -- really great idea. But they chose to do it, the Chairman said this is what they want to do.

TOMMY DUNN: And my suggestion, again, like I said, would be talking to delegation members. I’ve talked with several of them about other issues down the road.

CINDY WILSON: I have two questions. One is, who is going to be liable if someone trips out there? That is not the smoothest patio. And the second question is can we make a motion not to fund the tent? I just don’t think it’s right to do what they’re doing.

TOMMY DUNN: I don’t think it is neither. But at the same time, I respect their decision and their process not this late in the game and the thing. Like I said, because I felt very strongly against it and had the meeting and talked to
them and Mr. Burns. We let him know, you know, our
concerns. Let them know the Civic Center was fully
there and everything and they choose otherwise.

RAY GRAHAM: Still at the end of the
day, is the county not the one that’s responsible?
TOMMY DUNN: If somebody got hurt down
at that building, we’re the ones getting sued I’m
sure. County property. But I can assure you if
something comes up now at this junction, we’ll take
the blame for it. I say let them -- you know, some
times you have to let cow horns hook, as my daddy
used to say, and I don’t think they’ll be having a
second one.

CINDY WILSON: Well, the problem is the
liability. There’s no parking adequate for the
hoards of people that come in there. There are
usually three or four hundred people there some
nights, especially a state election. The lighting is
terrible. How are you going to read all the forms?
How are they going to get all the tables around?
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson, you’re
preaching to the choir. I understand.
CINDY WILSON: Anyway, I’m sorry.
TOMMY DUNN: No. Valid concerns.

Moving on now, Citizens Comments. Mr. Harmon.
LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one has
signed up.
TOMMY DUNN: Remarks from Council
members. Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: I have some more good
news. I understand that the Kinder Morgan case will
go forward in court and that would be very
encouraging for the people in Cheddar. So that’s
really good. And the extra patrols over there, Mr.
Graham, are bringing great comfort to a lot of people
over there. So that is really good news. Thanks.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

Mr. Wooten?
CRAIG WOOTEN: Initially I didn’t have a
comment, but my microphone is broken and so whether
it’s at the budget workshop or the third reading, I
am going to make a motion that we put money in the
budget to get new microphones and that we can work
with the Clerk of Council to pick out which one works
best for us. And I hope that’s something we can all
agree on.

TOMMY DUNN: I think they’re working
on. Evidently yours didn’t -- I come through the
halls one day this week -- what day is this? Tuesday
-- must be yesterday or today one and somebody was in
here fooling with them. But that’s a good thing.
Mr. Burns, can you see that happening, get Mr.
Carroll and them about these microphones. This is
enough of this. Thank you.
Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
Just one brief statement. I agree one of the other
Council members had mentioned about Anderson
Independent not showing up for any of the meetings or
doing any reporting as much as they used to. But I
do want to complement Mr. Wilson and Mr. Welch. They
are faithful followers and I mean they always seem to
report the truth regardless of whose feelings it
hurts or whose toes they step on. And I appreciate
that. I appreciate you guys standing up and giving
the citizens what they need to hear. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, first of all, I want
to talk about the animal shelter for a second.
Yesterday, Sunday -- no yesterday -- on Sunday we
made a right turn off of Main Street going to
Greenville -- onto Greenville Street and what do we
see in the street? A little kitty. Little kitty.
And it was the strangest thing, he’d been hit and he
was writhing around in the street and there were
birds like I’ve never seen before out there with the
kitty as if they were trying to help him. It was
really terrible on one hand, but the birds were
actually there, on the pavement, in the middle of the
street, several birds around him. I think that we
need to look at this thing about releasing these cats
again because I don’t think it’s working. I’m seeing
too many dead cats in the middle of the street. And
if you haven’t seen them, you might not want to.
I spent the entire weekend, Saturday and Sunday
passing out home grants. There’s no need to even
mention this because the news can’t get out here.
But anyway, that’s what I did. Went to the churches
and funeral homes on Saturday, passing out the
sheets, letting folks know that the home grant is
back.
Something I would like to say to the Council
member who is saying about the meetings -- they have
all the meetings, how many meetings he goes to and
all of that. That Council member has not been here
long enough to know that there was a time when I was
going to meetings that I was not asked to come but I
knew I could get there. And when I got there half of
them would not let me speak, they told me I could not
speak and Mr. Burns can attest to that. And then
when they would really get to talking and it really
appears as if I was going to speak, they’d go into
executive session, which I understand that I cannot
go. So before you sit down and say, well, you could
have done this and you could have done that, check
the facts first. See what has happened before you
got there. But I have tried to go to several
meetings, but I’m not welcomed once I get there. One
newspaper writer even wrote that I stormed out of the
room. And all I did was picked up my stuff and left
quietly. Mr. Burns, you remember that.
Also, the -- there are some things that we need
to be cognizant of and I don’t know how we’re going
to do it since we can’t all get into the same
meeting, and there has been questions raised about
that. And I will be calling some folks up telling
them what you said and I did bring it up and we’ll
see what happens. I still stand by what I said about
let’s cutting out all the new hirees other then the
Sheriff’s people until we take a look at what new
hirees we’re going to be cutting out.
For example, you’ve been talking about how trashy
Anderson is, and in the budget was some folks hired
to help pick up the trash to help keep Anderson
clean. But I guess these things are not important to
you, but they are to me. And with that, I will say
good night.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.
TOM ALLEN: I have nothing at this
time.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters.
KEN WATERS: I don’t have anything.
Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Also would like to ask all
the Council members and staff they want to keep Ms.
Phyllis White in thoughts and prayers. She lost her
brother this past week and keep her and her family in
our thoughts and prayers.
Also, want to commend Duke Energy. They had a
lot of -- Anderson County had a lot of outages in
power this past week. People don’t realize, you
know, some of the outages and want to thank all the
outside providers that come in. There was probably
-- and I want to thank the county staff for helping
especially at the Civic Center. They was staged out
at the Civic Center. The staff out there opened the
building up. I think they fed about three hundred
energy employees out there, coming through Saturday
and Sunday on short notice. And I want to thank the
staff for being ready. And thank Mr. Burns for allowing that to happen and being in good partnerships with Duke Energy as we just went to the thing Friday in Williamston about the Lee Steam Plant and talking about our good relationship we have with Duke Energy and working with them. And want to keep that up.

Want to thank each and everyone of my fellow Council members for putting Anderson County first and doing it as a team and not always me and I appreciate it. Look forward to getting this budget worked on.

Thank y’all very much. Meeting be adjourned.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:02 P.M.)