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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

1 TOMMY DUNN: We'll get started. It's a
2 little bit after 6. At this time I'd like to call to
3 order the part of June 5th Anderson County Council
4 meeting Special Presentations meeting. At this time
5 I'd like to welcome each and every one of you here
6 and thank y'all for coming.

7 Like to move on to Resolution 2(a) 2018-029. Ms.
8 Cindy Wilson. Ms. Wilson.

9 RAY GRAHAM: I'm going to do that one.

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

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

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

16 RAY GRAHAM: Yeah. I apologize.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

18 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

23 **Whereas**, Glenn Holliday began volunteering as a
24 firefighter in 1978 for the Three and Twenty Fire
25 Department, where he volunteered for 14 years. In
26 1992 he became the Anderson County District One Fire
27 Commissioner, a role he has been serving for 24
28 years; and,

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

35 **Whereas**, Glenn proceeded to pull the disoriented
36 96-year old man out of the burning truck to safety
37 just before the truck became engulfed with flames;
38 and

39 **Whereas**, due to Glenn's quick reaction,
40 determination and training he was able to avert
41 injury to himself and the citizen whom he rescued;
42 and

43 **Whereas**, Glenn continues to demonstrate the core
44 values of fire service: dependability, decisiveness,
45 initiative, integrity, unselfishness, courage,
46 knowledge, loyalty and enthusiasm; and
47 The Anderson County Council honors and commends the
48 extraordinary bravery, strength, and heroism of Glenn
49 Holliday who single handedly saved the life of a
50 fellow citizen. We are appreciative of your

1 willingness to sacrifice your time and self to
2 protect the citizens of Anderson County.

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

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

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

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

36 CINDY WILSON: May I?

37 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. Ms. Wilson.

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

43 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

44 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I just want
45 to commend Mr. Holliday as well. You know, looking
46 at your history here, you've got right at forty years
47 of service and I mean, that's to be commended in
48 anything that someone puts that much time of their
49 life in. But also know there's a lot of sacrifices
50 for your family as well coming from the fire service.

1 Many meals missed and whatnot. I definitely thank
2 you from my heart for the service and stuff that
3 you've given Anderson County. Thank you so much.
4 Mr. Chairman, at this time, if we ---

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

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

19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen.

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

26 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

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

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

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

39 **(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)**

40 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to move on now
41 to 2(b) Resolution to Honor Project Search High
42 School Transition Programs and Graduates. I'm going
43 to ask before I do this. Who's got this one? Ms.
44 Wilson. Okay. Honorable Ms. Cindy Wilson. Ms.
45 Wilson.

46 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
47 This is a trail blazing project that has come to
48 fruition in our county. We're real proud of y'all.
49 This is a Resolution to Recognize and Honor the
50 Graduates of the Project Search High School

1 Transition Program; and other Matters Related
2 Thereto.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 TOM ALLEN: Second.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
39 discussion?

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

46 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? I'd
47 just like to say it's wonderful to have y'all and
48 what all y'all have done and support y'all any way
49 Council can help. Appreciate y'all and the joy and
50 privilege to be able to recognize y'all here tonight.

1 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
2 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
3 unanimously.

4 **(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)**

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

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

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

7 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY GRACIE FLOYD)**

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

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

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

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

34 KEN WATERS: So moved.

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

37 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

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

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

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

48 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District
49 3. That other correction is on page 30, line 45.
50 Says Ms. Haddie Green had been on the Council for

1 something like 60 years. Sixteen years.

2 We've had a lot of economic development. I'm
3 sure you've read this in the Anderson magazine. All
4 the highlights of the places that we've added
5 economic development. This is all good, adding jobs
6 and so forth. But I just wonder when you're going to
7 give the taxpayers a break. It just doesn't look
8 like it's going to happen. Ever. I have looked in
9 the book and comparing last year's budget 2017 to
10 '18, total revenues were one hundred and eighty
11 thousand three hundred and twenty-three da-da-da.
12 And budgeted for this year a hundred and ninety-four
13 million.

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

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

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

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

39 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

41 Anyone else?

42 LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

44 Moving on to Item number 5, Budget Information.

45 Ms. Floyd. Ms. Floyd.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I spent the last
47 two weeks going through the budget. Department by
48 department. It was a very informative thing that I
49 did. I was really disappointed to see that not one
50 other Council member cared about what the department

1 heads had to say. I've heard that you talked to one
2 or two. I've talked to them all. And I've heard
3 what they all had to say. I've gone through their
4 budget line by line.

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

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

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

46 You don't understand that? Then go look through
47 the people that have left us already. We have an
48 exodus going out of our front doors to companies
49 right now, to other counties right now, to other
50 industries in other towns right now. But when these

1 companies -- the IIT and the this and the that that
2 we have brought to Anderson, open their doors for
3 jobs, high level jobs, some of these people will be
4 leaving, going as well. You don't believe me, talk
5 with some of the department heads. See, look at the
6 people they have lost. And these people are going to
7 counties like Oconee and Pickens. And they're
8 leaving. If they can get higher prices or higher
9 wages there, they're going to leave us. And we're
10 really going to have a problem.

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

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

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

48 The budget is a serious thing. It's done by
49 every county in our state. But in Anderson County we
50 don't take it and work it as it should be. We have a

1 few people that get together and come up with notes
2 and suggestions. I have plenty of suggestions on the
3 budget. But at a meeting like this is not the time
4 to bring it up. We need to have a budget workshop.
5 This is when you bring up your suggestions. This is
6 when you have time to discuss what you've heard or
7 what you've learned.

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

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

40 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number
41 6, Notes and Suggestions on the Budget, Ms. Wilson.
42 Ms. Wilson.

43 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
44 Some good news. The solid waste contract has
45 increased the funds for the Solid Waste department
46 probably about three hundred and eighty-five thousand
47 dollars. Those funds can go towards the convenience
48 center upgrades and other needs that are very
49 pressing over there. I think we'll have a C&D
50 landfill issue to work through soon. The perennial

1 winner of bringing in revenue and working under
2 budget is the Register of Deeds. They bring in about
3 one point four million a year from the transfers, and
4 their budget is about four hundred and ninety
5 thousand dollars. And guess what, Emergency
6 Preparedness, they have done a splendid job the last
7 year. They are way under budget from what it used to
8 be. They have accomplished really incredible things
9 with the county.

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

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

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

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

1 soon.

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

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

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

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

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

49 Thank you very much. I hope we will go forward
50 and review these and other things. There are a

1 number of committees that are working really hard and
2 the public's invited to all of our committee
3 meetings. And your input is valued. And there's a
4 lot to cover. And it's good to have everyone working
5 so hard. Thank you.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

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

14 KEN WATERS: So moved.

15 CINDY WILSON: Second.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters and
17 second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Think Mr.
18 Nelson's here. Do you have anything you want to add?
19 Put you on the spot, Mr. Nelson. You step on up if
20 you got anything you want to say you're more than
21 welcome to.

22 BURRISS NELSON: Nothing else, Mr.
23 Chairman. Thank you for your support.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it. Don't have
25 anything else? Hearing none, all in favor of the
26 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
27 the motion carries unanimously.

28 Moving on to Item number 2(b) 2018-016 An
29 Ordinance to adopt the operating and capital budgets
30 of Anderson County for the fiscal year beginning July
31 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019. This will be a
32 public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this
33 matter, please step forward and state your name and
34 district for the record. Address the Chair. Anyone
35 at all?

36 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant again. I
37 haven't seen that sheet where the organizations are
38 all getting money. I've looked for it. Guess it's
39 in the budget book somewhere, but I haven't found it.
40 Again, what Ms. Floyd is saying is correct. And I've
41 heard it from several other people, too. Department
42 heads. I've heard it from the Assessor. Different
43 people. About losing employees, going to Greenville
44 County, some of our employees who are retiring here
45 are retiring and then they're going to Greenville
46 County and getting the same sort of job plus they're
47 getting their retirement.

48 I wish that every single person that worked could
49 be rewarded for the work that they did. But
50 government, despite the fact that we've got very good

1 employees, government can't be the all in all place
2 where we put all our money. We have too many people
3 out here in Anderson County that end up being like --
4 there's a bulletin board that says one in six
5 children go to bed hungry every day. And then we
6 have government assistance and we have this and we
7 have that. Surely good jobs with good paying
8 salaries helps a lot of people to get on their feet
9 and get a good job and pay for some of those services
10 that we used to have to pay through government. But
11 if what happens is we just keep increasing the price
12 of everything, they never make any headway. It's
13 just like when we had the lottery. Decided to have
14 the lottery. All of a sudden there's this influx of
15 money that people were going and buying the lottery
16 tickets. What happened? Was the price of college
17 suddenly jacked up skyrocketed out of sight. So it's
18 those kind of plays with the money that we need to
19 think about.

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

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

36 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else at all?
37 Hearing none and seeing none, public hearing will be
38 closed. Now discussion. We have a motion on the
39 floor. I make the motion we move the budget forward.

40 KEN WATERS: Second.

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

43 I'd like to start off by saying a few things.
44 There are a -- Council last year invested in a
45 Consultant group to come in to look at our employees.
46 We've known for some time about our employees, we're
47 doing the best we can do. We went through a very
48 terrible, very bad recession. We got through this,
49 couldn't do. Employees stuck with us. We know we
50 was losing some employees in certain speciality

1 fields. This past year, that's the reason so-called
2 we had executive sessions and went in the back room
3 and tried to adjust these salaries to keep from
4 losing them and getting these people fixed on the
5 recommendation of the Administrator and his
6 department heads that come. Then we contacted this
7 consultant group to come in and done a very, very
8 thorough study, not only of counties around us of
9 like size but also private companies and private
10 sector thing. And they made a recommendation.
11 Personnel committee has been meeting and they still
12 hope to finish up and start back meeting next week, I
13 believe, according to Mr. Allen, Mr. Graham to
14 further recommendations to get some pay adjustments
15 and get our salaries up where they need to be and
16 competitive as we can.

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

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

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

45 RAY GRAHAM: Yes.

46 TOMMY DUNN: This team very much would
47 help to make our streets safer, too, as far the drugs
48 getting out. So there is several things. As the
49 budget is now also there is some paving money in it.
50 We tried to come up, we know that desires. And plus

1 we hope we can leverage this with what we get from
2 our local DOT commission here, with Representative
3 Ronnie Townsend, former Representative Ronnie
4 Townsend. Hopefully we can match and leverage that
5 and even make a bigger splash on our paving and our
6 road thing. And this is still a work in progress.
7 Nothing about any Council member when I get through
8 talking can make a motion to do something. You know,
9 I'm not the senior Council member by no means on
10 here, but you know, you can make motions and do,
11 that's the way this government works. You make
12 motions and get seconds and debate them and vote on
13 them. But time has changed and we get on. In years
14 past criticized for having too many workshops, didn't
15 accomplish anything. Never had them because I think
16 what I call the new Council come on, before that
17 there wasn't no budget workshops. We started
18 workshops and trying to get things going and now.
19 And now we're trying to get things in committee.

20 We've gotten -- as I said to somebody the other
21 day, in my opinion, we got where all the nuts,
22 pencils and screwdrivers and nickels and dimes is, we
23 got to look at the big picture and get some things in
24 committee. Everybody's more than welcome. And also,
25 anybody wants to have a budget workshop, let me know
26 and I'll do it. Get everybody together and we can
27 have one and call one. And just because I can't make
28 it or don't come don't mean you can't have one.
29 There's seven of us. Anyway we can do.

30 But the bottom line is the Administrator, the
31 Finance Department headed by Ms. Davis, is willing to
32 answer any question, give you any information you
33 want to get. If you ain't got it, it's your own
34 fault. Try to get something or other. I still want
35 to talk a little bit.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. I'm still
38 talking. That's where we're at, that's where we're
39 headed. And like I said, there's still work to be
40 done. And I still got things. I said that from the
41 get go. There was things to be done and all things.
42 We all I would wish take an active role in the budget
43 and try to take things, talk to Administrator and the
44 Finance Department. I think each and every one of us
45 has got their own thing been doing some stuff and
46 talking to people. But you know, you can talk, I
47 think we all do talk to the department heads and the
48 Administrator and Finance Department. Bottom line
49 is, ain't got but so much money and it's up to us to
50 decide how you're going to divide it up because

1 everybody can't get everything they want. Just can't
2 happen. And whatever in the past we tried to be very
3 frugal and do without, but this Council has -- people
4 won't talk about it and give it up -- has decreased
5 millage and taxes in the past. Now Ms. Floyd.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. I put

1 it in the form of a motion, please.

2 TOMMY DUNN: What's your motion?

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

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

11 CRAIG WOOTEN: I'll give a second.

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

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

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

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

41 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

42 TOM ALLEN: Something that came up
43 earlier was there was some talk about, you know, why
44 isn't money going back to taxpayers. And I'd just
45 like to take this back to when I ran for office here
46 in 2008, the population of Anderson County at that
47 time was around a hundred and seventy or seventy-five
48 thousand. We're probably at two hundred thousand now
49 or a little bit over. And somebody already -- they
50 asked the question and then answered it too. Out

1 here in the county, we've got more people. When you
2 have more people it takes more money to run that
3 county. The budget of New York City is quite a bit
4 bigger than our budget. Mainly because they've got a
5 whole lot more people to take care of. But as this
6 county grows we have businesses coming in we do pick
7 up more revenue from the tax base. That's fine and
8 we need it. Because every time this happens we look
9 at what we need, everything from paper clips to paper
10 to Sheriff's deputies to Sheriff's vehicles. I think
11 when I came on Council here -- Rita, maybe you can
12 help me -- the RSOs I think was costing us somewhere
13 less than maybe five hundred thousand dollars a year
14 and now we're up to what? One point four million or
15 something for RSOs. Trying to put people, you know,
16 in the schools. Everything, it just takes more.
17 You've got more cars on the road so you need more
18 repairs. We've talked about raises. The people need
19 raises. We talked about personnel. As the Chairman
20 said, we've had a study come in here and there are
21 going to be some serious changes made in the
22 personnel system, the way it's done, the way annual
23 appraisals are done on people. Whether they deserve
24 a raise or not. Right now, after this study was
25 done, we've got to put some money in to our personnel
26 in the way of pay raises because we're way out of
27 wack with other counties in the vicinity and with
28 other private businesses in the vicinity. So all of
29 these things cost money.

30 And bottom line, that's why we can't really -- if
31 you want to look at it this way -- give it back to
32 the taxpayer. And we've not increased taxes. I
33 think our millage rate is still the same that it was
34 back in 2010 or earlier. It hasn't changed. But we
35 need that money to operate the county and to pay
36 employees. So there is -- there's uses for that
37 money. And that's all I wanted to say, Mr. Dunn.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. I'd
39 just like to echo what you said. The Sheriff's
40 department calls in the 911 intake calls alone
41 tripled. Just like the animal shelter. The animal
42 shelter surgeries have tripled since 2016, 2017, have
43 tripled. The surgeries. Anyone else? Ms. Wilson.

44 CINDY WILSON: May I? Forgive me for
45 digging up old dirt, but when our Council came in in
46 '09, this county was so close to bankruptcy by June
47 of '09 it was scary. We had debt service payments
48 one half million dollar budget -- I mean half million
49 dollar debt service payment that was not even in the
50 budget, even though I had asked about it. We were

1 literally fleeced of about a quarter of a billion
2 dollars from the previous regime's contractual
3 arrangements. Every year we were running about a
4 million dollars in legal bills. We had consulting.
5 We even had lobbyists in Washington. It was just
6 unbelievable. And this county and its
7 administration, Council and citizens deserve a big
8 thank you for working hard and being patient. And it
9 must be added that we had literally no economic
10 development from mid '04 until First Quality in late
11 '09. And that was during the biggest boom of my
12 lifetime. And then, of course, the biggest bust of
13 my lifetime at this same time by 2009 to 2012
14 businesses were going out of business. People were
15 losing jobs. It was a tough time.

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

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Folks, I don't mean
27 to be argumentative, but I cannot let that statement
28 go as it was just stated. That's not the truth. I
29 was here. I have been here since 1999. I was here
30 before she got on. We were not near whatever it was
31 she said, we were bankrupt. We were not. We were
32 going through a hard time because it was when the
33 economy tanked. We had businesses closing. We had
34 businesses moving away. But we did have some
35 companies coming in. It wasn't like it was now. But
36 we did have -- we did -- we didn't have everything we
37 have now, but we were not, we were not going under
38 any kind of bankruptcy.

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

47 Okay. So now is the time for you to decide what
48 you're going to believe. Nobody cares that about
49 that but you. What you're going to believe. But I
50 know that if we had to bring up factual information

1 on what was what on a given day, it could be done.

2 I thank you.

3 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

5 RAY GRAHAM: I'm going to make this
6 brief, but I personally feel that as Council member
7 we've been criticized multiple times over the past
8 few meetings for not attending said budget workshops
9 or budget meetings. First and foremost, it is each
10 and every member to represent their own district.
11 You're elected to represent the people in your
12 district. It is also your responsibility to attend
13 meetings. Just because a committee has a meeting --
14 Ms. Fant, I personally thank you for attending just
15 about every meeting that we have. You take that
16 initiative on yourself. That's your choice. It's
17 also the Council member's choice.

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

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

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

43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.

44 Anyone else?

45 CRAIG WOOTEN: I had a couple of things.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.

47 CRAIG WOOTEN: I guess maybe I'll put
48 this in the form of a motion. I agree wholeheartedly
49 on taking care of the folks that we have. It
50 concerns me that it was proposed earlier to maybe

1 wait three months or wait a certain amount of time or
2 say we're going to make it right for you over a two
3 year period. If that's the case, I mean, I'd like to
4 propose or make a motion that we have a hiring freeze
5 until we implement the study that Mr. Allen had
6 performed and evaluated.

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

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

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

26 TOMMY DUNN: Get that motion?

27 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir.

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

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

39 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham, you got
40 something?

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

49 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I believe the
50 Administrator would have to make a recommendation.

1 That's what we're paying him for. That's what the
2 motion -- if I heard Mr. Wooten right. And I would
3 just like to amend that motion. I want to make it
4 perfectly clear, if it's alright. At this time I'll
5 make a motion we'll amend yours that with the
6 exception of the Sheriff's office.
7 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes.
8 TOMMY DUNN: We're not ---
9 CRAIG WOOTEN: The school resources
10 officer and that.
11 TOMMY DUNN: The Sheriff's Office are
12 not -- he's an elected official. I'll make a motion
13 to add that amendment to that.
14 CINDY WILSON: And I'll second that. How
15 long will we anticipate the freeze be in place?
16 TOMMY DUNN: We can implement it.
17 Hopefully here in the budget. That's what the new
18 what you call it. That's what we're going for.
19 CINDY WILSON: The new budget?
20 TOMMY DUNN: We're debating my
21 amendment now of excluding the Sheriff's office.
22 Anyone about that?
23 GRACIE FLOYD: I'd like to speak on the
24 last thing that Mr. Wooten said before we decided we
25 were going to amend it.
26 TOMMY DUNN: That's already been on the
27 floor about amending it. So, we're coming back to
28 talk about that, but right now we're talking the
29 motion on the floor is the amendment and that's what
30 we're debating now, is the amendment.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: We haven't to vote on the
32 first one.
33 TOMMY DUNN: We can't, Ms. Floyd, we're
34 going by Roberts Rules of Order.
35 GRACIE FLOYD: On the first one.
36 TOMMY DUNN: Got to do the amendment
37 first.
38 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd's got the floor.
40 I got to explain the Robert's Rules to her.
41 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't know what you're
42 saying but what I'm saying is, I wanted to speak to
43 Mr. Wooten's amendment.
44 TOMMY DUNN: And that will be ---
45 GRACIE FLOYD: And what I'm saying now is
46 that Mr. Wooten, that's not a bad idea.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, that's not
48 time. That will come up next. We're going to debate
49 that next. We do the amendment first. As you said a
50 while ago, going by Robert's Rules of Order. And

1 that's what we going by is Robert's Rules of Order.
2 That will be it. Exactly. Mr. Allen.

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

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

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

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

50 TOMMY DUNN: That's right. Any one

1 else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
2 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries Mr.
3 Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Wooten, Mr. Graham,
4 and Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd opposes.

5 Any more discussion on the budget? All in favor
6 of the motion on the budget as amended show of hands.
7 All opposed. Show the motion carries, Mr. Waters,
8 Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten and Ms.
9 Wilson in favor, Ms. Floyd opposes.

10 Moving on to Item number (c) 2018-017 an
11 ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of
12 Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Anderson
13 County, South Carolina and a company or companies
14 known to the County at this time as Project Avocado
15 with respect to certain Economic Development property
16 in the County, whereby such property will be subject
17 to certain payments in Lieu of Taxes, including the
18 provision of certain Special Source Revenue Credits.
19 We have a motion to move this forward?

20 KEN WATERS: So moved.

21 CINDY WILSON: Second.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second
23 Ms. Wilson. Mr. Nelson, you have anything to add to
24 this?

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

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

38 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Sir.

39 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
40 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
41 motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Nelson.

42 Moving on to Item number (d) 2018-018 an
43 ordinance authorizing the amendment of the
44 Infrastructure Credit Agreement heretofore entered
45 into between Anderson County, South Carolina and One
46 World Technologies, Inc. to modify the provisions
47 thereof relating to the ownership of the existing
48 facilities and other provisions therein. We have a
49 motion to move this forward?

50 RAY GRAHAM: Motion.

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

5 Moving on to Item number (e) 2018-019 an
6 ordinance amending Ordinance #99-004 the Anderson
7 County zoning ordinance, as adopted July 20, 1999, by
8 amending certain sections of the zoning ordinance
9 text, specifically Chapter 70, Article 10, Section
10 1.2, 1.3 and 3.4 to eliminate fees for Zoning
11 ordinance or map amendments. We have a motion to
12 move this forward?

13 KEN WATERS: So moved.

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

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

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

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

39 KEN WATERS: So moved.

40 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

44 CINDY WILSON: Just a quick comment.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

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

49 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We have any
50 more discussion? All in favor of the motion show of

1 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
2 carries unanimously. Thank you, Dr. Parkey.

3 Moving on to Item number 9(b) 2018-022 an
4 ordinance to amend Section 38-69 (Certificate of
5 Compliance required; uses exempt from certificate
6 requirements) of the Anderson County, South Carolina
7 Code of Ordinances to provide for an exemption when
8 an existing residential structure is replaced with a
9 residential structure. This is in title only. Be
10 worded for the second thing. I put this in the form
11 of a motion.

12 CINDY WILSON: Second.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Second. Fellow

14 Councilmen, what this is for, we've run into this
15 couple of times over the last year or so. What this
16 is doing, somebody is trying to get a -- removing an
17 old mobile home to build a house on it and they can't
18 do it without going to the zoning board to get this
19 thing up. This was supposed to be worked on by Mr.
20 Forman. He left. They've been re-doing this and
21 this just keeps coming up so I talked with Mr. Harmon
22 and Ms. Hunter and they recommend this. And Mr.
23 Harmon is getting Ms. Hunter to write language for
24 second reading. So that's what this is about. Any
25 more discussion?

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Dunn, I don't
27 understand this. It doesn't -- it provides for an
28 exemption when an existing residential structure is
29 replaced with a residential structure. What is this
30 all about? This is in your district, I'm assume.

31 TOMMY DUNN: No ma'am. Definitely not.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But I don't
33 understand it. What is it all about?

34 TOMMY DUNN: I'll let Mr. Harmon talk.
35 You couldn't understand what I talked. I just
36 explained it and you didn't hear.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. I can understand it
38 better.

39 LEON HARMON: Ms. Floyd. What this does
40 it amends section 38-69 so to place a new exception
41 into that part of the ordinance to allow for what Mr.
42 Dunn was explaining already. For example, if a
43 mobile home is going to be replaced with a stick
44 built home, it does not require that it go through
45 the Planning Commission in order to get a certificate
46 of compliance. That's what it would do. It would
47 shorten up the time for residents to be able to
48 replace a mobile home or replace a smaller home with
49 a larger home, that type thing.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Still doesn't make

1 any sense, but okay. Thank you.

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

13 This is right now, he put in for this a little
14 over a week ago and they told him it would be July
15 12th before they would have his hearing. So you can
16 imagine how long it would take something or other.
17 And you know the weather we're having now, time is
18 money. Thank y'all.

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

22 LEON HARMON: No, sir.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Moving on to number
24 10, Resolutions, 2018-030 a resolution expressing
25 intent to cease county maintenance on and to
26 authorize county consent to judicial abandonment and
27 closure of a portion of an unnamed road designated as
28 C-01-0047A. This is in Mr. Waters' district. And as
29 y'all know we can't close a road, all we can do is
30 ask for it, pull back and pull back. Mr. Waters, you
31 have any comment?

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

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

42 Moving on to Item number 11 Report from the
43 Planning and Public Works Committee meeting held June
44 5th, 2018. Ms. Wilson.

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

50 Our first item was an executive session involving

1 the Duke Energy Solar Proposal. This is an eight to
2 ten million dollar ---

3 KEN WATERS: Point of order, Mr.
4 Chairman. Do I need to excuse myself from this?

5 CINDY WILSON: Right. So sorry.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters.
7 Chairman Wilson, go ahead.

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

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

23 TOMMY DUNN: I think it's a great idea.
24 Hope we can work it out. I think it would be a
25 win/win for everyone. One of the situations, be a
26 win/win for everybody.

27 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, if I may.
28 Just one thing. One of the biggest benefits is this
29 is basically our shelter, whether it's in the event
30 of we have a weather related incident down the lower
31 part of the state and we shelter people from
32 Charleston up this way or whatever. Regardless, in
33 doing so, in the event that we have a power outage,
34 it basically provides power still to that facility.
35 The battery backup will actually provide it for
36 several hours and then the solar panels actually
37 regenerate the power in the event that they're not
38 able to get the grid back up. So it's basically
39 something that Duke Energy is bringing to the county
40 for our citizens. So it's a great opportunity for
41 us, I think.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson.

43 CINDY WILSON: Our committee recommends
44 that Council approve letting this project go forward.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Y'all will come back with
46 a contract and now, but Council vote on this move it
47 forward for the next thing. Coming from the
48 committee it doesn't need a second. Are there any
49 more discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
50 hands. All opposed. Abstentions. Show the motion

1 carries with Mr. Waters abstains, Mr. Allen in favor,
2 Dunn in favor, Mr. Graham in favor, Mr. Wooten in
3 favor, Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd abstains.
4 We can bring Mr. Waters back in now. Ms. Wilson.

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

20 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, Rural Farmer.

21 CINDY WILSON: --- Farmer.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

23 CINDY WILSON: DBG.

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

27 CINDY WILSON: That's in there, too.

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

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

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

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

50 Now the next item was the due diligence and

1 continued discussion on the dispersal of Anderson
2 County properties. Those were the Forfeited Land
3 Commission properties and other properties that the
4 county has; some of which would be excellent for
5 these type considerations. Our committee recommends,
6 by way of motion, that our assessor package these
7 lots together and send them out for bids. And that
8 comes to you in the form of a motion that we do that.

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

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

21 TOMMY DUNN: And they've scheduled a
22 meeting for next week.

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

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

31 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

38 **(EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

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

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

45 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

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

1 Moving on.
2 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman ---
3 TOMMY DUNN: Can I have a motion?
4 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I'd like to make a
5 motion -- based on legal advice that we just received
6 I'd like to make a motion to authorize the filing of
7 a complaint in state court in Anderson County in the
8 opioid matter. And I put that in the form of a
9 motion.
10 CINDY WILSON: Second.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen. Second
12 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the
13 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
14 the motion carries unanimously.
15 Moving on now to appointments. Does anyone have
16 any appointments? Hearing and seeing none, we'll
17 move on to Requests by Council members. Mr. Waters.
18 KEN WATERS: I do. I would like to
19 request one thousand five hundred dollars to Parks
20 and Rec Department, I think that was for the Saluda
21 River Rally this weekend.
22 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Waters.
23 Have a second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in
24 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
25 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
26 Anything else, Mr. Waters?
27 KEN WATERS: That's all, thank you.
28 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?
29 TOM ALLEN: None at this time.
30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd?
31 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't have any
32 allocations at this time.
33 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?
34 RAY GRAHAM: I don't have any at this
35 time, either, Mr. Chairman.
36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.
37 Mr. Wooten.
38 CRAIG WOOTEN: None.
39 CINDY WILSON: Seven's broke.
40 TOMMY DUNN: District 5 appropriates
41 out of its recreation account thirty-five hundred
42 dollars to Homeland Park Fire Department for its 4th
43 of July festival it puts on. Put that in the form of
44 a motion.
45 TOM ALLEN: Second.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
47 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
48 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
49 carries unanimously. Administrator's Report.
50 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.

1 Chairman.

2 CINDY WILSON: May I? Regarding the
3 Administrator's Report.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

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

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

37 RAY GRAHAM: Well, I guess my question
38 is the scheduling with the rain and football. It's
39 been cancelled for the remainder of the year. And
40 the graduations, there should be no other
41 graduations. So I mean, I'm having a little bit of
42 ---

43 CINDY WILSON: Tuesday night.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, but as soon --
45 listen, this was -- to be perfectly clear. This was
46 some miscommunication from somebody. There never was
47 a conflict at the Civic Center, it would have been
48 fixed. And as soon as Mr. Burns found it out, he got
49 it straight. And this was offered. But now, to be
50 fair, on some of their side is, about having to haul

1 stuff to the Civic Center and unload it. They feel
2 like it'd be more convenient for them. That's their
3 side. I'm not in that thing. I'm just saying, we
4 expressed our things, did we not, so that's where
5 we're at.

6
7 RAY GRAHAM: So they're going to do it
8 at the election office?

9 TOMMY DUNN: Yep.

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

13 CINDY WILSON: On that patio.

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

26 TOMMY DUNN: They have had one down
27 there.

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

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

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

46 TOMMY DUNN: I don't think it is
47 neither. But at the same time, I respect their
48 decision and their process not this late in the game
49 and the thing. Like I said, because I felt very
50 strongly against it and had the meeting and talked to

1 them and Mr. Burns. We let him know, you know, our
2 concerns. Let them know the Civic Center was fully
3 there and everything and they choose otherwise.

4 RAY GRAHAM: Still at the end of the
5 day, is the county not the one that's responsible?

6 TOMMY DUNN: If somebody got hurt down
7 at that building, we're the ones getting sued I'm
8 sure. County property. But I can assure you if
9 something comes up now at this junction, we'll take
10 the blame for it. I say let them -- you know, some
11 times you have to let cow horns hook, as my daddy
12 used to say, and I don't think they'll be having a
13 second one.

14 CINDY WILSON: Well, the problem is the
15 liability. There's no parking adequate for the
16 hoards of people that come in there. There are
17 usually three or four hundred people there some
18 nights, especially a state election. The lighting is
19 terrible. How are you going to read all the forms?
20 How are they going to get all the tables around?

21 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson, you're
22 preaching to the choir. I understand.

23 CINDY WILSON: Anyway, I'm sorry.

24 TOMMY DUNN: No. Valid concerns.

25 Moving on now, Citizens Comments. Mr. Harmon.

26 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one has
27 signed up.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Remarks from Council
29 members. Ms. Wilson.

30 CINDY WILSON: I have some more good
31 news. I understand that the Kinder Morgan case will
32 go forward in court and that would be very
33 encouraging for the people in Cheddar. So that's
34 really good. And the extra patrols over there, Mr.
35 Graham, are bringing great comfort to a lot of people
36 over there. So that is really good news. Thanks.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
38 Mr. Wooten?

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

47 TOMMY DUNN: I think they're working
48 on. Evidently yours didn't -- I come through the
49 halls one day this week -- what day is this? Tuesday
50 -- must be yesterday or today one and somebody was in

1 here fooling with them. But that's a good thing.
2 Mr. Burns, can you see that happening, get Mr.
3 Carroll and them about these microphones. This is
4 enough of this. Thank you.

5 Mr. Graham.

6 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
7 Just one brief statement. I agree one of the other
8 Council members had mentioned about Anderson
9 Independent not showing up for any of the meetings or
10 doing any reporting as much as they used to. But I
11 do want to complement Mr. Wilson and Mr. Welch. They
12 are faithful followers and I mean they always seem to
13 report the truth regardless of whose feelings it
14 hurts or whose toes they step on. And I appreciate
15 that. I appreciate you guys standing up and giving
16 the citizens what they need to hear. Thank you.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
18 Ms. Floyd.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, first of all, I want
20 to talk about the animal shelter for a second.
21 Yesterday, Sunday -- no yesterday -- on Sunday we
22 made a right turn off of Main Street going to
23 Greenville -- onto Greenville Street and what do we
24 see in the street? A little kitty. Little kitty.
25 And it was the strangest thing, he'd been hit and he
26 was writhing around in the street and there were
27 birds like I've never seen before out there with the
28 kitty as if they were trying to help him. It was
29 really terrible on one hand, but the birds were
30 actually there, on the pavement, in the middle of the
31 street, several birds around him. I think that we
32 need to look at this thing about releasing these cats
33 again because I don't think it's working. I'm seeing
34 too many dead cats in the middle of the street. And
35 if you haven't seen them, you might not want to.

36 I spent the entire weekend, Saturday and Sunday
37 passing out home grants. There's no need to even
38 mention this because the news can't get out here.
39 But anyway, that's what I did. Went to the churches
40 and funeral homes on Saturday, passing out the
41 sheets, letting folks know that the home grant is
42 back.

43 Something I would like to say to the Council
44 member who is saying about the meetings -- they have
45 all the meetings, how many meetings he goes to and
46 all of that. That Council member has not been here
47 long enough to know that there was a time when I was
48 going to meetings that I was not asked to come but I
49 knew I could get there. And when I got there half of
50 them would not let me speak, they told me I could not

1 speak and Mr. Burns can attest to that. And then
2 when they would really get to talking and it really
3 appears as if I was going to speak, they'd go into
4 executive session, which I understand that I cannot
5 go. So before you sit down and say, well, you could
6 have done this and you could have done that, check
7 the facts first. See what has happened before you
8 got there. But I have tried to go to several
9 meetings, but I'm not welcomed once I get there. One
10 newspaper writer even wrote that I stormed out of the
11 room. And all I did was picked up my stuff and left
12 quietly. Mr. Burns, you remember that.

13 Also, the -- there are some things that we need
14 to be cognizant of and I don't know how we're going
15 to do it since we can't all get into the same
16 meeting, and there has been questions raised about
17 that. And I will be calling some folks up telling
18 them what you said and I did bring it up and we'll
19 see what happens. I still stand by what I said about
20 let's cutting out all the new hirees other than the
21 Sheriff's people until we take a look at what new
22 hirees we're going to be cutting out.

23 For example, you've been talking about how trashy
24 Anderson is, and in the budget was some folks hired
25 to help pick up the trash to help keep Anderson
26 clean. But I guess these things are not important to
27 you, but they are to me. And with that, I will say
28 good night.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

30 TOM ALLEN: I have nothing at this
31 time.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters.

33 KEN WATERS: I don't have anything.

34 Thank you.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Also would like to ask all
36 the Council members and staff they want to keep Ms.
37 Phyllis White in thoughts and prayers. She lost her
38 brother this past week and keep her and her family in
39 our thoughts and prayers.

40 Also, want to commend Duke Energy. They had a
41 lot of -- Anderson County had a lot of outages in
42 power this past week. People don't realize, you
43 know, some of the outages and want to thank all the
44 outside providers that come in. There was probably
45 -- and I want to thank the county staff for helping
46 especially at the Civic Center. They was staged out
47 at the Civic Center. The staff out there opened the
48 building up. I think they fed about three hundred
49 energy employees out there, coming through Saturday
50 and Sunday on short notice. And I want to thank the

1 staff for being ready. And thank Mr. Burns for
2 allowing that to happen and being in good
3 partnerships with Duke Energy as we just went to the
4 thing Friday in Williamston about the Lee Steam Plant
5 and talking about our good relationship we have with
6 Duke Energy and working with them. And want to keep
7 that up.

8 Want to thank each and everyone of my fellow
9 Council members for putting Anderson County first and
10 doing it as a team and not always me and I appreciate
11 it. Look forward to getting this budget worked on.
12 Thank y'all very much. Meeting be adjourned.

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