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County of Anderson)

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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
JUNE 19, 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: ... the Special Presentations
2 part of the June 19th County Council meeting to order.
3 Like to welcome each and every one here. Thank y'all
4 for coming. At this time I'd like to -- we'll do
5 resolutions and proclamations 2(a) 2018-028. Vice
6 Chairman Graham. Chairman Graham.

7 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
8 This is in reference to Resolution 2018-028. This is
9 a Resolution to Recognize and Honor Ms. Hattie Green
10 for many years of Dedication and Service to the
11 Communities of Anderson County; and Other Matters
12 Related Thereto.

13 **Whereas**, Mrs. Hattie Green was born on September
14 10, 1928. Hattie moved to Belton, South Carolina at
15 the age of nine and has remained a resident for 80
16 years. She attended Rosenwald School and was a
17 graduate of Geer High School after the eleventh grade;
18 and,

19 **Whereas**, Hattie was married to the late Gilbert
20 Green, having 6 children, 30 grandchildren, 35 great
21 grandchildren, 12 great great grandchildren, as well
22 as numerous "adopted children" claiming her as their
23 role model of guidance and support; and

24 **Whereas**, Hattie has been a member of the Mt. Zion
25 Baptist Church for over 50 years. She has served many
26 roles within the church such as a Sunday School
27 teacher, a secretary of Sunday School, the Outreach
28 Festival Committee Chair, a senior choir member,
29 Deaconess, a missionary member and Flower Committee
30 member; and

31 **Whereas**, Hattie is a longtime member of the Ladies
32 Auxiliary to Foreign Wars, Thomasena Order of Eastern
33 Stars and the Belton Lions Club. Hattie served as a
34 Girls Scout Leader and volunteered at the Zion Street
35 Community Center and Senior Solutions. In 1996 Hattie
36 was named Anderson County NAACP Woman of the Year; and

37 **Whereas**, in 2002 Hattie was the first African
38 American elected to the Belton City Council
39 representing Ward 2. She still continues to serve on
40 the Council today, missing only one regular scheduled
41 council meeting in 16 years; and

42 **Whereas**, Hattie has worked diligently to make many
43 improvements in Belton such as improving sidewalks,
44 water, the remodeling of the Belton Armory for a
45 community center, renovations at the Leda Poore Park,
46 and refurbishing the Standpipe Landmark of Belton.
47 Hattie continues her efforts for more improvements to
48 take place in the downtown area of Belton; and,

49 **Whereas**, in 2006 Hattie was honored as a lifetime
50 member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and in 2010 she

1 received the Boy Scout Appreciation Award; and
2 **Whereas**, although she is semi-retired she can be
3 found working with her children to prepare meals for
4 numerous organizations, senior citizen groups,
5 elderly, sick and those in need; and

6 **Whereas**, on May 10, 2018 in Belton, South Carolina
7 a ceremony was held for the Dedication and Ribbon
8 Cutting for the extension of the Belton Rail Trail
9 featuring the special recognition of Mrs. Hattie
10 Green. During the event Hattie was recognized with a
11 bronze plaque and bench that will be placed in her
12 honor near the library. Following the ceremony a
13 reception was held with a special presentation where
14 Hattie was presented with the state's highest civilian
15 honor The Order of the Silver Crescent; and

16 Now Therefore, be it resolved, the Anderson County
17 Council commends and honors Mrs. Hattie Green who
18 passionately serves our community, county and state
19 with unyielding dedication and passion. Her efforts
20 of harmony and unity bring a positive impact to all
21 the residents of Anderson County.

22 RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled this 19th day
23 of June, 2018.

24 Mr. Chairman, I'd like to bring that forth in the
25 form of a motion.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Have a
27 second?

28 CINDY WILSON: May I say something?

29 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Allen. Ms.
30 Wilson.

31 CINDY WILSON: When we were writing and
32 proofing this resolution, we all agreed this surely
33 must be five different people and not one dear lady.
34 So it's just incredible what Ms. Hattie's accomplished
35 in her life. Thank you.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
37 I'd just like to echo Ms. Wilson's sentiments. You
38 have definitely led a full life in Anderson County and
39 the community of Belton I know is better off for your
40 service. We really do appreciate it. Mr. Graham.

41 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
42 Ms. Hattie, I definitely want to commend you for all
43 the work that you have done in Belton over the years.
44 Growing up in Belton, actually a member of the city of
45 Belton fire department for many years, I definitely
46 seen first hand the hard work that you've committed to
47 through your church and through the community. And
48 Belton is definitely a better place on your behalf for
49 all the hard work you've done.

50 Mr. Chairman, after we vote, if it would be

1 possible maybe ask Ms. Green and also her co-workers
2 and family to step down front.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. All in favor of
4 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
5 Show the motion carries unanimously. If you would,
6 y'all just come on down.

7 **(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)**

8 RAY GRAHAM: Ms. Hattie, on behalf of
9 Anderson County Council, I'd definitely like to
10 present this resolution. And again, we definitely
11 appreciate all the hard work you have done for the
12 city of Belton and also for Anderson County. At this
13 time I'm going to turn the mike over to you and let
14 you talk and tell us about whatever you want to talk
15 about tonight.

16 HATTIE GREEN: Well, I'd just like to
17 thank everyone for presenting me this honor. And it's
18 an honor and a pleasure because I love people. That's
19 one reason I got on the Council to keep myself busy.
20 And I really love cooking. So a lot of times I don't
21 get to cook like I want to. There's nothing no better
22 than getting in the kitchen and relaxing yourself.
23 Because I made some cream cheese crunch today. But I
24 really do appreciate this. And I'm so happy that
25 y'all and everybody's doing this while I'm living.
26 Because you know, if I'm dead I don't know anything
27 about it. My mother always said give me my flowers
28 while I yet live. That's one thing she always taught
29 me to treat people like you want to be treated and
30 nobody wants to be treated bad. And I've got to teach
31 that to my children and I always teach people to let
32 them know that I love them. Because I love people and
33 I love to talk, but I guess I'm going to stop now.
34 Thank you.

35 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you so much.

36 **APPLAUSE**

37 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on, we're moving on
38 now to Item 2(b) **2018-032** A Resolution. Ms. Wilson.

39 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
40 will read this into our record and get a vote of
41 approval and it will be presented Sunday at a special
42 celebration over in Williamston.

43 This is a Resolution to Honor and Recognize
44 Caroline Community Center for Their Dedication and
45 Service to Anderson County Citizens for 32 years; and
46 other matters related thereto.

47 **Whereas**, the Williamston Action Community Club is
48 held at Caroline Community Center in Williamston,
49 South Carolina. It was established in 1985 and has
50 been a strong, diverse, supportive center for the

1 community for 32 years; and

2 **Whereas**, the mission of this organization is to
3 improve the quality of life by providing safe,
4 accessible services, programs and facilities; and

5 **Whereas**, the Williamston Action community Club is
6 a meeting place for individuals to experience art,
7 recreation and community building activities; and

8 **Whereas**, the community club features senior
9 programs offering Bible studies, nutrition and
10 exercise programs, Bingo and line dancing; and

11 **Whereas**, the community club provides youth
12 programs geared for student success and achievement.
13 Children can participate in sports, art and crafts,
14 attend summer camps and field trips; and

15 **Whereas**, Anderson County Council and the residents
16 of Anderson County are pleased to recognize and
17 celebrate the Caroline Community Center and
18 Williamston Action Community Club for thirty-two years
19 of dedicated service to the community. We are
20 appreciative of your compassion, support and
21 willingness to improve the quality of lives in our
22 community.

23 RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled this 19th day
24 of June, 2018.

25 And may I put that in the form of a motion?

26 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson.

27 We have a second?

28 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

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

33 Meeting will be adjourned. We'll reconvene here
34 for regular start of Council meeting at 6:30.

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36 **(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:13 P.M.)**

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1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to
2 call the Regular Anderson County Council meeting of
3 June 19th to order. At this time I'd like to ask the
4 Honorable Councilman Craig Wooten if he'd lead us in
5 the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. If we'd all
6 rise, please.

7 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CRAIG WOOTEN)**

8 TOMMY DUNN: Are there any changes or
9 corrections to be made to the minutes of the regular
10 Council meeting of June the 5th? Not received. I'm
11 sorry. We'll take care of that next time.

12 At this time, before we go on to Item number 4,
13 I'd just like to recognize, I believe Ms. -- our
14 librarian, Ms. Faith Line is here. I want to Kudos to
15 her. I think she just received an award from the
16 Chamber of Commerce last week. Our library just got
17 some awards here back a couple of months ago. So we
18 appreciate the fine work and what all you're doing and
19 we're very lucky to have you, Ms. Line. Thank you
20 very much. Let's all give her a big hand. Thank you
21 for being here.

22 Moving on now, we're going to Citizens Comments.
23 As Mr. Harmon, our attorney, calls your name, you have
24 three minutes on agenda matters at this time. Please
25 state your name and district for the record and
26 address the Chair.

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

29 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, sir.

30 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3.
31 I'm referring to number 6 and number 8; both on
32 budget. I wasn't able to come to the budget workshop
33 that you had. Glad to see you finally had one. That
34 is one thing that does concern me about the budget
35 process this year. I've heard somebody say, well, you
36 can come to any of the meetings you want to. And any
37 of us can. But I get those announcements from Ms.
38 Lacey. I get those announcements from Ms. Lacey about
39 different committee meetings and in no way have any of
40 those meetings up until this one said anything about
41 budget.

42 Now, you may be discussing items that have to do
43 with capital projects or other issues that affect the
44 budget, but you're not telling the people that those
45 are budget meetings. And this is the first year that
46 we've done the budget this way. I know it saved you
47 all a lot of time and I know Mr. Dunn will say, oh,
48 you can call anybody you want to and ask any questions
49 you want to. But the whole thing about government
50 process is supposed to be that we do it out in the

1 open and we do it when the constituents can hear what
2 is going on and not that it's already decided in a
3 committee and then brought forth. And as Mr. Dunn
4 will say, if it came from the Finance Committee or if
5 it came from the so and so committee, it needs no
6 second. We're the second. We're the ones that need
7 to approve it. I'm going to be watching tonight to
8 see what's in the budget.

9 LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

11 Moving on to Item number 5, Then and Now. Ms.
12 Floyd.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I'm going to
14 speak on the last Council meeting. We don't have our
15 minutes. I tried to get the secretary to find it but
16 she was unable to do so. But it was a comment that
17 was made at the last Council meeting about the
18 previous Council had almost left Anderson County in
19 bankrupt or the previous county left Anderson County
20 in bankruptcy or something that the previous county
21 (verbatim) did to get Anderson County close to
22 bankruptcy.

23 At the last Council meeting, Ms. Wilson made a
24 statement that I objected to. That statement was that
25 the previous Council had left or whatever I just said
26 the county bankrupt. I disagreed with her assessment
27 at that meeting. I told her so. And tonight I want
28 to elaborate a little more on that topic. I will
29 demonstrate that Anderson County was not near
30 bankruptcy during that period of time. And I can not
31 just sit there as I was on Council at that time and
32 not say anything. That's a total untruth. I can't do
33 that to the people of Anderson County. I can't do it
34 to my constituency. And I can't do it to myself. I
35 will demonstrate with facts, not just opinions, that
36 Anderson County was not near bankruptcy at that period
37 of time.

38 In fact, Anderson County was not near bankruptcy
39 then, not now and likely will not be in the future.
40 Anderson County has had a very stable and secure
41 financial past and is likely to continue to have firm
42 financial footing.

43 To make my point I did some long, hard
44 researching. I researched some old financial
45 information. I researched with people. I researched
46 with -- my research also include people who are in the
47 county at this particular time. This information is
48 available to anyone on the county's website and comes
49 from the published audited financial statements.
50 Again, these are published facts. Not conjectures,

1 not my opinion, but facts.

2 First, when you use the word bankrupt, that means
3 you are unable to pay your bills. It means that your
4 liabilities exceed your assets. It means in simple
5 terms that you are broke. Anderson County was not
6 broke then, nor is it broke now.

7 The first fact I want to talk about is the
8 county's fund balance. Fund balance means the
9 difference between your assets and your liabilities.
10 It could be construed to mean the net worth of the
11 county. At June the 30th, 2008, the county had a fund
12 balance of forty million three hundred forty-seven
13 thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars. I'm
14 going to repeat that. June 30th, 2008, the county had
15 a fund balance of forty million three hundred forty-
16 seven thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars.
17 In case you want to see this for yourself, you can go
18 to the June 30th, 2017 website and this information
19 can be found on page 31. On page 31 -- that's 131.
20 On page 131, you will find a table that lists the
21 county's fund balance for the past ten fiscal year.

22 My point is that you, the county, cannot be
23 bankrupt or near bankrupt with forty million dollars
24 of fund balance, can they?

25 The second fact that I want you to know about what
26 is -- about something called net position. Net
27 position is the calculation that is used to show
28 changes in the county's financial position. It is a
29 useful indicator of governmental's financial
30 condition. Going back to the same day, June 30th,
31 2008, the county's net position was increased by five
32 million seven hundred and nine nine hundred and
33 seventy-eight dollars. This is all calculated by
34 taking all the revenues of the government and
35 subtracting all the expenses. Again, you cannot be
36 bankrupt when your revenues exceed your expenses by
37 over five point seven million dollars. You can find
38 this information on 128 to 130 in the audited
39 financial statement.

40 The last fact I wish to discuss is this. This
41 county has been issued a clean or modified audit
42 opinion for every year that I have been on Council.
43 That's nineteen years, folks. That's nineteen years I
44 have been on Council that this Council has received a
45 clean audit. I believe that if Anderson County was
46 bankrupt, going bankrupt, or had been close to
47 bankruptcy, then the county would not have earned
48 these clean audit opinions all these years. If there
49 was evidence of bankruptcy the auditors would have
50 expressed that in the audit report.

1 To close, I again say and support it with facts,
2 that Anderson County was not broke, and was not
3 bankrupt while the previous Council was seated. What
4 I presented tonight is based on fact and not off the
5 cuff remarks and rambling. Look for yourself. Go to
6 these financial website that I had to go through. Go
7 through your trash cans if you have trash related to
8 Anderson County and is audited as I have. I have --
9 and I think you will come to the undeniable conclusion
10 that Anderson County was in excellent financial health
11 then and health now.

12 There is no conflict, folks, between the old and
13 the new. The conflict is between liars. People who
14 use the means as a platform to say things that they
15 know aren't true, but they say them anyway to convince
16 you that they know what they're talking about. The
17 conflict is between the false and the true.

18 And I thank you.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Moving to Item number 6,
20 Report from the Administration Policy/Rules Committee,
21 which is the Personnel Committee held June 12, 2018.
22 Chairman Allen. Chairman Allen.

23 TOM ALLEN: All right. Yes. Thank
24 you, Mr. Chair. As most of you know, we've had a
25 survey done here over the past several months in the
26 county by an outside personnel firm to look at where
27 we stand as far as our personnel policies, pay scales,
28 vacation time, etcetera. And there are about six
29 major points that came up in this survey and these are
30 things that we, on the Personnel Committee, are going
31 to be looking at and working on to see how we can
32 rectify some of the problems in order to bring us into
33 balance with other surrounding counties of our same
34 size and population, as well as with the private
35 industry.

36 So one of the first things we looked at, of
37 course, was the salary market adjustments. In other
38 words, what they did was they went out here and looked
39 at the counties around us. They also looked at
40 private industries. They weighted this sixty percent
41 of their evaluation was based on the counties pay, in
42 other words counties around us, and forty percent of
43 the weight was based on what private industry is
44 paying. So in other words, if the county has a truck
45 driver and a private industry has a truck driver doing
46 exactly the same thing, what does the pay scale look
47 like? So, we're looking at that now to see what kind
48 of adjustments we may need to make on that.

49 And in most cases of all of the various fields of
50 labor, if you will, that were looked at, the county

1 tended to be somewhat below what the civilian -- I'll
2 call it civilian side of the house is paying. Old
3 military coming out in me; can't help it.

4 The next thing we looked at was employee
5 evaluations. There are supposed to be annual
6 evaluations done on all employees. And I think in
7 some cases that's kind of slipped over the years. I
8 admit I don't like doing evaluations on people. It's
9 a headache and it's sometimes not a fun thing to do.
10 But we have to have those done if we're going to make
11 this process work so that we know how to promote
12 people and whether somebody deserves a raise or not.
13 So we've got to have those evaluations done. And
14 we're looking at having those done by the end of July,
15 to have everybody up to date on their evaluations.

16 Also, we're looking at, I was going to say, I
17 forgot to mention one other thing on the salary
18 adjustments. We hope to have those -- well, we will
19 have those in place 1 July. If the budget passes
20 tonight, we'll have those in place 1 July.

21 Job descriptions need to be updated. In order to
22 do these annual evaluations you've got to have a
23 decent job description. And we found out we had a lot
24 of job descriptions in this county that were
25 duplicates in a way. You know, you'd have a -- I'll
26 use the truck driver again. In one department it was
27 called a truck driving engineer and in another
28 department that same truck driver was just called a
29 truck driving laborer or something. It was the same
30 thing. So we've reduced the number of job
31 descriptions in the county and those need to be made
32 uniform and brought up to date. So that's another
33 thing that we're working on.

34 The question came up about retirees retaining
35 years of service. And this is another thing that
36 we're in discussion on. But let's say you retire from
37 Anderson County and you're off the payroll for 30
38 days, I think it is, and then you can come back to
39 work. Where do you start? If you come back into the
40 same job, for instance, should you start at the same
41 salary with all the vacation build-up? We're looking
42 at this and saying, no. If you're going to retire and
43 come back, you're going to start off at ground zero
44 and work your way up. That's one of the -- again, one
45 of the things we're discussing.

46 The Personnel Policy Handbook. The one I have is
47 dated 1998 and I think there were maybe some
48 adjustments made in early 2000's. But with all these
49 things that we're doing here, we need to update the
50 Personnel Policy handbook so that people coming on

1 board to work for the county will know exactly what
2 they're getting into.

3 And a final thing we're looking at is the possible
4 modification to vacation, sick and compensatory time
5 going into the future. Right now we allow people
6 something like four hundred and sixty hours of
7 vacation build-up time towards retirement that you can
8 get paid out for. Greenville County allows two
9 hundred and forty hours. I think ours was four
10 eighty, maybe, and theirs is two forty. And we're
11 looking at reducing our down to three sixty. Because
12 what we're running into is people are not taking their
13 vacation in many cases, which they should. You need
14 that break time, you need to recharge the batteries.
15 But also, all of a sudden, we get hit with big bill
16 because somebody is retiring and they've got four
17 hundred and some hours of vacation time and we've got
18 to then turn around and find twenty, thirty, forty
19 thousand dollars to pay them out for vacation. So our
20 vacation policy here in the county is extremely
21 lenient. Most organizations around, you get your
22 vacation, if you don't use it the year that you're
23 eligible to use it, it's gone. And you start over
24 again.

25 So somewhere back in the past, this decision was
26 made. And maybe at that time it was a good thing to
27 do. I don't know what the economic situation was in
28 Anderson County when this was done. I'm not saying
29 anybody was terrible or did a really nasty thing.
30 It's just that it may have been the thing to do at
31 that time. But now, we can't afford it.

32 So those are some of the things that we're looking
33 at. We're going to have more Personnel Committee
34 meetings. And over the next couple of months we hope
35 to have this settled. And we want to hear -- I'm
36 Chairman of the Personnel Committee. I want to hear
37 from employees, too. I want to know what your opinion
38 is.

39 So with that, Mr. Chair.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Chairman, I believe ---
41 TOM ALLEN: Did I miss something?

42 What, your pay raise?

43 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I believe the
44 Personnel Committee made a recommendation to full
45 Council to implement the pay adjustments effective
46 July 1st and do it half this year and half next year.
47 So we need to make that recommendation.

48 TOM ALLEN: Oh, yeah.

49 TOMMY DUNN: So that's coming from the
50 Personnel Committee doesn't need a second. Now, open

1 the floor for discussion.

2 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I was there when

5 that -- I was at the meeting when that suggestion was

6 made. It was made quickly. It wasn't discussed. And

7 then it was voted on by the committee to bring it to

8 the Council. I have a different opinion on that. Our

9 folks have been down so long, without an adequate

10 raise, and this year we're going to do it. But to

11 give them half of it this year and half of it next

12 year, would be a situation that's not good.

13 Next year, you don't know what's going to go up

14 higher. This year they could use that money to get

15 ahead a little bit. Pay off some bills a little bit

16 and have a substantial income. Half this year won't

17 do it. That's just like giving them what they already

18 -- what you've already given them in the past. Wait

19 until next year would call maybe for another impact on

20 that same income. Maybe the insurance will go up

21 again next year. Or maybe gas will go up again next

22 year. And you are depleting the impact of that

23 insurance. I am recommending that we give the

24 employees the pay raise that we said that they deserve

25 all at one time. With a total of seventeen -- with a

26 total of the growth that we expect for this year, I

27 think that is going to be in the millions of dollars

28 that we expect to bring in this year. I think that we

29 could well afford it. Why would we want to give them

30 half of it now and half of it next year when it won't

31 make the same impact. Thank you.

32 TOMMY DUNN: You put that in the form of

33 a motion by amendment, Ms. Floyd?

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I can. I'll put that

35 in the form of a motion that we give the employees the

36 full raise this year.

37 TOMMY DUNN: We have a second?

38 CRAIG WOOTEN: I second that.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Wooten. Now any

40 discussion?

41 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

43 TOM ALLEN: I was going to -- Mr.

44 Harmon, is this -- or Rita -- are we as far as the

45 monetary aspect of this goes, are we good with half

46 this year and half next year? Because I know there

47 was a question about trying to find the money to do it

48 all at once.

49 RITA DAVIS: It would take about

50 approximately two more mil increase to implement all

1 them at once. ??

2 TOM ALLEN: Okay. So it would take

3 another two mil increase if we were to try and do it

4 all at once. Okay. Thank you.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten, did you have --

6 or Ms. Wilson, I'm sorry. Ms. Wilson.

7 CINDY WILSON: Just a quick point that I

8 need a little clarification on. We also had some

9 employees that had been paid for a number years far

10 higher than ---

11 TOMMY DUNN: That's not in this.

12 CINDY WILSON: That's not in this. Okay.

13 Thank you.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Wait a minute, Ms. Floyd.

16 Anybody else got anything this go around here? Mr.

17 Wooten.

18 CRAIG WOOTEN: I guess my question is, and

19 this is where I do agree with Ms. Floyd. You know, we

20 did a market study to say, you know, what in the

21 market is the value of these people's jobs. And I see

22 where it would be frustrating to say, you know, your

23 market value is this, and we're going to pay it for

24 you twenty-four months from now, or twelve months from

25 now. If that's what they're worth and that's the job

26 they're doing, you know, if we do need to spread it

27 over two years, I think, you know, it would behoove us

28 to look at, you know, will we go back and pay them for

29 what they're worth? I understand the budget

30 constraints on it, but I also understand, you know,

31 there's a real life aspect to somebody who's working

32 and if they felt like they haven't been paid market

33 pay or had cost of living adjustments in ten years,

34 that can be awfully frustrating.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten. We

36 have had some adjustments over the last few years. In

37 fact, last year. But when we started down this road

38 with this process and hired this company, we said that

39 even the company come in, we couldn't afford all this

40 in one year. We just simply can't. Doing the best we

41 can trying to get caught up. And we said do it in a

42 two year -- looking at all, with the study group and

43 Ms. Davis and her staff, two years would get us not

44 behind no more than we be able to do it in two years.

45 Ms. Floyd, you got a question?

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I do. Thank you.

47 Ms. Davis, would you please come back to the

48 microphone? I have a question, please. Okay. Ms.

49 Davis, we talked a lot today and one of the things I

50 asked you, well, what was the general fund balance for

1 last year. You told me it was sixty-six million
2 dollars. My question -- second question was, well,
3 what do you project the general fund to be this year?
4 You told me seventy-one million dollars. I asked you
5 where does the money go, the seventy-one million?
6 Would you please tell them what you told me where the
7 money goes?

8 RITA DAVIS: I think you're talking
9 about the total general fund budget?

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, the seventy-one
11 million dollars that you projected that we --
12 projected that we could end up with.

13 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. I think we're
14 talking about the general fund. If the changes are
15 implemented, we'd have a seventy-nine point three
16 million dollar general fund and we talked about using
17 over eight million dollars of the fund balance.
18 However we said that we would have about two point
19 seven months of general fund balance left at six ???
20 nineteen if we used every bit of that fund balance,
21 which we never have historically. We budget it, but
22 due to constraint and revenue coming in better than
23 anticipated. So I think that's what we talked about.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: You told me that the money
25 goes to different -- you told me it goes to salaries,
26 you told me that it goes to insurance, and you told me
27 -- I wish I had written all that down. But I remember
28 salaries and insurance.

29 RITA DAVIS: This is insurance and
30 retirement ??.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Retirement, that's what you
32 told me it goes to. But with all of that, seventy-
33 nine -- I said seventy-one -- but seventy-nine million
34 dollars, that's still would not give us enough to
35 provide the employees, you know, on what they need.
36 You know, every time somebody comes up and they give
37 us a scratch of paper, we say, oh, you did a good job;
38 I pat you on the back and we're so appreciative of all
39 the hard work that you do.

40 TOMMY DUNN: We got time? Over time?

41 GRACIE FLOYD: I'll ask for another five
42 minutes, please.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd makes a motion to
44 extent the time for five more minutes. Have a second?

45 KEN WATERS: Second.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. All in
47 favor show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion
48 carries Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Graham
49 and Mr. Wooten and Ms. Wilson in favor. Mr. Dunn
50 opposes. Go ahead, Ms. Floyd.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. But when the
2 time comes to show them the money, we can't do that.
3 I just don't understand that. And the only thing I'm
4 saying is that let's not do this to them. Let's give
5 them what we -- what they need in order for some of
6 them to get off of the poverty role, or the poverty
7 list and let's give those who deserve a good raise a
8 good raise. Let's not play this game with our people
9 that work so hard and that we appreciate so much.
10 Thank you.

11 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

13 RAY GRAHAM: Ms. Rita, I apologize.

14 Correct me if I'm wrong. In the event we do the full
15 salary adjustment this year, the only way we can do
16 that is by millage increase, regardless of the money
17 that Ms. Floyd is stating that we have.

18 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.

19 RAY GRAHAM: I mean, that money is
20 spent.

21 RITA DAVIS: That is what I would
22 recommend to Council.

23 RAY GRAHAM: With the understanding that
24 if we go into more, we're going to basically be
25 dipping into the reserve.

26 RITA DAVIS: Correct.

27 RAY GRAHAM: And just like at home,
28 you're basically dipping into what you've got sitting
29 there just in case of emergency.

30 RITA DAVIS: Savings account. That's
31 correct.

32 RAY GRAHAM: Exactly. So, in your
33 recommendation, as finance manager, your
34 recommendation would be for us not to do that unless
35 we're willing to do a millage increase, am I correct?

36 RITA DAVIS: That's correct, sir.

37 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you for your expert
38 opinion on that.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: You know, folks, we could
42 have had a budge workshop as I requested. This could
43 have been discussed and worked out in a budget
44 workshop. That's why you have these things. There
45 are -- if the county needed a big old backhoe, they
46 would get together, come up with the money to buy it.
47 I've seen it done. But now, all of a sudden, this is
48 going to run us into another -- of course it is,
49 because look at everything else you've got in the
50 agenda -- I mean in the budget. And some things I

1 just found out about yesterday. My fault? Everybody
2 else's fault.

3 But the thing is this, there is a way this could
4 have been worked out if we had done what some like to
5 call our due diligence and had the workshop, talked
6 about the budget, get people in on the budget, talk to
7 these department heads about the budget. I'll bet you
8 money, they would have been willing to cut back
9 something for us to get the money to pay these people.

10 CINDY WILSON: May I?

11 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

12 CINDY WILSON: It needs to be recognized
13 that with our standing committees that were never
14 appointed prior to 2009, and the ad hoc committees
15 cover a world of subject matter. Our county budget is
16 comprised of so many different components, everything
17 from personnel to enterprise funds, infrastructure.
18 It runs the gamut.

19 We had a budget workshop after we had a chance for
20 each committee to do their homework. And there was a
21 lot of study that went on. So I will not complain
22 about this other than there's some things I might not
23 vote for here. But there's been a lot of homework.

24 And especially Mr. Allen and Mr. Graham should be
25 commended for their hard work on the policy and salary
26 work and the public safety. There's been so much
27 that's been going on. There's been a lot of study on
28 the capital projects that need to be done in the
29 county. We're very blessed to be able to put up a new
30 terminal and our -- widen our runway. A lot of folks
31 don't realize our airport, for example, is one of the
32 busiest upstate airports. And we've had the benefit
33 of about six and a half, almost seven million in
34 grants and we took out about three million in fund
35 balance to make those accomplishments.

36 So it's not like you can go in and sit down for
37 two or three hours and hammer all of this out at one
38 time. I do appreciate taking it section by section so
39 we can fully develop an understanding and get a lot of
40 questions answered. Thank you.

41 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, if I may.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

43 RAY GRAHAM: I know we need to move on.

44 Back to a couple of the comments. We have had
45 multiple committee meetings that is made public. It
46 is, I mean, naturally when you're discussing capital
47 improvements for the incoming year, actually that's
48 considered budget items.

49 As far as the personnel goes, number one, I am in
50 a hundred percent support of our personnel in Anderson

1 County. That is what makes the clock tick. That's
2 what makes the world go around. That's what makes
3 Anderson County what it is. It's basically the staff
4 that we have working diligently on a daily basis.

5 However, numerous times, and Ms. Rita, she was
6 involved in the personnel meeting, along with some of
7 the other Council members, numerous times we advised
8 department heads, look at your budget, come back with
9 some suggestion on what you can do. I am not a Roads
10 and Bridges expert. I did not state that when I was
11 running for Council. I'm not a finance expert. I'm
12 literally here to hold these people accountable and
13 ensure that we get the biggest bang for the buck. We
14 literally have to take the information that is shared
15 with us. We advise the department heads, cut your
16 positions, cut what your wants are and let's go with
17 what our needs are. I know I've worked first hand
18 with Sheriff McBride. Him and Mark have done numerous
19 cuts to get that in line where we can basically afford
20 to move on with this budget without impacting these
21 same people that works for Anderson County that we're
22 trying to give a raise for that we're going to impact
23 them with a tax increase if we're not careful.

24 In a nutshell, we have come down to the wire on
25 this. We have met numerous meetings time in and time
26 out and we're basically where we are today. I would
27 love to say let's give every one of our employees the
28 raise at once. We cannot afford to do that unless
29 we're going to do a mil increase. So the question is,
30 do we want to do a millage increase or do we want to
31 do it half this year and half next year.

32 Yesterday, budget workshop that we were not going
33 to have, but yet we had a budget workshop yesterday.
34 I apologize. When I got home I scratched my head and
35 wondered if we got anything accomplished because I
36 don't think we did. However, we did do a budget
37 workshop yesterday. Last night I'm sure -- I know
38 several other Council members were up till 12:30, 1
39 o'clock looking at budgets, trying to take some last
40 minute cuts. Yesterday we was at two mils. I think
41 that we're less than that today, due to some cuts
42 that's going to be proposed here shortly. We've done
43 the best we can do.

44 But the question on the personnel is do we want to
45 do a millage increase to pass that salary adjustment
46 all in one year. It's not whether or not our
47 employees is worth it. It's whether or not the county
48 can afford it.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon, what's the
50 time?

1 LEON HARMON: You're over the five
2 minutes.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. We'll be voting on
4 ---
5 GRACIE FLOYD: May I ask for another
6 extension, please. Whether or not I get it. But may
7 I ask for another extension because this is important.
8 TOMMY DUNN: You can. You can. Ask for
9 it.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I know what that
11 means, but ---
12 TOMMY DUNN: Yep.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: --- anyway, I will ask for
14 another extension so we can continue to discuss this
15 ---
16 TOMMY DUNN: And put time on it.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to put ten
18 minutes on it, please.
19 TOMMY DUNN: Got a motion from Ms. Floyd
20 to extend this ten minutes. We have a second?
21 GRACIE FLOYD: That's what I thought.
22 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second? Die for
23 lack of motion. Now we'll vote on Ms. Floyd's motion.
24 All in favor of Ms. Floyd's motion, show of hands.
25 GRACIE FLOYD: I knew that, y'all.
26 TOMMY DUNN: All opposed. Show that Ms.
27 Floyd's motion fails in favor Ms. Floyd. Opposed Mr.
28 Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten
29 and Ms. Wilson.
30 Now moving on back to the original motion. All in
31 favor of the original motion from the Personnel
32 Committee full Council show hands.
33 CRAIG WOOTEN: Do you need to repeat it?
34 TOMMY DUNN: Motion is to implement, as
35 we talked about, staff's recommendation the salary
36 market adjustment effective July 1st, half this year
37 and some it will be a little bit more than half. But
38 the whole big picture of things, half of it this year
39 and half of it next year. All in favor of the motion
40 show hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries
41 with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr.
42 Wooten, Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd opposes.
43 Moving on now to Item number 7, Report from the
44 Capital Projects Committee. Chairman Graham.
45 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
46 As far as on capital projects requests, basically what
47 we came down to, as far as the committee's
48 recommendation to full Council is -- as far as on the
49 roofs, we're looking at doing the Clyde Stone
50 building, the Meals on Wheels building, which is the

1 old McCants, that section of the roof over it.
2 There's actually about thirty-five to forty thousand
3 dollars that's going to be left after these two roofs
4 are completed and our hopes is to be able to utilize
5 that money toward the Economic Development Building
6 roof. That comes with a full recommendation from that
7 committee that we approve that.

8 As far as on the recommendations from -- Ms. Rita,
9 do you want to cover the rest of the capital projects
10 or do you want -- I know we made some changes today,
11 but I think all that is still ---

12 RITA DAVIS: What we talked about today
13 was -- we're going to issue a five point three million
14 dollar lease. That, of course, will come back before
15 the Council for your approval. And then we are
16 wanting a one mil increase. And in order to get that
17 other mil that we'll need to have a steady uniform
18 replacement plan for Joseph Stone, our fleet manager,
19 we have cut some items in the general fund that we
20 will share with the Council. And then we have about
21 eight hundred and fifteen thousand of what we call
22 capital cash, our other equipment. Included in that
23 are seven new vehicles for the Sheriff's seven new
24 officers. We have one for Parks and Rec, we have one
25 for the new building and grounds. When I say
26 replacement plan for Mr. Stone, that's truly
27 replacement, vehicles and equipment. That five point
28 three will last him over two years. And by the time
29 we get to our third year, the property tax revenue
30 will match that and so you'll have two million two
31 hundred and fifty thousand for six years that he can
32 use for replacement only.

33 And let's see, what else do we have in that? We
34 provided for the debt service. We have one point six
35 million for the financial management software in
36 there. Of course, carry over from ??? new courthouse
37 roof we have to do. We have our three point five
38 million for the terminal. Two hundred and fifty
39 thousand like you said for building and grounds roof
40 and that ????.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Davis, in a nutshell,
42 this will be coming out of -- the recommendation
43 coming from the committee would be sliding two mil
44 wherever they come from over to Mr. Stone for him to
45 start a replacement fund.

46 RITA DAVIS: That's right. One mil from
47 general fund, one mil from ---

48 TOMMY DUNN: That's right. But it's two
49 mils. That'll be voted on later where it's coming
50 from.

1 RITA DAVIS: That's right. Any other
2 questions?
3 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, with that
4 being said, as far as in the meeting, there's been
5 some changes, so with that recommendation, I think
6 we'd need to do a motion and a second.
7 TOMMY DUNN: I think, if I'm not
8 mistaken, our recommendation was -- that committee was
9 the two mils slide over to ---
10 RAY GRAHAM: To commit that.
11 TOMMY DUNN: --- and then we will,
12 during the budget process, where that's coming from.
13 We're just committing two mils for our capital
14 projects. That was the recommendation. Not so much
15 less item by item where that would be spent on. That
16 would have to come back before full Council as it's
17 been done anyway.
18 CINDY WILSON: The capital project and the
19 other things that have been discussed that was going
20 to represent a two mil increase as of our budget
21 meeting yesterday. And what you'll propose during our
22 budget discussion will reduce it by one mil?
23 TOMMY DUNN: I think the staff -- in
24 talking to staff today, Ms. Wilson, that's exactly
25 right.
26 CINDY WILSON: Okay.
27 TOMMY DUNN: Regardless of whatever,
28 this is the recommendation to get that capital
29 projects thing going sliding two mils. He has no
30 millage now, it's to put two mils over there for him
31 to get it.
32 CINDY WILSON: All right. So do we vote
33 on the capital projects list now or do we wait until
34 the budget process at third reading to reduce some of
35 that.
36 TOMMY DUNN: Vote on it now. If you
37 don't like it when the budget, we won't vote -- you
38 know budget what you call it, make changes during the
39 budget process.
40 CINDY WILSON: Okay.
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, have you put
42 this on the floor for discussion, yet? I don't think
43 that you have put it ---
44 TOMMY DUNN: No, I haven't.
45 GRACIE FLOYD: I didn't think you had.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Trying to get some
47 clarification here for them. They have a right --
48 that's why I'm giving a little latitude to get some
49 clarification. Mr. Graham still has the floor.
50 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, with that

1 being said, the committee did recommend that we did
2 follow through with the capital and ensuring that
3 Stone and them would have the funding for the plan
4 that he had in place for the vehicles. And the
5 committee did vote on that for a hundred percent
6 support to bring forth or forward to full Council with
7 their recommendation.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Now discussion.
9 Ms. Floyd.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. Thank you, Mr.
11 Chairman. Folks, I owe you an apology. I owe my
12 constituency an apology. Because I did not know about
13 this two mil increase until yesterday. You didn't
14 know about it until today. So from my point of it, I
15 owe you an apology.

16 And let me tell you why. I have been so busy with
17 the budget trying to fight for information, I don't
18 hear everything everybody else hears. I have been
19 busy with the budget trying to get some money in there
20 for the Y who will work with any and every child in
21 Anderson County. I have been so busy trying to get
22 some money in the rec fund -- in our rec account
23 because we don't have enough money anymore to go
24 around. The population is now a hundred and ninety-
25 eight thousand people and you can double that with
26 children. We have more organizations now working with
27 children. We need a bigger recreation fund. I have
28 been so busy working trying to get the employees what
29 they needed. I had a meeting with Ms. -- I sat at a
30 meeting with our financial advisor, our financial
31 person. We went over this list. She said, oh, yeah,
32 these are all our capital projects here. Not one time
33 was it said we're getting the increase -- we're asking
34 for an increase in millage. It was never said.

35 I call our Administrator every chance I get and I
36 always say, is there anything I need to be aware of
37 that's happening in the county? No, everything's
38 quiet. Nothing has been said to me about a tax mil
39 increase. I asked our county person, our Council, to
40 please let's have a budget workshop. And if we had a
41 budget workshop yesterday, then it was illegal because
42 once you vote not to do something, you can't go back -
43 - Chairman can't go back and say, oh yeah, we're going
44 to do it. So that was -- if that was a budget
45 workshop yesterday then it was an illegal meeting.

46 But never did anybody in this whole place, I'm
47 just as guilty, saw anything in there about the
48 millage being increased.

49 Now I would have tried to support that because I
50 know how important it is. I know what Stone has to do

1 as far as keeping us on the road, all the vehicles on
2 the road. I know that over six years this could be
3 something that could really have helped us. But darn
4 it, I would have liked to have had the opportunity to
5 discuss other ways this may or could have been done.
6 I would not -- I would have liked to not be shut out.
7 This man said all you have to do is come to the
8 meeting. Well, darn it, that means I will be going to
9 a meeting every day of my life, two and three
10 meetings. He only has to go -- well, he's over every
11 thing. He would be there a lot, but not as many -- as
12 much as I would have had to be there to attend all the
13 meetings I need to go to. I asked for a budget
14 workshop. They wouldn't even do that. What were they
15 hiding? The two point mil -- two mil increase? Did
16 you hear about it until today? No. You didn't know
17 about it until Anderson Independent printed it this
18 morning. I knew yesterday. Is that why we couldn't
19 have a budget workshop? Thank you.

20 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

22 RAY GRAHAM: I want to clarify the
23 committee's recommendation due to it being some
24 misunderstanding apparently. The two mils that we are
25 recommended is basically allotting Stone the
26 opportunity to do -- to basically follow through with
27 the plan, along with the other capital improvements
28 requests. We are not recommending that we increase
29 any millage from the committee.

30 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.

31 RAY GRAHAM: So I just wanted to clarify
32 that.

33 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
34 from the committee show of hands. All opposed like
35 sign. Show the motion carries Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen,
36 Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten, Ms. Wilson in favor
37 and Ms. Floyd opposes.

38 Moving on to Item number 8, Budget Concerns. Ms.
39 Floyd.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Again, I asked for a
41 budget workshop. Not only for me, but for you, too.
42 There are some people out there that would have
43 appreciated knowing what's going on with the Council,
44 what's happening.

45 It was said something about the previous Council.
46 We had a budget workshop every year. Some of you may
47 have remembered going to the Museum because we had
48 them there. We had a budget workshop every year. And
49 every year, you knew what was going to be in your
50 **budget**, what you're going to be paying taxes on before

1 it hits the newspaper. I'm not saying that was good,
2 I'm not saying it was bad. I'm not talking about
3 which one had it and which one didn't. I'm talking
4 about being fair. Being -- giving the taxpayers what
5 they are supposed to get. They are supposed to know
6 what is going on in the budget. It's their money.
7 They're supposed to be at the table when we are
8 discussing these things. They're supposed to have
9 time to go to a public hearing. You had a public
10 hearing -- it was the craziest thing I ever heard. We
11 had a public hearing here when nobody knew anything at
12 all about the budget. We didn't know anything about
13 the budget. But we had a public hearing. What were
14 you supposed to say? They didn't give you the
15 opportunity to say anything. Why? Why folks? Why
16 aren't you here at these meetings? Why don't you ask
17 your council people what's going on? How come we
18 don't know anything? Anderson County, wake up. It's
19 not supposed to be like this. The two part -- that
20 two mil tax increase, I don't care what you try to
21 shoot it up to be. I don't care what you try to fix
22 it up to be. You're going to get a two mil tax
23 increase to pay for what we need. Two mils.

24 Folks, you need to take your matters in your
25 hands. These people aren't -- they don't lord over
26 you. They're supposed to do what you ask them to do.
27 Are they doing that? Are you satisfied? Are you
28 satisfied? I don't see how you can be. I wouldn't
29 be. And not because I'm sitting up here. I wouldn't
30 be because I don't have a voice. I represent twenty-
31 two plus thousand people, but I don't have a voice.

32 I went to the capital project meeting. The
33 capital meeting. You should have been there. You
34 should have been there. The question was asked, how
35 do you think we ought to pay the salary? Half now,
36 half later? All at once? You knew it was discussed
37 because the hands flew up. I think that we ought to
38 go ahead and pay it one year and then the next year.
39 No discussion. No thinking went into it, just hands
40 straight up. Loud and clear. Wasn't any discussion.
41 Is this what you go to the polls and vote for? Is
42 this what you want your County Council who represent
43 you to do? That's not fair. Now you may have some
44 issues with me. I've got some issues with me, too.

45 But the thing is, right is right. Wrong is wrong.
46 We've got to get it together, folks, we've got to get
47 it together.

48 I have something else I'm researching, but I won't
49 go into it at this time. But as far as the other day,
50 I was talking about in this budget whatever it was, if

1 it was a meeting, then I'm going to file a complaint
2 because Mr. Lawyer, it was an illegal meeting. We
3 voted against it. And once you vote against
4 something, you can't just go ahead and say, we're
5 going to do it anyway.

6 But anyway, I mentioned that we needed to have
7 five thousand more for our recreational account.
8 Somebody set here and added it all up. That'll be
9 forty thousand dollars. Yeah, what's forty thousand
10 compared to everything else and those two tax mils I
11 keep hearing about. But what happened was my fault.
12 I saw it on there. But I didn't question it. Next
13 time I won't be so -- what's the word? I won't be so
14 trusting. I'll question everything. Even the comma
15 and period.

16 It was the finance department's fault for not
17 bringing that up. It was the Council's fault. It was
18 the Administration fault. Because when I asked him
19 what's happening in the county? Is there anything
20 that I need to be aware of? And he tells me no. It
21 was the Council's fault. I asked for a workshop. No.
22 And it's your fault because you sit there meeting
23 after meeting and you come and you don't say nothing.

24 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now to Item
26 number 9, Ordinance Third Reading, 2018-012 an
27 ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of
28 a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2010
29 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to
30 enlarge the park.

31 Be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to
32 this matter, please step forward and state your name
33 and district and address the Chair. Anyone at all?
34 Seeing and hearing none, public hearing will be
35 closed. We have a motion to move this forward on
36 third reading?

37 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

38 KEN WATERS: So moved.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second
40 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the
41 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
42 the motion carries unanimously.

43 Moving on to Item number (b) 2018-016 an ordinance
44 to adopt the operating and capital budgets of Anderson
45 County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and
46 ending June 30, 2019. Before we go into public
47 hearing I want to ask Ms. Davis if you would come, Ms.
48 Davis, and bring up recommendations.

49 RITA DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
50 After much discussion and budgets workshops and input

1 from Council, we're pleased to present the budget for
2 your consideration. The general fund, as we stated,
3 will be about seventy-nine point three million. Total
4 budget will be south of almost two hundred and ???.
5 Of course, keep in mind that's a lot of grant money
6 involved. Your sewer, solid waste, all funds, as has
7 been pointed out. And we did have, you know, those
8 changes that we need to advise Council before you
9 vote.

10 TOMMY DUNN: That's right. And the new
11 recommendations of the new cuts. Staff's
12 recommendation. New cuts. New cuts.

13 RITA DAVIS: Yes.

14 TOMMY DUNN: We got them. Staff got --
15 I mean has Council got them?

16 RITA DAVIS: No, sir.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Give it to Council.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Davis, does this also
19 contain ???

20 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. It's on that
21 one. That's why I'm handing this one out.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you.

23 TOMMY DUNN: As Council looks over this,
24 we're going into a public hearing now for anyone
25 wishing to speak on the budget. Please step forward
26 and state your name and district and address the
27 Chair. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none,
28 public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to
29 get this on the floor so we can discuss it?

30 KEN WATERS: So moved.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters.

32 TOM ALLEN: Second.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Now,
34 discussion.

35 Ms. Davis, will you go over first and foremost,
36 led you to get this to the changes that you come up
37 with today that Council is just now seeing on these
38 cuts.

39 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. Be happy to.
40 That second sheet I handed out, it has the
41 recommendation from yesterday's budget workshop to add
42 five thousand to each district recreation account.
43 There's a consensus that we want to call that special
44 projects. That's on page 2 at the top. And that
45 would be lines 32 to 41 and the next two items. So
46 that would add five thousand dollars. Keep in mind
47 you typically get thirty now and then so that will be
48 thirty-five thousand annually for each Council member.

49 There also was talk about not decreasing the Y.
50 So on page 2 still, we have added on -- you'll see

1 line 47 out to the left, we've added five thousand
2 back to the Y. However, we have taken it out of --
3 twenty-five hundred out of District 1's rec and
4 twenty-five hundred out of District 5 to basically
5 offset that five thousand dollar additional.

6 CINDY WILSON: May I make a suggestion?
7 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

8 CINDY WILSON: On the recreation account,
9 it might work better if any District that has less
10 than a thousand dollars in balance carry forward, they
11 should get the five thousand dollars. And those that
12 have a larger amount carry forward would not need it
13 since they've not used that money.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Perfectly in your right to
15 make a motion to do that, Ms. Wilson.

16 CINDY WILSON: I'll make the motion.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Would you state it again,
18 for the -- so everybody get it.

19 CINDY WILSON: Any district that has less
20 than a thousand dollars carry forward unspent in this
21 budget year, they would get the five thousand dollars.
22 But anyone who had above a thousand dollars to carry
23 forward, they would not need it because they have
24 unspent funds.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson puts that in the
26 form of a motion? We have a second? Have a second?
27 Dies for lack of a second, Ms. Wilson.

28 Now, Ms. Davis, anything?

29 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. That second
30 sheet I handed out, everything else is exactly as we
31 discussed yesterday that Council has seen. The only
32 thing I added the five thousand to the Y, five
33 thousand to each district rec.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question, please.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Ms. Davis.

37 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: The two thousand dollars --
39 the two -- how much came out of District 1's account,
40 rec account?

41 RITA DAVIS: Twenty-five hundred.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: And the other twenty-five
43 hundred came from where?

44 RITA DAVIS: District 5's recreation --
45 or special projects account.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, okay. I think, I
47 think we need to take a look at that. Let me explain.
48 The Y needs funds. Every year we give the Y money to
49 help with the children. Okay. A Council member
50 suggested that we don't give the Y anything this year.

1 The Council member suggested he will out of his rec
2 fund give the Y money. And what he was going to give,
3 I was told, three thousand dollars. I asked that they
4 put the Y back in the budget, the five thousand
5 dollars. And I said, we can still give money out of
6 our rec account to the Y which will increase the
7 amount they get. I give the Y ten thousand dollars
8 every year. Okay. But what they did was they took
9 money out of District 1's rec and District 2's rec
10 which may it five thousand dollars, which is the same
11 thing.

12 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. Correction.
13 Out of District 5.

14 RITA DAVIS: District 5; not 2.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: No, 2 wouldn't do that.
16 But District 5. Which is the same thing. The money
17 is still not coming out of the general fund. The Y
18 could have had a total of ten thousand dollars if they
19 would just leave it in the budget. When you take
20 money out the district -- out of your rec account and
21 give it to the Y, you should be doing that anyway
22 because it is a recreational fund. (BREAK IN AUDIO).
23 Take the Y completely out of the budget and you put
24 the money in there for them, you're cheating. You're
25 cheating the Y out of funds. And let me tell you
26 something, okay, Every year I spend the rec money you
27 give me for my district, I spend it wisely. I'm not
28 broke by -- on the -- by December. I'm not broke. I
29 use that money for children. For old people. For
30 people who need recreational activities for better
31 quality of life. That's what I use that money. I
32 don't spend it on the fire department. I don't spend
33 it on other little nicety things around the county
34 that has nothing to do with recreation. I don't do
35 that.

36 So, yes, this year, I transferred ten thousand
37 dollars over, with everything else I did. And I did
38 it because I've got a big thing coming up next year.
39 If you had voted to give those who spend their money
40 on everything else because they don't have but a
41 thousand and cut anybody else out, you see what you
42 would have gotten. Was that fair? Thank you.

43 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham, I just want to
45 clear up one point real quick. The Y's getting the
46 same amount of money it always gets. It's coming out
47 of general fund. Me and Mr. Wooten just decided to
48 reduce ours to fund that. That's all out of that
49 right there. But the Y's getting their money.

50 RITA DAVIS: That's correct.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Mr. Graham.

2 CINDY WILSON: Quick point.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham, he was next and
4 then we'll go to you, Ms. Wilson.

5 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

6 You know, number one, we're sitting here trying to
7 figure out how we're going to pay for everything we've
8 got associated with this budget and keep the millage
9 as low as possible as far as what we're going to have
10 to go up on. Number one, the Y is a great program.
11 However, Starr Iva both has rec departments. The city
12 of Belton has a rec department. And that's where my
13 money from the rec account goes to the students -- the
14 kids in that area. To the senior groups in that area.
15 To the different activities.

16 Another thing, speaking of the fire department,
17 the fire department in Homeland Park, which is in Ms.
18 Floyd's district, it's in Mr. Dunn's district, and
19 also it's in my district. They put on an event July
20 the 4th -- it's not for the firemen. It's for the
21 community. The rec account is set up to basically
22 benefit the community.

23 Now whether or not it's recreation by we bring in
24 families out to celebrate the 4th, enjoy a good time,
25 watch some fireworks, have balloon bounce activities
26 for the kids in the community. Last time I checked,
27 that's still a rec program. Now whether or not a
28 Council member decides to give that money toward that,
29 that's their prerogative. But I mean, in the same
30 respect, the account goes back. And from day one
31 since I got on Council, I've questioned why do we call
32 it a rec account anyway? Because technically it's a
33 slush fund. It's a fund -- I've got the floor --
34 technically it is a fund for the Council members to be
35 able to share some money throughout their district.
36 The key there, is that money is coming from the
37 citizens in that district through a tax base. Okay.
38 So we're basically nothing more than having hands pass
39 through. Some districts have more activities as far
40 as rec programs. Just right off the top I give five
41 thousand dollars to each one of my rec programs before
42 I do anything. Again, that's my choice on how I do
43 that.

44 People criticizes every meeting seems like on how
45 we spend this money. When in the same respect, road
46 paving is not meant to give to the Free Clinic either.
47 And there was money taken from a basketball court in
48 Homeland Park and re-aligned and given to the Free
49 Clinic. I love the Free Clinic. I think it's a great
50 program. It's very easy for us to sit up here and

1 designate money to these volunteer organizations,
2 these non-profit organizations, when guess what. The
3 money is not ours. We're doing tax paying dollars.
4 If your heart is so much into helping these
5 volunteer organizations, which it should be, then
6 share that money with your own checkbook, not with
7 someone else's dollars. I question sometime whether
8 or not we should even have this rec account. We need
9 to have a rec program for Anderson County for these
10 kids to give them something to do in the summer time
11 when they get out of school when they get out -- the
12 smaller kids before they get into the programs at
13 these school districts, as far as the middle school,
14 the high school. We need to have rec programs for
15 them. It needs to be across the board for Anderson
16 County, not for certain areas. The Y is a great
17 program. The Free Clinic is a great program. Let
18 none of this conversation put down any of the programs
19 we support.

20 But at the end of the day we're responsible for
21 what we're doing with our tax dollars. We're still
22 questioning on whether or not we're going to go up a
23 millage or two millage or whatever. We just voted not
24 to do but half of the pay salary. And the reason why
25 is because we didn't want to go up on millage. So I
26 scratch my head and say, well, should we go up on a
27 millage to cover some of this other stuff? When yet,
28 we're setting here trying to determine whether or not
29 we're going to go up five thousand dollars apiece for
30 the rec accounts that I disagree completely with.
31 Could we use it? Absolutely. I ran out of my money
32 this past year because I gave it back to my
33 communities. But giving us five thousand more dollars
34 when we're putting it back on the taxpayers that we're
35 literally talking about having to go up a millage on.
36 Is that being conservative? Is that being efficient
37 with our money? Absolutely not.

38 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

40 CINDY WILSON: Very quickly. While the Y
41 and all these other programs are awesome and they do a
42 lot of good, it must be pointed out as commendable
43 that several districts are using their rec funds to
44 help the indigent children have an opportunity at the
45 Y. But a lot of people pay -- I know I had to pay for
46 my child ninety dollars a month. So it's not free.

47 And I hope we'll get back on course here now. I
48 don't think it's appropriate to have another five
49 thousand dollar in funds, though my district could
50 certainly use it. I think our primary mission --

1 isn't it roads, infrastructure, public safety? I
2 think we're getting off course here. Thank you.

3 TOMMY DUNN: I make the motion that we
4 adopt this sheet that Ms. Davis give us, including --
5 this is the one with all the changes we went over
6 yesterday, excluding the five thousand dollars
7 increase on the rec thing. That'll be voted on
8 separately.

9 RITA DAVIS: Okay.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds. Any
11 discussion on my amendment? All in favor of motion
12 show hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries
13 with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham ---

14 RAY GRAHAM: No.

15 TOMMY DUNN: You voted against? Mr.
16 Wooten in favor. Ms. Wilson in favor. Mr. Graham
17 oppose, Ms. Floyd oppose.

18 Now, make a motion to increase the recreation
19 account or the special purpose district five thousand
20 dollars. Put that in the form of a motion. I pulled
21 that out so it's on the table, so we need to vote on
22 it and dispose of it. I make the motion one way or
23 the other we need to get this settled. Add the five
24 thousand dollars to the -- increasing the rec account.
25 Put that in the form of a motion.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: May I ask a question?

27 TOMMY DUNN: Get a second first, then
28 we'll go to questions. Get a second? Second Mr.
29 Allen. Now Ms. Floyd.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Harmon, tell me
31 about the rec fund account. What does our code of
32 ordinances say about the rec account?

33 LEON HARMON: Well, our code says, it
34 calls it a procedure for recreation fund
35 appropriations. That's in section 2-6.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't understand. I
37 can't hear you well, I really don't -- I really can't.

38 LEON HARMON: Our code section on
39 recreation, on the recreation fund is code section 2-
40 6. It's entitled Procedure for Recreation Fund
41 Appropriations. We do not have a definition in that
42 section of what constitutes recreation. But we do
43 have a procedure that's set out in some detail about
44 how the funds are allocated, that they go to a non-
45 profit status entity that makes the request. Then we
46 have a procedure whereby the Clerk to Council gets
47 receipts for those funds to ensure that they are spent
48 in the way that the Council appropriates the funds.
49 That's a brief outline of that section of the code.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But does the code

1 say anything about -- I think that you mentioned this
2 one time. Does the code say anything about the
3 recreation fund should be spent on recreation
4 purposes?

5 LEON HARMON: No. It just talks about
6 any entity requesting an appropriation of recreation
7 funds from any County Council district shall make a
8 written application. That -- and then it goes on the
9 way I outlined.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. But I
11 guess the code assumes that we should know what
12 recreation is. We know riding a horse is recreation
13 -- is recreation account. But buying a fire truck is
14 not a recreation account. We should know that some
15 other things I just don't want to call any names right
16 now. But we should know that other things that we
17 give money to are not recreation account. It could
18 have been recreation at the beginning but when it
19 ended up it wasn't recreation. We should know that.

20 I think that you said one time that you had a
21 problem with that and that you were going to find some
22 directions on the recreation account. Now you can
23 call it a slush fund, some of it is being used as a
24 slush fund, but District 2 doesn't use it as a slush
25 fund. It's money that I need for my kids in District
26 2. My kids, the green ones, the yellow ones, the
27 white ones, black ones and the blue ones. Money that
28 I need for my kids in my district to provide them
29 recreational opportunities that they would not
30 ordinarily get. You call yours a slush fund. I call
31 mine recreational fund. And I'm prepared to vote on
32 it.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?
34 Motion is vote on increasing recreation fund five
35 thousand dollars or not. All in favor of increasing
36 it five thousand dollars show hands.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm not surprised.

38 TOMMY DUNN: All opposed. Show the
39 motion is defeated and Ms. Floyd was in favor.
40 Opposed is Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr.
41 Graham, Mr. Wooten, and Ms. Wilson.

42 I make the motion to amend the budget with this
43 second sheet that Ms. Davis has passed out to us on
44 cuts. And in voting for this and voting for the
45 budget, what this entails, only thing will be a one
46 mil tax increase. No ifs, ands or buts about it.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: What did you say about the
48 one mil tax increase? I'm sorry.

49 TOMMY DUNN: If you vote on the budget,
50 with these changes, it will be a one mil -- it will

1 equate to a one mil tax increase, Ms. Floyd.

2 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So that means taxes
3 will go up.

4 TOMMY DUNN: That's right, one mil.
5 Understand?

6 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

7 TOMMY DUNN: You're more than welcome.
8 Ms. Wilson. I thought you asked for the floor. I'm
9 sorry.

10 CINDY WILSON: I just wanted to make a few
11 comments.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.

13 CINDY WILSON: This has been a tough
14 budget because we've had the health insurance and the
15 salary adjustments and all to make. And it's very
16 important, we've been able to take -- the federal
17 grant at the airport was curtailed to a hundred feet
18 wide so we had to dip into our fund balance to go a
19 hundred and fifty feet wide to keep the airport going.
20 And we were blessed with funding for a new airport
21 terminal, so we did dip into fund balance to make
22 those accomplishments.

23 This budget has the five hundred thousand plus
24 financial accounting software that we've desperately
25 needed for a number of years. The vehicle replacement
26 program through a five point three million capital
27 lease deal will be helpful. I choked when I read it,
28 but I think it will finally make more uniform the
29 annual replacement needs instead of having to cough up
30 hundreds of thousands unexpectedly. We've been kind
31 of kiting checks on that one. The pay raises for many
32 underpaid employees will finally be accomplished.
33 It's staggered over two fiscal years, which if you
34 think about it in calendar years, it's less than that.
35 There's been increases in retirement costs. We've had
36 an incredible increase in health insurance costs. Mr.
37 Allen and others have been touring other counties
38 trying to come up with ways to make our health
39 insurance work better for our employees and hopefully
40 not cost quite as much. We, in our county, actually
41 give the best benefit package of anyone around. I
42 think Arthrex, a private industry coming in, will be
43 the only one that supersedes us in that department.

44 Our increase in debt service, the seventeen
45 million dollar special source revenue bond goes to
46 sewer upgrades, building out lines that need to be put
47 into place very badly and replacing lines. We finally
48 have some paving money. We had zero in our current
49 budget year for paving. Zero. I don't think you have
50 to look very far to see streets and roads that

1 desperately need attention. Mr. Burns indicated to us
2 that the transportation committee is going to add this
3 year one point nine million towards road needs and we
4 have a million and a half in our budget for roads. So
5 that will give us three point four million for roads
6 which we haven't had in about I guess two or three
7 years now. It's a drop in the bucket. We still have
8 a long ways to go.

9 We're doing this mostly through a five million
10 dollar roughly increase in the value of the mil in our
11 county and using about eight point three million
12 dollars of fund balance. I still think we could have
13 squeezed some dimes and dollars a little bit tighter
14 so that we wouldn't have to do a one mil increase, but
15 at least we're down to something that's workable. And
16 yes, we have had to absorb a lot of needs that were
17 not done for decades because of priorities not being
18 what they are now. Thank you.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

20 CRAIG WOOTEN: I guess from the standpoint

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22 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.

23 CRAIG WOOTEN: I just want to make one
24 clarification. I initially said that I would take
25 care of out of my rec account more for the YMCA in an
26 effort to cut thirty-four hundred dollars out of the
27 general fund. I regret that that caused so much
28 consternation, because it was just an attempt to help
29 because I'm a big fan of the Y. I wanted to do more.
30 So however that shakes out is okay with me.

31 From my standpoint in looking at the budget, one
32 of the things that concerns me, and I don't want to
33 oversimplify the budget because it's a large one and
34 there's a lot going on with it. But you know, I was
35 at QT on the way over here and there's two officers in
36 there and they were talking about the training that
37 they were starting this summer for school safety. And
38 for someone with young kids and this environment that
39 we find ourselves in in the country, I don't believe
40 it's the school district's sole responsibility for
41 school safety. I think it's county, I think it's
42 city, I think it's all hands on deck. We've got to do
43 whatever we can to help with school safety. And
44 that's one thing I am encouraged that this budget
45 includes. It's going to be helping the Sheriff's
46 department who has come to us and said we've got to
47 plan for this. And I want to make sure that's in
48 there. That's very important to me.

49 I agreed with Ms. Floyd that if I was a worker, I
50 wouldn't want my pay raise over two years, I'd want it

1 now. But the reason I went and voted with the rest of
2 the Council is because our finance lady said we'd have
3 to do two more mils to increase it and I don't think
4 that's possible tonight. I don't think we have the
5 votes to do that tonight. If they can find a way to
6 do it without the two mil increase, I'll be number one
7 for it because I know money means something to people
8 and people work hard for it and they deserve to be
9 appropriately compensated. So if two years is the
10 best we can do, it's the best we can do and I regret
11 that I can't do it in one year.

12 But for me, tonight, if we're making our best
13 effort to take care of our people, and I think we are,
14 I'll be the first one to try to find another way to
15 take care of them faster. And this school safety
16 thing for me is got to be a priority in the forefront,
17 and if this millage increase helps the school safety,
18 then I think it's something that's the right thing to
19 do and that we're obligated to do.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.

21 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

23 RAY GRAHAM: I just wanted a couple of
24 comments as well towards the budget. First and
25 foremost, Ms. Rita and your staff, I greatly
26 appreciate all the hard work and the many, many
27 questions that you answered on my behalf and I'm sure
28 the other Council members are as well. We definitely
29 appreciate you guys putting this budget together,
30 bring it before us.

31 Just a couple of things on the budget. I am not
32 for a tax increase. That should be the last thing we
33 do and that's part of the reason, I guess on the rec
34 account prime example, as Council members I think it's
35 our duty not to increase something that we do have
36 control over when we're fixing to have to go up on a
37 millage. So I mean, that's the very reason I
38 supported not doing that. I think it'd be great to
39 have five thousand more dollars in my budget as far as
40 for my district for the rec account. It's not
41 feasible this year. Especially when we're turning
42 down an opportunity of giving our employees a full
43 salary adjustment that they so much deserve and we're
44 only doing it half this year and half next year.

45 The other thing on that, something I want the
46 employees to realize, that adjustment has nothing to
47 do with the cost of living raise that you would
48 receive next year or nothing like that. That
49 adjustment is in place and it's strictly based on the
50 study that was presented to us from the group that we

1 hired for that. So even though you're going to get an
2 increase this year and an increase next year, you
3 know, next year, there might be a cost of living
4 involved in it. That has no -- that's two separate
5 functions on that. So I want you to understand that.
6 That's something that's already entitled to you. We
7 just cannot afford to do it at one time. It's just
8 that simple. Without doing a millage increase. And
9 while Anderson County is doing great right now with
10 economic development, jobs, people's getting on their
11 feet that has good paying jobs that literally
12 lifestyle, changing their families ability to provide
13 for themselves. So I mean we're having major impacts
14 across Anderson County. We can't slap a continued tax
15 burden on them.

16 The other thing, it's very important as far as the
17 SROs for the school districts and for everyone to
18 realize just like Councilman Wooten stated, the SROs
19 is being paid for by the school district. However, we
20 are still responsible for paying for their vehicles,
21 paying for their equipment that they're having to
22 have. So that's an added cost to the Sheriff's
23 department. Again, I'm going to toot Sheriff McBride
24 and Mark's horn again. I mean, you guys have done
25 great by trying to curb y'all costs in and reel some
26 of your expenses in. But as Council, we feel it is
27 very important that we support this project. Can we
28 afford to put the SRO in there at no cost to the
29 school district? Absolutely not. But we can partner
30 with the school districts, which is what the Sheriff's
31 department has done, to ensure our children are safe
32 in Anderson County. Guys, we've done had the wake up
33 call. It's happened here in Anderson. We have no
34 choice. And you look at the different factors that --
35 across the board with this budget, we have no option
36 but to go up a mil to sustain this and continue moving
37 Anderson County forward.

38 Mr. Chairman, thank you for your time.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. First of all, I

42 think that we could have made other decisions. I
43 think that when we refused to have a budget workshop
44 that we hurt ourselves. When we refused to get
45 together to work things out as a team, as a committee,
46 everybody up here except me voted against a budget
47 workshop. I want you to take the time to ask them
48 why. What was the harm in having a budget workshop?
49 I honestly believe that if we had gotten a chance to
50 get together we could work out -- we could have worked

1 out a way where we could have gotten the salaries this
2 year. I feel honest down to my soul, to my nineteen
3 years experience, I feel that we wouldn't have had to
4 have this millage increase. We would have worked it
5 out. I've seen it done, had it done, did it. So I
6 know what I'm talking about. It didn't have to be
7 this way. With the help of our department heads, our
8 Administrator and the other members with some sort of
9 -- well, I won't go there -- but I know we could have
10 done it. I have that much faith in this system,
11 rather than the first thing you do, you raise the
12 taxes. You cut this out, you don't do that. It could
13 have worked. We have always been responsible for
14 seeing that the law enforcement have what they need.
15 There have not been a day on Council, a year on
16 Council, that we didn't see -- we didn't give the law
17 enforcement officers what they need. When they needed
18 extra help, we gave them their own millage. When they
19 needed more money, we gave them the extra money that
20 they needed. There have never been a time. So it's
21 not like, oh, this is brand new, this is something
22 that we're just starting; didn't know. We have always
23 done that.

24 I feel that we're not working together. In fact,
25 I don't think I have ever been a part of this Council
26 since they came on in 2008 because they came on with a
27 vengeance, especially against me because I was left
28 over from the old school. But that was all right,
29 too. I am here. I am here. I cannot be bullied, I
30 cannot be turned around, and I won't let you block me.
31 You can tell me I'm wrong and I will listen to you.
32 You can't hurt me. I'm a child of God. He put me
33 here.

34 I think that we're putting a lot of excuses on
35 now. We could have, we wish, we did -- no, no. The
36 five thousand dollars for the recreation fund. We
37 haven't had an increase since 19 -- in the late
38 1980's. We have not had an increase in the rec fund.
39 But yet, the population goes up, the children come
40 more, we bring in more people, we bring in more
41 children. We don't have a recreational program. I
42 say, take all the money and let's do a recreational
43 program for Anderson County that's going to benefit
44 all children. That's what I say. But they haven't
45 done it, they won't do it.

46 I have one other thing that I want to say, but I
47 need to ask a question first.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Are we going to go into
50 Executive Session?

1 TOMMY DUNN: It's on the agenda, right
2 there, Ms. Floyd. Executive Session, Item number 13.
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. In that Executive
4 Session, are you going to talk about the pay raise?
5 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Are we going to vote on the
7 budget before we go into the Executive Session?
8 TOMMY DUNN: We're fixing to vote on the
9 budget, Ms. Floyd.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: I beg your pardon.
11 TOMMY DUNN: We're fixing to vote on the
12 budget. It's on the floor right now. That's what
13 you're supposed to be talking about.
14 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Then let me talk
15 about this. They're going to vote on tonight. There
16 are twenty people in Anderson County that are making
17 more money than they are supposed to make. They are
18 above their pay grade. They are above their pay
19 level, what they're supposed to be making. They're
20 not at the bottom. Wherever they're supposed to be,
21 they are above that. Folks, tonight, they're going to
22 get -- they have voted already in committee to bring
23 it to you that they're going to raise those people a
24 thousand dollars. Each one of those people that are
25 making more money that's above their pay raise, are
26 going to get an increase of a thousand dollars. I
27 have begged for an increase of money for those who are
28 working but are still on the poverty level. They said
29 no, they're going to give them three thousand dollars
30 but still they will still be on the poverty level.
31 But those who are making more money than they're
32 supposed to make are going to get another thousand
33 dollar raise. Oh yes. Yes.
34 I'm not a mean person. I just believe in justice
35 -- liberty, justice and fairness for all. Thank you.
36 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I make a
37 quick comment?
38 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
39 CINDY WILSON: I'm one of the holdovers
40 from 2008. Secondly, District 2 has almost ten
41 thousand dollars to carry forward on recreation.
42 GRACIE FLOYD: Sure do.
43 CINDY WILSON: The other thing, just for
44 clarification sake, the updated budget that we were
45 provided yesterday indicated an increase of the two
46 mils. So instead of eighty-three point seven mils,
47 which is two mils above the eighty-one point seven,
48 we're now looking at eighty-two point seven. That's
49 correct, right?
50 TOMMY DUNN: Correct.

1 CINDY WILSON: The other item, how do we
2 delineate out the one time payments to the employees
3 who have been overpaid all these years? I just don't
4 think that I can support that.

5 TOMMY DUNN: You can ask to pull it out.
6 Or make a motion to pull it out, Ms. Wilson, and vote
7 on it separately. And I just want -- that's your
8 prerogative.

9 CINDY WILSON: Okay. May I make that
10 motion at this point?

11 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, you've got
12 one amendment on the floor.

13 TOMMY DUNN: That's right, we got one
14 amendment -- this -- Well, she can add to this
15 amendment because that's where this money is in this
16 amendment.

17 LEON HARMON: Yes.

18 TOMMY DUNN: So she can pull that out.

19 CINDY WILSON: Okay. I would like to make
20 the motion that those employees that were determined
21 to have been overpaid for many years, as it appears,
22 and they're certainly valuable people, but it doesn't
23 seem appropriate when they've been paid more all these
24 years, it's really not good for morale, from my
25 perspective, and I've heard that from some other
26 county employees, too. I think at this point that
27 should be set aside. I don't think we need to do
28 that. So I would make the motion that those employees
29 who've been overpaid that were delineated in the Segal
30 Waters report continue on as they are but not get the
31 extra payment.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Make that in the form of a
33 motion. Ms. Wilson makes a motion. You second it?
34 Now discussion. I want to clarify -- go ahead.

35 CRAIG WOOTEN: What's the rational for
36 that from the Personnel Committee?

37 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I think and I'll let
38 them each one of them talk. I think the thing is
39 because it's a little bit overstatement. It ain't
40 employees being grossly overpaid years to come. One
41 of them hasn't been working with the county but a
42 couple of years. He was hired -- took a deduction in
43 salary to come to work for the county. Very valuable
44 service of it and for the morale ought to get
45 something. That was the -- everybody ought to get
46 something. And there was several of them on that way.
47 I guess this thing started out at 20; it's down to 7.
48 So it's not 20, it's 7.

49 CRAIG WOOTEN: So it's 7. Okay.

50 TOMMY DUNN: But if it can be 7, you

1 know, 7. Right, Ms. Davis? Seven?
2 RITA DAVIS: That's right.
3 TOMMY DUNN: And it's a one time thing.
4 It's not a pay raise, it's a bonus. But it's one
5 time. And that's what it's for.
6 RITA DAVIS: And excluding elected ---
7 TOMMY DUNN: Several employees, you
8 know, it's just like the one position, I would argue
9 with that study all day long. If they don't -- if
10 this person is value to the county and the training he
11 received, and has probably saved us millions of
12 dollars in the county and got us many dollars. That's
13 where some of this is coming up. And that's just one
14 of the seven.
15 CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay.
16 CINDY WILSON: Well, you know, that's what
17 makes a study like this one difficult to decipher
18 because we have certain needs that certain employees
19 meet that are very valuable, more so perhaps than --
20 and it needs to be acknowledged that way. So that --
21 I'm trying to think how to describe it, but that makes
22 it very difficult for those of us on Council to pass
23 muster on that because it's a blanket type exercise
24 and that's not really right either. All right. So
25 we've gotten it down from 20 to 7?
26 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
27 CINDY WILSON: Okay. I was not aware of
28 that.
29 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
30 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: I think you need a little
32 more information. It was 20 at one time, but they
33 went over the list again and they found out that a lot
34 of people on that list were -- Ms. Davis, I'm going to
35 let you tell it, please.
36 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry, it's six. Six.
37 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, Ms. Davis told me
38 that the list went down because they had some police
39 officers on there. They had some state people on
40 there who have to paid what the state say they had to
41 be paid. And they had -- but they whittled it down
42 from 20 people to 7 people.
43 TOMMY DUNN: Six.
44 RITA DAVIS: And we excluded elected and
45 appointed.
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Now how did it get from
47 seven to six?
48 RITA DAVIS: Maybe I counted
49 inappropriately, ma'am.
50 GRACIE FLOYD: But you showed me seven.

1 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. I've got the
2 list.
3 RITA DAVIS: I don't have the list
4 before me, ma'am. But it was six or seven.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But the day you gave
6 me the list there was seven people on that list, but I
7 concede. I won't argue the point until I have the
8 list in front of me. But anyway, that's how it got
9 down from 20 to whatever.
10 TOMMY DUNN: Voting on Ms. ---
11 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?
13 TOM ALLEN: What's going to happen --
14 what happens to the other 14 then that were taken off?
15 Are they getting nothing or are they going to go back
16 and get a pay raise?
17 TOMMY DUNN: I think six or seven of
18 those are state -- they're magistrate positions. So
19 they're mandated by the state, what that is. Mixed in
20 the thing to start with.
21 TOM ALLEN: Okay. So we started with
22 20. Now there are 6 on the list. The other 14 are
23 ---
24 RITA DAVIS: Employees of the magistrate
25 and other elected officials.
26 TOM ALLEN: They're going to have to be
27 given a pay scale per what the state ---
28 RITA DAVIS: The magistrate is per state
29 statue, correct.
30 TOM ALLEN: Okay. That's what I wanted
31 to know. All right.
32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. All in favor of
33 Ms. Wilson's motion to exclude the ones over for the
34 thousand dollar one time bonus. All in favor of Ms.
35 Wilson -- go ahead. Y'all got something to say?
36 RAY GRAHAM: I do. As far as on these
37 six people, Ms. Wilson, I just want to clarify your
38 motion. Your motion is not to do anything for the
39 employees?
40 CINDY WILSON: Those who have been
41 perceived to have been overpaid.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Those six. Ms. Wilson
43 motion, Ms. Floyd second. Any more discussion? So
44 we're talking about six people not getting a one time
45 bonus of a thousand dollars. All in favor of Ms.
46 Wilson's motion show of hands. All opposed. Show the
47 motion is defeated, Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd, Ms. Wilson
48 in favor. Mr. Wooten, Mr. Graham, Mr. Dunn and Mr.
49 Waters opposes.
50 Now back to the original amendment. All in favor

1 of it, show of hands?
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Of it? Would you please
3 restate the whole thing.
4 TOMMY DUNN: The second sheet, in favor
5 of the second sheet of the cuts, bring it down that
6 Ms. Floyd -- I mean Ms. Davis give us a while ago.
7 Nope, nope, that was the first sheet. That's already
8 been voted on.
9 RITA DAVIS: That's right.
10 CINDY WILSON: Which one is that? Is that
11 the ---
12 TOMMY DUNN: The one with the cuts on
13 it, Ms. Wilson.
14 CINDY WILSON: Pardon?
15 TOMMY DUNN: The one with the cuts on
16 it. The cuts. The deductions, the staff's
17 recommendations.
18 CINDY WILSON: The pluses and minuses.
19 Okay. This is the minuses?
20 TOMMY DUNN: Yep. Deduction of a mil.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Do you know what he's
22 talking about?
23 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All
24 in favor of the amendment show of hands.
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, could you
26 please hold up a minute so we can get this thing
27 together, find out where they are. We just got this
28 tonight.
29 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
30 show of hands. All opposed. Abstentions. Show the
31 motion carries with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn,
32 Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten, Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms.
33 Floyd abstains.
34 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I had to
35 abstain because I don't understand this. I didn't get
36 this until we got here. We've been talking. And I've
37 been ---
38 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, you have.
39 GRACIE FLOYD: But I don't even understand
40 this so I refuse to vote on something I don't
41 understand.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Now we go back to the
43 entire budget. All in favor everything together, show
44 of hands. All opposed. All abstentions. Show the
45 motion carries Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr.
46 Graham, Mr. Wooten in favor, Ms. Floyd opposed, Ms.
47 Wilson abstains.
48 Moving on Item number (c) 2018-017 an ordinance
49 authorizing the execution and delivery of Fee in Lieu
50 of Tax Agreements by and between Anderson County,

1 South Carolina and a company or companies known to the
2 County at this time as Project Avocado with respect to
3 certain Economic Development property in the County,
4 whereby such property will be subject to certain
5 payments in Lieu of Taxes. This will be a public
6 hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this please state
7 your name and district and address the Chair, please.
8 Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, public
9 hearing will be closed. Have a motion to move this
10 forward?

11 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. We have
13 a second by Mr. Graham. Any discussion? All in favor
14 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
15 Show the motion carries unanimously.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: I ask for a recess, please.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Can we get through
20 this next thing, Ms. Floyd, and then take it right
21 quick. We'll have one right after this.

22 We're going on to Item number (d) 2018-022 an
23 ordinance to amend Section 38-69 (Certificate of
24 Compliance required; uses exempt from certificate
25 requirements) of the Anderson County, South Carolina
26 Code of Ordinances to provide for an exemption when an
27 existing residential structure is replaced with a
28 residential structure. This is being replaced. This
29 one we talked about and we had two meetings on this.
30 This come about when a constituent had a -- removed an
31 older mobile home and couldn't build a house back
32 there. I put this -- this will be a public hearing.
33 Anyone wishing to speak to this, please state your
34 name and district and address the Chair. Hearing and
35 seeing none, public hearing will be closed. We have a
36 motion to move this forward?

37 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

38 KEN WATERS: So moved.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Second
40 Mr. Waters. Any discussion? All in favor of the
41 motion show of hands. All opposed. Abstentions.
42 Show the motion carries.

43 Moving on to Item number -- oh, going to a recess,
44 I'm sorry. Going to recess. Quick recess, be back in
45 a minute.

46 **(RECESS)**

47 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I call the
48 meeting back in order.

49 Be moving on to 10(a) Ordinance Second Reading
50 2018-021 an ordinance amending the Zoning Map to

1 rezone +/- 64.17 acres.

2 CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion that
3 we pass this?

4 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes the motion
5 that we move this forward for third reading. Have a
6 second?

7 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Any
9 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
10 Moving on to Item number 11, there is no
11 ordinances for first reading.

12 Moving on to 12(a) 2018-033 a resolution accepting
13 certain road Right of Ways from SCDOT in connection
14 with South Carolina Highway 252 (SC252) for the
15 purpose of operating and maintaining a portion of
16 relocated existing county roads as part of that
17 project. Mr. Burns or Mr. Harmon want to touch this?
18 Anything?

19 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, this is an
20 intersection where the DOT did some road work and they
21 had to acquire some right of way from the county to do
22 the work in that intersection and now this is DOT
23 giving that right of way back to the county for the
24 county portion of that road.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. We have a motion to
26 move this forward?

27 KEN WATERS: So moved.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters and
29 second Mr. Allen. Any discussion? All in favor of
30 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
31 Show the motion carries unanimously.

32 At this time do we have a motion to go into
33 Executive Session for personnel matters?

34 CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion, Mr.
35 Chairman, that we go into Executive Session for
36 personnel matters, Clemson Research Park, contractual
37 matters, County Square contractual matters and Pickens
38 TTI property contractual matters.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Do I have a
40 second?

41 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. All in
43 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed.
44 Abstentions. Show the motion carries. Step right
45 back here.

46 **(EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

47 CINDY WILSON: ... session having
48 received information regarding contractual matters
49 with no votes taken. Thank you.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson to come

1 out of Executive Session. We have a second?
2 KEN WATERS: Second.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. All in
4 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
5 sign. Show the motion carries.
6 Now we moving on.
7 TOM ALLEN: I need to make some
8 motions?
9 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir, Mr. Allen.
10 TOM ALLEN: You want me to go ahead?
11 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.
12 TOM ALLEN: Okay. All right. Having
13 come out of Executive Session and received personnel
14 information, I'd like to make the motion that County
15 Council approve the pay rate for the Clerk to Council
16 as discussed in Executive Session. I put that in the
17 form of a motion.
18 KEN WATERS: Second.
19 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion, second Ms.
20 Wilson. Want to make the thing -- she has just become
21 our full time Council. She's been a little over a
22 year now and we done this, we said we'd reevaluate
23 this. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
24 opposed. Show the motion carries Mr. Waters, Mr.
25 Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten, and Ms.
26 Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd opposes. Mr. Allen.
27 TOM ALLEN: All right. I have one more
28 motion to make. And this is a motion that County
29 Council approve the award of request for proposal for
30 employee benefits, consultant and advisory services
31 Palmetto Insurance and Southeast Insurance Group.
32 Several groups were looked at by a county committee
33 and this group came out number one on the list as
34 being somebody that could guide us in determining a
35 new health plan for the county employees.
36 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion.
37 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.
38 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. Ms. Wilson has
39 ---
40 CINDY WILSON: I did business with the
41 principal of that company last year and it seems
42 appropriate for me to disclose and recuse.
43 TOMMY DUNN: And recuse. Thank you, Ms.
44 Wilson. We have a motion.
45 TOM ALLEN: That was a motion.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen. We have
47 a second.
48 KEN WATERS: Second.
49 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. Any
50 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.

1 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries. Ask
2 Ms. Wilson to step back in. Anything else, Mr. Allen?
3 TOM ALLEN: Nothing, Mr. Chair.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
5 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
6 Mr. Chairman, I'd like to bring forth in the form of a
7 motion to authorize the county Administrator to enter
8 into an agreement in principle with the city of
9 Anderson regarding conveyance of the Clemson Advanced
10 Material Center to Innovate Anderson, the city's
11 participation in the county CVB and the city's
12 participation in the County Square development as
13 discussed in Executive Session.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr.
15 Graham. Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in
16 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
17 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr.
18 Graham.
19 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
20 I'd also like to bring in form of a motion to
21 authorize the County Administrator to enter into
22 negotiations with Peach Properties regarding the
23 County Square development as discussed in Executive
24 Session.
25 CINDY WILSON: Second.
26 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham. Second
27 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the
28 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
29 the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Graham, anything
30 else?
31 RAY GRAHAM: No, sir.
32 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?
33 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I make
34 the motion to authorize the County Administrator to
35 enter into a contractual agreement with a broker to
36 sell the Pickens TTI property owned by Anderson County
37 as we discussed in Executive Session.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Ms.
39 Wilson. Have a second? Second Mr. Waters. Any
40 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
41 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
42 unanimously. Anything else?
43 Anyone have any appointments?
44 We'll move on to requests by Council members. Mr.
45 Waters?
46 KEN WATERS: Yes, I'd like to
47 appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars to the WLS
48 Foundation. And I bring that in the form of a motion.
49 CINDY WILSON: Second.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? Ms. Wilson

1 seconds. All in favor of the motion show of hands.
2 Carries. Mr. Waters, anything else?
3 KEN WATERS: That's all.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?
5 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair, I have two. I'd
6 like to do them together here. I'd like to do two
7 hundred and fifty dollars for the WLS Foundation. And
8 also two hundred and fifty dollars for the Anderson
9 Jets Track Club. And I put that in the form of a
10 motion.
11 CINDY WILSON: Second.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds. Any
13 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
14 Anything else, Mr. Allen?
15 TOM ALLEN: That's all.
16 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
17 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't have any at this
18 time.
19 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
20 RAY GRAHAM: I don't have any at this
21 time, Mr. Chairman.
22 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.
23 CRAIG WOOTEN: I put in the form of a
24 motion two hundred and fifty for Anderson Jets Track
25 Club. And also two hundred and fifty for the WLS
26 Foundation.
27 CINDY WILSON: Second.
28 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? Ms. Wilson
29 seconds. All in favor of the motion show of hands.
30 Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else,
31 Mr. Wooten?
32 CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir.
33 TOMMY DUNN: How about you, Ms. Wilson?
34 CINDY WILSON: ??
35 TOMMY DUNN: District 5 would like to
36 request two hundred and fifty dollars for WLS
37 Foundation and a thousand dollars for the Jets Club.
38 CINDY WILSON: Second.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. All in
40 favor of the motion.
41 Moving on Administrator's Report.
42 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.
43 Chairman.
44 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute. I have a
45 question. It said that the ??? will have a ???. No,
46 no, no. My mistake. Please take that off.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Citizens Comments. Please,
48 when Mr. Harmon calls your name, state your name and
49 district and address the Chair and you've got three
50 minutes.

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

3 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3.
4 I do want to say as I have said I think in the last
5 meeting that the meetings that y'all do in committee
6 meetings are a lot of work. It's evident that you are
7 accomplishing a lot. So when I say this business
8 about the budget, I do not demean the work that you're
9 doing. I think it's wonderful. However, the budget
10 part needs to be plain and out front. To say to
11 people that it is a budget -- that you're working on
12 the budget and as far as I can tell, looking at the
13 agendas, doesn't say anything about budget. It just
14 talks about capital projects and this, that and the
15 other.

16 Second of all, Ms. Floyd is right, it's kind of
17 hard to follow information. I got also ?? sheet
18 tonight. Rita, if you're still here or whoever does
19 these sheets, it would be advantageous if at the top
20 you would put the date, you would write on there what
21 it is, like this is a sheet of cuts, and for blank
22 budget year. When this goes in my pile of all the
23 stuff that I keep later on I'll say like well, what
24 was that? So it's just a matter of informing people,
25 letting them know so that they can keep track.

26 There are some things on this cut sheet. Every
27 year this happens. It's like last year actual,
28 current budget, six months, department requests and
29 then at the end a savings. It makes it look like
30 we're saving a whole lot of money. But it's not
31 really savings, if you're asking for more than you
32 need. I'm a little bit concerned that there are so
33 many places on here where meals and food are listed
34 under different categories. I added them up quickly
35 and it was about fifty-two thousand dollars, just on
36 food or meals. Now, sometimes County Council has
37 meals, like when they're having a meeting at twelve
38 o'clock and they have sandwiches. That's okay. Seems
39 reasonable. But gonna pick on the Sheriff's
40 department here. Sheriff's department has down --
41 let's see if I can find it -- meals, third reading,
42 they're recommending twenty-eight thousand dollars,
43 Administrator recommended thirty thousand. The third
44 reading they cut off two thousand. What does the
45 Sheriff's department need for thirty thousand meals?
46 Don't understand that.

47 But it's not only the Sheriff's department, it's a
48 lot of places in here. And it's obvious that it's
49 nice to have some of these amenities at different
50 places, but is that really core services?

1 I am going to agree with Ms. Floyd. The amount of
2 people that we have in Anderson County now has
3 increased and I think the slush fund or whatever you
4 want to call it, the recreational fund, does need to
5 be increased.

6 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

8 Anyone else?

9 LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

11 Now remarks from Council. Mr. Waters.

12 KEN WATERS: Yeah, could you check and
13 see how much vacation I've got built up? I tell you,
14 one good thing this is my last budget. Looking
15 forward to that. So next year y'all will have to
16 handle it without me.

17 Appreciate all the kind words everybody's said to
18 me. That's all I got, Mr. Chairman.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen.

20 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, Mr. Chair. Just very
21 quickly. I wanted to thank Ms. Davis and her finance
22 staff. It's amazing the amount of numbers they can
23 generate within a few minutes. I don't know how they
24 do it. But keeping track of -- government accounting
25 and finance is a whole different animal and I applaud
26 them for what they do because I know we drive them
27 crazy asking for numbers a lot of times. So I just
28 want to say thank you for the work you've done, as
29 well as all the Council members, too, in going over
30 these things and Mr. Burns and Mr. Harmon. So thanks
31 a lot for that. That's all.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen.

33 Ms. Floyd.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Happy Juneteenth Day.
35 Today is June the 19th. Today is National Juneteenth
36 Day. Who knows what I'm talking about? There's one
37 person in here that knows. Okay. Juneteenth is the
38 Independent Day in an American holiday that
39 commemorates June the 19, 1865 of the announcement of
40 the abolition of slavery in Texas and the emancipation
41 of enslaved African American through the southern
42 states. Happy Juneteenth Birthday -- I mean Happy
43 Juneteenth Anniversary. We've come a long way, baby,
44 but we have a hell of a long way to go.

45 I also want to tell you that you guys did
46 something tonight that I just think that -- I think
47 that we should have spent more time on that budget.
48 Number one, you gave people who was making more money
49 than they need to be a thousand dollars more. Number
50 two, you didn't do anything on the lower end. People

1 who are already working in poverty. Only thing you
2 did was gave them a little higher poverty. The
3 thousand dollars would have gone a long way to help
4 them, and help us say that we don't have anybody in
5 this county working on the poverty level. The
6 recreational account, your children lost. Your
7 children lost. We haven't had a raise in that fund
8 since the late eighties. Your children lost. You
9 don't care, I know.

10 You have been led. You have been led. I'm
11 disappointed. But good times. You know what they
12 say, the sun shines on everybody's -- on every dog one
13 day. New days are coming.

14 I want to explain something to you. Yes, I took
15 -- the city was given fifty thousand dollars by
16 District 2. It sat in the city's coffer for three
17 years. They didn't touch the money. So I asked for
18 it back because they couldn't use it in three years,
19 then we could use it. It was my intention to use that
20 money to put it in the park over at Wellington, which
21 I thought was in my district, to build a basketball
22 court after the people asked me to put one there
23 because they remember having one when they were
24 growing up in Homeland Park. So that was what I was
25 going to do until I was told I had to do something
26 else before I put the basketball court there. So I
27 just took the money away and I gave it to the -- I
28 gave it to the -- when I get overrun this happens to
29 me. I gave it to the Free Clinic because they could
30 use it. That's what I did, I gave it to the Free
31 Clinic. I did it proudly. Because they were cut
32 thirty thousand from the state this year. Thirty
33 thousand dollars they lost. What were they going to
34 do? So I just gladly, happily, eagerly gave it to the
35 Free Clinic.

36 We kept talking about the Y because the Y was what
37 we were talking about. We weren't talking about any
38 other recreational facility but the Y. So that's why
39 the Y kept coming up. I think that was a big mistake.
40 But I'm afraid that wasn't a vote for the Y. That was
41 a vote against me. But anyway, I gave them the money.
42 I have money left in my recreation account because I
43 know how to manage and handle money. I won't be broke
44 by December.

45 I have a big project coming up next year that I
46 needed to be prepared for. So what I did was I gave
47 what was needed, what was asked for in the rec account
48 that related to recreational activity, but I put aside
49 some money in preparation for next year. That's
50 called budgeting. That's called taking care of your

1 money. That's called knowing how to handle money.
2 And I can't be blamed because I know how to do that.
3 Okay? And that's about it.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I'm going to
6 have to take my leave now. I've had enough.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, ma'am. Mr.
8 Graham.

9 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
10 Just want to clarify something. That had -- the
11 comment I made had nothing to do with the Free Clinic.
12 What I get tired of week in and week out is fellow
13 Council members is criticized on the moves that they
14 make on what they feel is best for our district. I'm
15 sitting here right now looking at two Council members
16 that was recently elected and I appreciate you guys
17 coming tonight. I hate the meeting has been extended
18 so long. But that's part of the budget season and
19 you'll realize that. But I mean, at the end of the
20 day, each Council member has got to make the best
21 decision for what they feel is right for their
22 district.

23 Each meeting I come up here and, you know, we've
24 had several comments about not having enough meetings,
25 not having enough budget workshops or whatever. I'm
26 telling you right now, and I appreciate your comments
27 earlier, Ms. Fant, and I assure you committees that
28 we're having meetings next year, I will assure you
29 that part of the Chairman of that committee it's their
30 responsibility to ensure that agenda is placed. And I
31 assure you that you will be aware by the agenda, that
32 if a budget is being discussed, that's what taking
33 place.

34 But what I would encourage each and every Council
35 member to do, instead of criticizing everybody else,
36 take care of your own district and take care of
37 Anderson County because at the end of the day, if
38 Anderson County does not move forward, your district
39 will fail. And we fight that battle every single day.
40 So instead of worrying about pointing fingers and
41 trying to bring everybody down and I this and I that,
42 let's move Anderson County forward because at the end
43 of the day that's what's going to make all of us to be
44 able -- to give us the opportunity to live in a
45 successful county. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wooten.

47 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yeah, I just want to thank
48 everybody. Appreciate everybody's patience in the
49 budget season. From my standpoint, I really try to
50 enter meetings with the mentality of I neither go into

1 a meeting looking to increase, neither do I look to
2 going to a meeting to decrease, but just objectively
3 to look at what we've been tasked to provide and are
4 the services appropriate for the county and part of
5 the core mission of what we've been charged to do.

6 And as for the rec account, I have no problem
7 taking it up five thousand. I just had a problem
8 taking it up five thousand in light of delaying
9 payment to the employees next year. You know, and I
10 know forty thousand is a small amount compared to that
11 large amount, but just out of principle, it says
12 something to the employees, hey, we're not going to
13 raise this if we've going to delay you. Had that been
14 changed, I might have voted differently.

15 In that regard, I'm very excited and I thank Ms.
16 Wilson for the paving. I mean, we all supported it,
17 but she was one that set that down early on and made
18 that a condition and I think the people of Anderson
19 County expected that this year and that was in the
20 budget. I think that no tax increase is ever gone
21 into lightly, but the items that we're spending on are
22 appropriate items and I think the folks will see it
23 accordingly and we'll do right by them. So I thank
24 everybody for that and appreciate it.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten. Ms.
26 Wilson.

27 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
28 wonder if perhaps we took up some type of zero based
29 budgeting effort where each department established
30 their mission and then we developed a budget to
31 accomplish that mission. It might save a little angst
32 at the last day on third reading.

33 I guess I've been called worse than a liar
34 tonight. But I do want to point out that it really
35 would be helpful for all of us to refer back to the
36 Daniel Report. And that's where our county engaged an
37 auditor who came in and looked at specific areas where
38 we didn't know what was going on in the budget. And
39 our county had come perilously close to bankruptcy.
40 The recession didn't help. But there was not even a
41 debt service payment budgeted when our Council of '09
42 came in over half a million dollars. Now, that's a
43 big problem. And there were many millions of dollars
44 discovered in consulting, lobbyists, legal type
45 contracts, real estate deals at the landfill and all
46 that mess. We've moved well beyond that, and I'm very
47 grateful for all the people in our county employ and
48 my fellow Council members in working hard, and
49 especially Mr. Burns, to pull us through some rough
50 times. And yeah, it'll be -- it's hard to overcome

1 many, many millions of dollars lost, but we are making
2 progress.

3 And I thought it would be really neat to point out
4 Mr. Simmons who's always been so kind to come to our
5 Council meetings and ask about Highway 29. We're
6 finally going to get a lot of attention on Highway 29.
7 And it's all the way into town, and all the way up
8 toward the interstate. Secretary Christy Hall came
9 and looked very carefully a couple or three months ago
10 and there have been other pots of money that were
11 engaged, too, so finally between getting the bridge
12 raised and all of the work around Cherokee Road,
13 that's going to be accomplished. It's going to get
14 really cranked up in 2019. So between 2019 and 2024,
15 Highway 29 will be virtually unrecognizable. And I
16 hope we can keep it looking attractive out there
17 because it's going to really invite a lot of
18 development that blighted neighborhoods and
19 underprivileged neighborhoods have not enjoyed. So
20 that is good news.

21 And thank you all, everybody, our new folks who've
22 come to our meeting tonight, our solid true citizens
23 who show up and everyone who works really hard. Thank
24 you.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

26 I want to recognize and thank Mr. Davis and Mr.
27 Sanders for being here tonight. I don't want y'all to
28 get all excited because we don't have this much fun
29 every Council meeting night, okay?

30 But I do want to say that -- I want to thank the
31 Administrator and his staff for all the hard work they
32 done on this budget. Ms. Davis, especially you and
33 your staff with all the work and hard work y'all done
34 and diligently worked up -- I know you worked up as
35 late as this afternoon on this budget. Not a budget
36 that everybody's happy about, but I can assure you a
37 few things. Public safety should be stronger and
38 better in Anderson County because of this budget.
39 We're getting a plan for replacement stuff for capital
40 stuff. I think setting it forth, we're taking care of
41 our employees the best we can. And I don't want --
42 this is what really bothers me tonight. We're sort of
43 taking a thing of like dirtying up something or other
44 that ought to be a good thing. This Council took
45 initiative to do a study, have a professional company
46 come in that does this to grade us to get us headed in
47 the right direction. We done that. We said from the
48 get-go we was going to do something. Wouldn't be able
49 to do it all. And that's what we done. We've done
50 half of it. And some of them's going to get it all.

1 How it folds around and how it does and very
2 appreciative of that. County employees, each and
3 every one of you, we want you to know we think very
4 much of you. Appreciate the job you do. Can't say it
5 enough. And unfortunately not going to get rich
6 working in the government. But we're going to try to
7 do the best we can and take care of you if we can
8 because we do -- very valuable part of the county.
9 That's what makes it -- our people, I've always said
10 is what makes Anderson County great. And I don't care
11 how many more budget workshops we'd had, you got to do
12 one of two things. Said tonight you got to raise
13 revenue and you got to cut spending. We done a little
14 bit of both tonight in this budget.

15 But anybody starting down there, working all the
16 way up, down here, y'all two gentlemen sitting in the
17 audience, y'all get up here -- it's a free country,
18 you make a motion, if it passes, it passes, it don't.
19 And I think most of these make a good motion can come
20 up. But when you make a motion just to give somebody
21 a pay, and you ain't got a way to pay for it, always
22 said you got to either pay for -- show how you're
23 going to pay for something. Show the details. That's
24 what the saying is, the devil's in the details.

25 But I want to thank my fellow Council members for
26 going through this process. Trying -- been criticized
27 in the past even before I got to be Chairman, go for
28 having too many, I think Ms. Wilson can say this and
29 Mr. Allen, for having too many budget workshops
30 meetings. So you know, we go from one extreme to
31 another. But everybody's got a right to come
32 participate, listen, because I can assure you it
33 wasn't that way years ago. Ms. Wilson can testify to
34 that.

35 And I want to thank the Council members for
36 putting a few Council members, the majority that puts
37 Anderson County forward, it's not me, me, me, I, I, I.
38 And sitting here we're talking about a seventy-nine
39 million dollar budget tonight, general fund budget,
40 and we spent over ten minutes talking about five
41 thousand dollars going to the YMCA and they was
42 getting it, fully funded, but sit here and argue about
43 where it's coming from. I'll close on how smart that
44 is. Thank y'all very much.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:05 P.M.)