ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL

SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING

JULY 10, 2018

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LACEY CROEGAERT
LEON HARMON
TOMMY DUNN: ... our Special Presentations part of our Anderson County Council meeting of July 10th. We welcome each and every one here. Thank y’all for coming. We’ll get started.


CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

First of all, I need to give you a little bit of an idea of what eventing is. It’s -- it originated with the military calvary, probably 200 years ago. Dressage, which is the first phase is based on training the horse to make intricate maneuvers and very obedient and supple to the rider’s request. And in state the cross country which is the second phase is patterned on perhaps a courier running across country to deliver battle plans or other military communication and probably having to evade the enemy and going through areas that they’re not acquainted with. They have to jump into and out of streams, over fences and across roads like jump one fence and cross the road and jump out. And if they jog sound after that, they go to the stadium jumping which is based on obedience and it’s a shorter course. But these young ladies have mastered all of that and it’s quite a process to develop the horsemanship and the bond and partnership between the rider and the animal. So we’re very proud of them. And we’ll start reading this. This is a resolution to recognize and honor the Clemson Intercollegiate Eventing Team for their dedicated sportmanship and outstanding performance at the United States Eventing Association Intercollegiate Championship and other matters related thereto.

WHEREAS, the Clemson Intercollegiate Eventing Team was founded in 2004 by a small group of students sharing a common interest in the sport of eventing. The mission of the Clemson Intercollegiate Eventing Team is to foster education and training of event team riders and to encourage members to compete and grow their knowledge and experiences in horsemanship; and

WHEREAS, the Clemson Intercollegiate Eventing Team consisting of forty-five members and is completely student run without the assistance of a coach. They are considered a club at Clemson University and as a result they receive minimal funding. The team hold various fund raisers to raise money for team equipment, competitions at collegiate sanctioned horse trials and for costs associated with traveling to the national championship; and,

WHEREAS, the Clemson Intercollegiate Eventing team does not have a designated team barn but instead have
the freedom to choose where to board their horses. 
Most of the horses can be found at local farms such as 
the Westwind Ranch and Stables, Stoneridge Equestrian 
Center, Twin Trees and Scott Hills; and, 
WHEREAS, the Clemson Intercollegiate Eventing team 
holds training clinics every semester providing the 
opportunity for team members to receive lessons with a 
variety of trainers, and they hold at least two 
meetings a month to discuss upcoming horse trials, 
events and fund raisers; and 

    WHEREAS, on May 24-27, the Clemson Intercollegiate 
    Eventing Team did compete in the Third Annual USEA 
    Intercollegiate Championship held at the Virginia 
    Horse Trials in Lexington, Virginia. The Clemson 
    Intercollegiate Eventing team was chosen as the 
    National Reserve Champions out of 23 teams competing. 
    Last year the team won the National Intercollegiate 
    Championship; and 

    NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anderson 
    County Council wishes to commend these stellar young 
    women who demonstrate high levels of professionalism, 
developing life skills such as leadership, 
responsibility, dedication and teamwork in a highly 
competitive environment. We are proud of your 
accomplishments and we wish you great success in your 
future endeavors. 

    Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 10th day 

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

    TOMMY DUNN:       Yes, you may. We have a 
motion. We have a second? Second Mr. Allen. Any 
discussion? 

    CINDY WILSON:     Very quickly, I think most 
of these stables are in Mr. Allen’s and Mr. Dunn’s 
district. And we want to acknowledge them. But if we 
can have the team members and their trainers to come 
down front, and my fellow Council members. 

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

    (PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION) 

    TOMMY DUNN:       Going to move on now to 
Item 2(b) 2018-036 a Resolution from all Council 
members. Mr. Allen is going to present this. Mr. 
Allen. 

    TOM ALLEN:        Thank you, Mr. Chair. It’s 
my pleasure this evening to get to read Resolution 
2018-036. And this is a Resolution to honor and 
applaud Berkley Bryant for her Academic
Accomplishments; Most Recently, Claiming the Title of Miss South Carolina Teen 2018; and all matters related thereto;

WHEREAS, Berkley Bryant is the daughter of Ron and Mia Bryant; and has a brother Martin Bryant;

WHEREAS, Berkley Bryant is a rising senior at TL Hanna High School, where she is the recipient of numerous scholastic awards, and is a South Carolina Junior Scholar; Selected to attend C-CATS 2017; Top 20 Female STEM Scholar; Mu Alpha Theta; Principal’s Academic Honor Society; Top 3 GPA Award; National Honor Society; Duke TIP Scholar; Perfect PASS Score; Beta Club; Miss SC Teen 2014 Scholar Award; and

WHEREAS, Berkley Bryant enjoys dance; she is a Pickle Ball Champion; Berkley performed a tap dance to Bruno Mars Runaway Baby and was a preliminary winner in talent; and

WHEREAS, Berkley Bryant, Miss River City Teen, was crowned Miss South Carolina Teen 2018 on Friday, June 29, 2014 at the state competition held in the historic Township Auditorium in Columbia, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Berkley Bryant’s platform as Miss South Carolina Teen is “Set the Pace for Inclusion #Strongertogether”. Berkley’s passion is special needs students and advocates for a greater understanding of the differences between inclusion and diversity; she plans to focus her efforts on making a change for the betterment of all and making a difference in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council and its residents desires to commend and honor the outstanding youth of its community; and

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council is pleased to acknowledge and congratulate Berkley Bryant for her personal achievements in academics, performing arts, and her being crowned Miss South Carolina Teen 2018; our best wishes are extended to Berkley Bryant as she travels and competes in the America’s Outstanding Teen Pageant this July in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council, in honor of Berkley Bryant’s accomplishments both academically and personally, hereby declares Saturday, July 14, 2018 as Berkley Bryant Day in Anderson County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Anderson County Council that;

The Anderson County Council recognizes that the key to success in a community is its people -- especially those who demonstrate qualities of dedication, servant leadership and unselfish devotion
to their fellow man. Anderson County is fortunate to have young men and women of vision and commitment that step forward to lead, guide, direct and energize our community.

Miss Bryant, the Anderson County Council congratulates you and salutes you on your accomplishments, and wishes you much success in all of your future endeavors.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon enactment.

RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled this 10th day of July, 2018.

And I’ll put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a second? Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? I’d just like to say congratulations and it’s really an honor to have people like you in the county. You’re what makes Anderson County very special, people like you, and thank you very much for what all you do.

TOM ALLEN: And I, too, would like to add to this. After reading through the academics here, my goodness, is there anything you haven’t done? So, congratulations. Great job.

TOMMY DUNN: Congratulations and also good luck for the future. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Allen, you want to step up?

(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)

TOMMY DUNN: We’ll be back at 6:30.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:19 P.M.)
ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
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IN ATTENDANCE:
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TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call the July 10th Regular Anderson County Council meeting to order. At this time I’d like to ask Vice-Chairman Ray Graham if he’d lead us in Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. If we’d all rise, please.

(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY RAY GRAHAM)

TOMMY DUNN: At this time, are there any changes or corrections to be made to the June 5th minutes?

CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: On page 22 of the June 5th meeting, instead of we’re it was supposed to be we were, which would be past tense.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have anything else?

Ms. Wilson, you want to make a motion to accept the minutes with that change?

CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion that we accept the minutes as amended?

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson.

Have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries. Any changes or corrections to be made to the June 19th council meeting?

CINDY WILSON: May I?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Just one. On page 52, instead of worst, it should have been worse, W-O-R-S-E. And that was the only one that I noted.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else have anything?

GRACIE FLOYD: On page 23.

TOMMY DUNN: Page 23.


GRACIE FLOYD: Line 49.

TOMMY DUNN: Line 49.

GRACIE FLOYD: If you knew what was going to be in your budget, should be budget, and what you’re going to be (inaudible).

TOMMY DUNN: Get that, Lacey? Okay. We have a motion to move on with those minutes with those corrections?

CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion that we accept the minutes as amended for June 19th?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes the motion, Mr. Waters seconds. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
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To sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on -- before we move on to number 4, for the record, show Mr. Wooten is not here tonight. He’s out of town on business.

Now we’ll move on to Citizens Comments. Mr. Harmon.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.


KELLY JO BARNWELL: It is always a joy, privilege, and pleasure to be able to be in front of our Anderson County Council members. With me I have the beautiful T.A. Snipes. She is one of five GYJ Planning Team members who have been behind the scenes to make our GYJ number 3 the biggest success imaginable. And we brought some thank you gifts for County Council.

First off, the Anderson Magazine that Tommy is downstairs trying to make sure everybody goes home with, we brought a copy just for you. And we want you -- is it okay if T.A. comes back and makes some deliveries?

TOMMY DUNN: Yep.

KELLY JO BARNWELL: Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: Shepherd her, Mr. Burns.

I hate to ask you to do two things tonight.

KELLY JO BARNWELL: As Mr. Burns is giving you your Anderson Magazine, if you will please turn to page 18 in your magazine, you will notice that July 18th is on Page 18. And I did not even ask April Cameron to do that for us. July 18th, next Wednesday, GYJ, Golden Years Jamboree. This is the biggest party that we can throw to honor and celebrate our Anderson County senior citizens. And we could not do it without you supporting the Anderson County Senior Citizens Program.

In the article you will see some history. You will also see some statistics. So far, our GYJ has given to our Cancer Association of Anderson on behalf of our senior industry sponsors, over fifteen thousand dollars. This year the sponsors are giving a ten thousand dollar check to the Cancer Association of Anderson on behalf of our senior citizens. We are so thrilled just to be able to spearhead and organize this event for our seniors. So the party that will also feature a prayer by our own Mr. Ken Waters, and
a pledge by Mr. Tom Allen, will also feature the
Twenty-Second Annual Joe Brown Senior of the Year
Award. It will honor the town of Iva by featuring
the Band Silver and Iva Line Dancers. And our
sunflower dessert bakers will be on display and
Sunflower Lane, which T.A. is helping to organize.
And we will be eating the desserts at the GYJ. The
biggest deal in throwing the biggest party for our
seniors.
T.A. has also given each one of you just a little
token thank you gift. Many of you know that our home
town was honored to have Mr. Johnny Mann both live,
retire and pass away here. And his widow, Betty,
gave us his last collection of CDs. And she said
Kelly Jo, I entrust you with this, knowing you will
find the right way to make sure that these CDs get
distributed across our county. So these are our
thank you gifts that we are giving out to our
Sunflower Dessert bakers. But we wanted to just
start by telling you thank you for your support, your
encouragement and standing behind our Golden Years
Jamboree. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all. Thank you
for what y’all do.

Moving on to Item number 6, Ms. Floyd. Then and
Now.

GRACIE FLOYD: At the last meeting I
talked about a comment that was made in the meeting
on -- that we did not get a thing for -- We didn’t
get an agenda -- I mean the minutes for that meeting
during that time. But I talked about it and the
comment was made that Anderson County was on the
verge of bankruptcy during the -- when the previous
Council left. I took issue to that because it was
not true. I did it and I left it until I started
getting phone calls about it, wondering what was said
and why it was said.

So I did not have the agenda at that time, so I
couldn’t go through it. But I want to kind of
paraphrase what was said. It started off by saying
forgive me for digging up old dirt, but when our
Council came in in ’09 this County was so close to
bankruptcy by June of ’09 it was scarey. We had debt
service payments, one half million dollars. And I
mean half million dollars debt service payment and
that was not even in the budget. It goes on with
spouting other things that just was not true.

I took issue with it then and at the last meeting
I made a statement that I disagreed with the
assessment. And last period I told the group that
Anderson County was not near bankruptcy then, not now and not likely will be in the future. Anderson County has a very stable and secure financial past, and it’s likely to continue to have firm financial footing. I did some research and I found out that we had a total of forty million dollars of fund balance. That means we had forty million dollars in the bank, according to our audits and according to our CAFR.

I did not understand why this person would make a comment like that that could not be proved or that was not true. I didn’t understand why it -- someone would say something to cause an uproar and to send out the wrong information unless they were just trying to get something started. Unless they were just ignorant to the facts of what happened.

But at that time I challenged her to either bring her facts, and I brought mine to the meeting, and let’s see where the truth lies. Well, we haven’t heard from them at all. Or from her at all. Nothing has been said from her concerning this. So even though I have gotten phone calls about it, I am going to let it lie. Let it lie. But not let her lie.

But in the future anything that has been said to -- about Anderson County, then and now, will be refuted with facts. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 7 County Concerns. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I have some county concerns. Now this one I understand that the money that we have -- we got through the budget for our streets, we should start seeing some activity on the streets now. I understand that the state has already started with their paving on some of the streets in Anderson County, and they have already started with some of the streets in downtown Anderson. And that’s a good thing. So you can be looking out for your street.

Also, I have some real good news that I am very, very proud to tell you. Legal Aid. Legal Aid is back in Anderson County. Now you folks who have been here a long time may have remembered when Legal Aid was here at one time in Anderson County. But during the cutbacks during that time when all the businesses shut down and people were beginning to be unemployed and there was no money, it left us. Folks had to go all the way over to Greenville. But now Legal Aid is back. It’s going to serve people in our area who are having problems with the system, the court system, well, the entire judicial system, and they cannot get through it by themselves. They will help with abuse
cases, divorces, landlord and tenant problems. Any type problems that they can help with. They are being housed over at the Curtis Douglas Church -- I think it’s called the Livingston. I’m not really remembering the name now. But anyway, it’s over there. I had help with the project, but we got it done.

This is what we are supposed to do as Council members in Anderson County. We are supposed to be taking care of the needs of our citizens. We are supposed to be helping them find a better quality of life for our citizens. Some of us do, some of us worry about other things.

But anyway, we are going to have an Open House where you can come by and say, welcome back Legal Aid. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 8. Third Reading 8(a) 2018-018 an ordinance authorizing the amendment of the Infrastructure Credit Agreement heretofore entered into between Anderson County, South Carolina and One World Technologies, Inc. to modify the provisions thereof relating to the ownership of the existing facilities and other provisions therein. This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this, please step forward, state your name and district and address the Chair. Anyone at all? Hearing and seeing none, public hearing will be closed. Have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

Moving on to Item number 8(b) 2018-019 an ordinance amending ordinance #99-004 the Anderson County zoning ordinance as adopted July 20, 1999 by amending certain Sections of the zoning ordinance text, specifically chapter 30, Article 10, Sections 1.2, 1.3, and 3.4 to eliminate fees for zoning Ordinance or map amendments. This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this, please step forward, state your name and district and address the Chair. Anyone at all? Hearing and seeing none, public hearing will be closed. We have a motion to move this forward? Motion Ms. Wilson to move forward. We have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any discussion? Hearing and seeing none, all in favor of
the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 8(c) 2018-021 an
ordinance amending the Zoning map to rezone +/- 64.17
acres from R-20 (Single-Family Residential) to R-A
(Residential Agricultural) at 1215 Brown Road.
We have a motion to move this forward?
KEN WATERS: So moved.
CINDY WILSON: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second
Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the
motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
the motion carries unanimously.
There are no second readings of ordinances
tonight.

Moving on to Item 10 Ordinance First Reading
10(a) 2018-023 an ordinance amending the Zoning Map
to rezone +/- 2.5 acres from C-2 (Highway Commercial)
to R-MHP (Manufactured Home Park) at 1133 Beaverdam
Road. Before we go into a public hearing, I’m going
to ask Dr. Parkey if he would just like to hit the
highlights, explain a little bit. Dr. Parkey.
JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
Yes, this rezoning is on Beaverdam Road from C-2 to
R-MHP, Highway Commercial to our Residential Mobile
Home Park classification. The applicant’s requesting
the change to put mobile homes on the property.
Staff recommended approval. The Zoning Advisory
Group did not meet because they could not make
quorum. The item then comes forward from them
technically as approval. Planning Commission
recommended denial in their meeting on June the 12th.
And that’s all we have at this time, Mr. Chair.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Dr. Parkey.
Before we -- anything before go into a public
hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter,
please step forward and state your name and district
and address the Chair, please.
LEE COLE: Chairman, Lee Cole from
District 7. I live in Williamston. And I’m here,
I’m representing tonight the owners of this property.
Mr. ?? and Ms. Rita Patel, and they’ve asked me to
come and represent them and speak on their behalf
tonight. They own this property which is also in
County Council District 7.
The issue, we -- I was just retained last week on
this issue and it has come to my attention since then
that there are some neighbors that have some issues
with this property. And also I was able to -- since
being retained -- minutes of the Planning Commission
meeting on this and I think I can see some of their concerns. So what my clients would like to ask this Council to consider do tonight is to postpone this matter. And I would ask the Council to consider postponing it to the August 21st meeting. The reason for that, I would like to have about a month to investigate this further and perhaps work with county staff and the neighbors to see if we can deal with some of their concerns and perhaps get an agreement on this matter. And I would ask for the 21st because on the 7th I have a -- I’ll be out of town -- or planning to be out of town and my wife may be mad if I tell her I have to come back for this. So I’d ask the court -- ask the Council to consider that on behalf of my clients.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Cole.

Anyone else wishing to speak to this matter? Anyone at all? Hearing and seeing none, public hearing will be closed.

CINDY WILSON: Ms. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: May we do that?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

CINDY WILSON: I’d like to make a motion, please, that we postpone this item until August 21st for further consideration.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a second?

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

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

Thank you, Dr. Parkey.

Moving on to Item number 10(b) 2018-024 an ordinance authorizing the amendment of Anderson County Ordinance 2014-040 and the documents authorized thereby, in certain limited regards and particulars. Mr. Burriss Nelson. Mr. Burriss, you want to talk to this matter?

BURRESS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Members of Council. Appreciate this opportunity to speak. This is the company Fox Farms that we announced several years ago. And it is merely a correction to the correct corporation name for the company in its -- just a correction of the language and we didn’t get the correct information from their attorneys. But certainly bring this to Council and request that change if that’s possible. Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to move
Mr. Graham. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: May I ask a quick question?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: An observation. It looks like they’ve expanded and upgraded their facility. I go by there sometimes. Have they met their benchmarks and everything?

BURRISS NELSON: They’ve surpassed their capital investment amount.

CINDY WILSON: That’s wonderful.

BURRISS NELSON: And they have surpassed their hiring quota that they had put into the agreements for us. They’ve exceeded. This doesn’t change the agreement at all. They’ve exceeded all that they promised.

CINDY WILSON: That’s super. Thank you.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion. Show the motion carries unanimously.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you for your support. Appreciate y’all.

TOMMY DUNN: Hang on one second. He might have something on this next one. Might be some questions. Item number 10(c) 2018-025 an ordinance authorizing the sale of certain property in the Clemson Research Park pursuant to a lease agreement between Anderson County, South Carolina and Anderson County Development Partnership dated July 14, 2016. We have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOM ALLEN: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second

Mr. Allen. Any discussion? Mr. Nelson, you got anything you’d like to add to this?

BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, this is certainly within the purview of the agreement between the County, Innovate Anderson and Clemson University. We’re -- simply a matter of the county agreeing to follow through with the agreement that we made years ago when -- actually the partnership at the time purchased that property and from the Research Authority and we’ve moved forward with a number of projects there in the past. And it’s certainly within their right to make that request from the
county to do so and proceed on a legal basis for
them.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.
All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Nelson.
BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: There’s no resolutions
tonight.

Moving on to 12, Report from the Administration
Policy/Rules Personnel Committee meeting. Chairman
Allen. Mr. Allen. This is a report from the June
21st meeting.
TOM ALLEN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair.
Yeah, this is a -- report is regarding the health
insurance plan that is being worked on right now by
our committee. I just -- I don’t -- okay, that’s on
the next -- I’m sorry. I was jumping ahead on
something. Yeah. Currently we have a local
insurance firm here in the area that’s helping us put
this jigsaw puzzle together. Basically, what we’re
looking at doing is becoming a self-insured entity
here for the county instead of using PEBA, the public
insurance program for the state. By doing this we’ll
be able to save a lot of money. But at the same
time, it’s kind of like having a jigsaw puzzle and
there’s a lot of pieces to this that we have to put
together. And this company is helping us to do that.
Then once we see that picture presented to us, we’ll
be able to make a determination at that time as to
whether that’s going to be the best way for us to go
in order to provide the optimal insurance plans for
the employees of Anderson County. So we’ve still got
a few more meetings to go to get this all ironed out,
but it is underway. And that’s all I have on that
one, Mr. Chair.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I’d just
like to add, Mr. Allen’s exactly right, this is
exploratory. We sent out requests for proposals for
the companies. The company here in town that got it
is looking at this, going to make a recommendation
and see what it is. But whether we save or not, I
think it might be in the future before we save
anything as health costs skyrocket. The main thing I
think is see where this is headed. I think in the
long run it could be better health care for our
employees. Certainly this will not be -- if there’s
any saving it wouldn’t be done at the expense of our
employees. Want to reiterate that.

And so saying that, we’ll move on to Item number
13, report, again from Chairman Allen’s group, the Personnel Committee of July the 9th meeting, 2018.

Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yes, again, thank you, Mr. Chair. The first part of this is retiree health reimbursement plan restatement. And do I need to read this? Everybody’s got a copy of it. Do I still need to read it into the record, do you think?

TOMMY DUNN: I think we can say enter it into the record as we got it. You know.

Indirect.

TOM ALLEN: You have it, yeah. And this mainly just clarifies the retiree health reimbursement plan as it now stands. And there were a couple of minor changes added to that, some wording. So I’ll put that in the form of a motion that that resolution be accepted.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Committee doesn’t need a second. Are there any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on Mr. Chairman.

TOM ALLEN: All right. And the final item under this is entitled Salary Adjustments. And as most of you know we did have a firm come in here to look at our overall salary situation in Anderson County and how we compare to other counties in the area of similar size as well as private industry. And we’re currently working on this right now to see the best way to come up with the adjustments so that we can be comparable to other entities here in South Carolina. And that, again, is some more information that we’re going to have to put together and look at that to come up with a final plan, which we hope to have here very shortly.

TOMMY DUNN: Would you restate that again? I’ve lost my train of thought, Mr. Allen. I’m sorry.

TOM ALLEN: Okay. The second item on here was the salary adjustments. We had a firm come in here to look at the salaries and how they compare with other counties -- or I’m sorry, yeah, other counties in the area, as well as private industry. And we’re making those adjustments now. And this is going to involve pay adjustments for the county employees, which began July 1st, half of it and then the other half of that adjustment will come next year on July 1st. So that’s where we’re at with that.
And do we need to talk about the number 2 -- the two percent? There are some elected officials, this is where a major question came up that we had to discuss this. Certain elected officials in the county, their pay is set by the state and others, their pay has been pre-determined in the past. But during the survey, because they’re elected officials, the group that was in here performing that action did not actually go through and look at their pay scales because they’re elected officials. But we felt after having a meeting that the logical thing to do would be to give them a two percent COLA for those individuals that are elected officials. And we did, after that meeting, arrive at that conclusion and wanted to bring that before the full Council for discussion.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Personnel Committee doesn’t need a second. Now open the floor up for discussion. What this is in a nutshell, is the cost of living, the two percent cost of living. The county employees didn’t get -- these four positions didn’t get them, trying to go back and make it right where they will get their two percent like other county employees. Any discussion?

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I wasn’t sure we just wanted to clarify who these positions was or if we just need ---

TOMMY DUNN: You can.

RAY GRAHAM: It was -- the four was Clerk to Council, or excuse me, Clerk to Court, Coroner, the Treasurer and Assessor? Or Auditor?

TOMMY DUNN: Auditor.

RAY GRAHAM: Auditor. So it’d be the Clerk to Court, Coroner, Auditor and Treasurer is the four that’s being addressed on this motion.

TOM ALLEN: Right.

GRACIE FLOYD: Question.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I would like to understand this. These four were not on the list of people who were making more than what they should have, right? Now I know we had two lists. One was for people that we were paying more than what they should have. And the other one was for people who were caught in the state payroll who were making the money that the state said that they should be made -- should be making. So we had nothing to do with that. That’s not our concern. But the names that was just mentioned are names that I didn’t recognize from the other list. So are these people who were on that
state payroll thing, right? Okay, good. All right. But if that’s the case, then why do we have to pay the two percent COLA? Shouldn’t the state be paying that for them?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, Mr. Burns.

RUSTY BURNS: In this situation, what the probate judge makes, that’s spelled out. That is set by the state. Same situation that you have in master in equity. This is a gray area. Probably a holdover from home rule. So what the Council -- the committee thought was to add two percent cost of living raise to their salaries. And they did that by looking into the other salaries of comparable counties to see what they were making. The thought was that this would put them in line and give them a two percent raise.

GRACIE FLOYD: Are the other counties, Mr. Burns, having to come up with the two percent COLA payment?

RUSTY BURNS: It is not a requirement. And the salaries, if you looked at all 46 counties in the state it varies widely from small counties with very small populations to counties that have a lot of population.

GRACIE FLOYD: But I don’t know if that answers my questions or not, but it seems as if the state mandates what we have to pay them, then the state should mandate that we have to increase their money for COLA. You know, we shouldn’t be -- we shouldn’t have to do that ourself. Especially if they’re making more than what we are able to pay our people.

RUSTY BURNS: Well, I think this takes into consideration and kind of brings them in line with what everybody is -- all the other employees have been blessed with lately. So that’s what the thinking was behind this. And we wish that the state would set these salaries, but they don’t. And again, it’s one of those kind of crazy gaps between home rule and what’s not home rule.

TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Mr. Chair. Yeah.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Just to add very quickly to that. Those four individuals, their salaries are not set by the state. Somewhere back in the dark history their salaries were set and it could have been back during home rule, we don’t know where. But looking at those four in comparison with similar positions throughout the state, those folks are either right at or just a little bit below what the
other folks are making in the same positions in the state. So we thought a two percent COLA would be something we could give them. Otherwise they would get nothing. They wouldn’t get any pay adjustments whatsoever. So, again, their salaries are not set by the state, for those four positions. The county pays that. And anything they do for the state, they get a separate -- there’s a separate check from the state for work that they have to do for the state. That make sense?

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. If that makes sense, thank you. But I want to say this too. We were talking about the salary adjustments to the others that was over the limits of what they should be getting for pay. And it was said, and I meant to go back and talk about it, but I forgot to do so. But anyway, it was said that we were going to give another group two thousand -- was it two thousand dollars we were going -- one thousand, excuse me. It was one thousand dollars. But then the question came up, can we do that? Under what authority? I mean, what is it called? Is it called a ---

RUSTY BURNS: We have done that in the past by giving county employees a bonus. We’ve given Christmas bonuses in the past and things like this. That thousand dollars is a one time. It does not increase their salary one bit. It’s a one time check and that’s it.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. But Mr. Burns, one of the things that came up was that we can’t -- government entities can’t give out bonuses like the other folks can, you know, like the private corporations. But the government can’t give out bonuses.

RUSTY BURNS: Well, this is more along the line of a cost of living as opposed to a bonus. But it does not increase their salary next year. It’s just a one time deal.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Well, along with the other list of things I have given you to check out, would you please check that out because there was some heated discussion that government entities cannot give bonuses.

RUSTY BURNS: We will do that, yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Ms. Wilson in favor. Ms. Floyd opposes.
Moving on --- anything else, Mr. Chairman?

TOM ALLEN: That’s all.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 14, Report from the Public Safety Committee meeting held July 9. Chairman Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Just an update from Public Safety. On July the 9th meeting we did have a meeting discussing one of the items that was discussed was county wrecked vehicles policy and procedures, possible safety actions to improve incident reporting and prevention.

Basically, over the past previous month due to wrecks that has been observed, not necessarily saying they’ve increased or decreased. It just seems to be more notable over the past six months or so. With that being said, Public Safety has tasked the department heads, along with Holt Hopkins is kind of heading this up, to basically get all of the policies and procedures from each department. And the purpose of that naturally -- I’m going to use Roads and Bridges for example because they might be pulling a trailer with heavy equipment. Then you get the Sheriff’s department where basically it might be in a high pursuit chase. So you got different policies and procedures throughout the county.

At the end of the day, public safety’s desire here is to ensure that we can reduce accidents throughout the county as far as involving county vehicles, basically to ensure safety of our employees, safety of our citizens, and also reduce property damage of the county’s and also property damage throughout the county.

So, again, they have been tasked with, department heads, to provide their policies and procedures, ensure they’ve updated them and where there needs to be, they’re going to come back to public safety. We’re going to review those and basically see if there’s anything we can do to basically better improve our accidents and hopefully reduce them in Anderson County. The main objective there again is to ensure that our citizens and also our employees are safe.

So with that being said, they’re going to move forward on doing that and hopefully we’re going to come up with some solution. This is more of a proactive measure.

Also during this meeting we decided to actually pull some numbers and get some actual data facts as far as what type of -- you know, where’s that number at as far as accidents that we’ve had this year with
county vehicles, with vehicles such as the law enforcement side, as far as on the sheriff’s department side. Compare them throughout the state. We’re going to actually contact the insurance company and get a national average and data collection as far as what we should expect with the number of vehicles we have on the road.

Again, coming from the Sheriff and the Public Safety Committee, and Holt and Mr. Burns, the desire here is to be proactive and hopefully reduce accidents and save injuries for the county and also property damage.

So we’ll give a further report as this kind of goes through the system.

The next thing was dispatch concerns through municipal agencies, corrections, updates and also short and long term plan. As every one of the Council I’m sure has seen in the media, Spartanburg I think had a big write up yesterday in the paper, every county that surrounds us and throughout the state, is having a major, major issue with dispatch. And the biggest thing is basically shortage of help. On one side we’ve got a lot to be thankful for our unemployment rate being as low as it is. But in the same respect, it also shortens our list as far as who we can pull from to get qualified and get good efficient help to fill the jobs and vacancies that we have open.

With that being said, municipal fire, about three weeks ago, which is going to be Anderson City, city of Belton, Honea Path, Williamston -- I think that’s all of them. Basically those fire chiefs had contacted us with some issues. Basically in a sense they feel neglected as far as dispatch. There have been times where dispatch has had to shift that municipal fire dispatch over to cover another channel and basically we have to kind of everybody fill in to get the spots that’s open, you know, cover those radios as well. Which brings a huge concern to those. You know, coming from law enforcement and also fire service, I understand and I think dispatch, along with Director Baker, the Sheriff, we’re all committed to realizing that, you know, a fireman on the end of a fire nozzle on a fire scene, they need that communication to that dispatcher just as important as a deputy on the end of a gun at a hot scene where there’s an altercation. So it’s not a matter of who’s more important. We’re literally, we’re struggling trying to cover the whole system and in doing so, it’s biting us. I mean, it’s just that
simple. And meeting with the municipal fire chiefs and Director Baker, who everyone is, I hope, is aware he has kind of taking the leading role in assisting in kind of getting dispatch back up to where it needs to be. Director Baker basically presented a plan over the next three to six months that will hopefully get our dispatch system back in a manageable working area. They’ve actually purchased a program. One of the main problems we have is we bring a dispatcher in -- a new hire -- and during that time, that individual, it takes about three to four months to even get them to a position to kind of turn them loose and truly get the heat of a busy night in dispatch. And by that time we’ve done invested a lot of man hours in that individual and then they realize, you know, this is too hectic, this is not my work, this is not what I want to do. And three or four months into it, we lose that new employee and we start back over from scratch. But one thing that Director Baker has done is they purchased a program that basically first two to three weeks, they put them through some -- I guess some advanced training and skill set as far as being able to multi-task and kind of put some pressure on that individual to determine is this what they want to do? And we kind of get that weeding out up front versus three or four months down the road.

But just for an example, they hired, I believe it was six employees and out of the six, after two weeks, I think two of them didn’t come back. So it -- you know, I hate to say that we lost the opportunity for them two employees, but in the same respect, we’d rather lose them within a couple of weeks than we have in four months.

So with that being said, again, Deputy -- or excuse me -- Director Baker has got a good program in place. We’ve got the municipal fire chiefs on board. They’ve had some issues last week and also this weekend, where they’re still having some major concerns, but they’ve agreed to work with Director Baker and allow him to work this plan that he’s got in place over the next three to six months and hopefully we’ll see a huge improvement in Anderson County.

Again, what I want to really reiterate is it’s not that our dispatch system is failing. This is a problem that we’re having across the state, across the nation. Definitely got Council and, you know, Director Baker, along with the dispatch staff wanted to share this with Council. We’ve definitely got
Council to applaud for getting the salary adjustments up. We’re actually able to bring some of the ones that had left due to not making enough money actually back and bringing them back. Actually they plug in and they’re back to work and capable of doing the job. So hopefully we’re going to get some rehires in the process as well with these salary adjustments. And they definitely wanted to share that they truly appreciated Council’s support on that end. So, again, that’s kind of the update on dispatch system.

As Council members, I assure you, you will probably be hearing some concerns through your local municipalities, the ones that kind of touches in your district, along with law enforcement and everything. We are having dispatch problems. And I just wanted to let you know that Public Safety, the Sheriff and also Director Baker is very concerned about this and working towards moving towards a solution on this.

The next thing is EMS contract update and discussion. This is -- Leon, I might need your help a little bit on this -- but just kind of giving an update on this. Come July 1 we were not prepared with a contract to get out to the providers to some changes and basically ensuring that the providers are protected and also the county’s protected. We are still tweaking that. As you know, the Council showed goodwill that we would move toward a three year contract with the EMS providers with two possible one year extensions. So you know, with that being said, we definitely want to make sure we’re moving forward in a protection for the county and also for the providers in solidifying this EMS program. We have made great strides, thankful to Director Kelly. He has been a tremendous asset to this program. Communicates with Public Safety on a regular basis and I think we’re making good headway. We just want to make sure these contracts are right.

One of the other issues was back -- as some of the other Council members -- it was actually before my time -- but the other Council members will remember when Williamston hit a snag and literally overnight we had to get service in there to provide that service for the citizens in that area almost immediately. And I commend the Council members being able to work out a program with MedShore and MedShore for taking on that task. However, as Leon noted, when we was getting ready to do the contracts on this, we wanted to kind of make that official and in doing so, naturally we had to put out -- Leon, was it RFP? I apologize.
LEON HARMON: It’s RFP.
RAY GRAHAM: We put out a RFP. So we’re in the process of doing that. That’s basically giving out to all of the providers an opportunity to come in and in a sense put in a plan that they’re willing to take on that Williamston area, coverage area. And you know, it might be a situation where nothing changes, but at the end of the day we want to make sure the paperwork is right. We want to make sure whoever has that contract for that area, it was done properly. And so we’re really just cleaning up an issue that we had to do, you know, quickly when that failed on that with Williamston. So, again, that’s just more or less cleaning up that system. As that comes through, it will definitely be brought back to full Council in the event that we have other people wanting to put in for that.

The other thing is we are continuing getting these contracts ready and we will be presenting them back to full Council for approval hopefully within the next couple meetings to get out.
The only other thing we had is the MOU for dispatch. With putting MedShore -- basically putting a dispatcher in dispatch center. That MOU should be completed within the next few days. And again, that will be brought before full Council for your support, along with Public Safety’s recommendation on that as well. That’s nothing more then putting a dispatcher out there and that’s basically going to kind of assist us in the communication breakdown between MedShore and basically Director Kelly with EMS. That’s kind of an issue we’re having, but it’s a fix that basically they have agreed to do so and it’s going to benefit both parties. So I think that’s a win/win situation for us and we’ll bring more information back.

Mr. Chairman, I apologize for so long winded, but I definitely appreciate your time of that.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all. Appreciate committee’s work.
Are there any appointments to be made? Any?
Requests by Council members. Mr. Waters.
KEN WATERS: Yes. I have one for the Distinguished Young Women. I’d like to appropriate five hundred dollars from the District 6 recreation fund. I bring that in the form of a motion.
TOMMY DUNN: Second. Have a second?
TOM ALLEN: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
carries unanimously. Mr. Waters.

KEN WATERS: One other thing. Ma’am,
I’m sorry. I forgot your name. Mr. -- could you
come back just a second? I apologize. Mr. Davis
will be taking my place January the 1st. Would you
mind talking with him and explaining what you do?
There you go. I apologize for bringing that up, but
I just wanted her to see a face there. And just
explain to him what y’all do and what that’s all
about. Appreciate that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chair. I have
three. I’d like to do them all at once, if I could.

TOMMY DUNN: I’m sorry. We didn’t vote
on that. Thank you, Ms. Floyd. I don’t think we
voted on that, did we? All in favor of the motion
show of hands. Thank you. We might have did. But
anyway. I think we did, after I think about it. But
anyway, we done it twice. That’s good. Thank you,
Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: All right. I have three
that I’d like to put all together here. For the YMCA
Midnight Flight, I’d like to donate three hundred
dollars from my rec account. For the Distinguished
Young Women, three hundred dollars. And for Widows
Watchmen Ministries, two hundred dollars. And I put
that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Allen.
Have a second?

KEN WATERS: Second.

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

TOM ALLEN: That’s all, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: I don’t have any.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I’d like to do three hundred dollars towards Midnight
Flight. Two hundred -- if it’s okay I’ll do all of
them.

TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. That’s fine.

RAY GRAHAM: Two hundred dollars
towards Distinguished Young Women. Two hundred
dollars towards Widow’s Watchmen Ministries. Also on
--- also toward Leverette/Thomas Post #44 American
Legion in Iva, I’d like to do thirteen hundred
dollars towards that. And also, this previous budget year, Mr. Dunn loaned me two thousand dollars from his rec account to my rec account. I’d like to re-appropriate that two thousand dollars back to him, as well.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Waters -- Mr. Graham. Have a second?

KEN WATERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Graham?

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

District 7's rec account would like to appropriate three hundred dollars to the Distinguished Young Women and two thousand dollars to Widows Watchman Ministries and five thousand dollars to the Caroline Community Center. And all of those are in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson. Have a second?

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

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

On behalf of District 1, Mr. Wooten, he asked me to appropriate for the Midnight Flight five thousand dollars. I put that in the form of a motion. Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

From District 5's rec account would like to appropriate three hundred dollars to Distinguished Young Women and two hundred dollars to the Widows Watchman Ministries. I put that in the form of a motion. Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on Administrator’s report. Mr. Burns.

RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Moving on now number 18, discussion of next Council meeting. I was asked if I’d put this -- me and Mr. Burns talked about putting this on the agenda for discussion. I think there’s a few people going to be gone next Council meeting, gone to Association of Counties meeting. And so I want to ask -- that will be just next week. We just met this thing. I don’t think I’ve looked -- me and Mr. Burns looked
over the agenda. Nothing pressing as far as on
zoning or economic development or anything like that.

So we have a motion not to have one next meeting?

KEN WATERS: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Wait a minute. Next
meeting is not Association of Counties?

RAY GRAHAM: No, the Association of
Counties is actually like the 31st and then through
August the 7th. Which actually will be coming back
that -- which will be Tuesday night. We come back
that day. The 7th, I’m going to it, but I mean, I
plan on coming.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, we’ll plan on --
we’ll work on it then. I might have misspoke. We’ll
meeting next week. Just met tonight. Nothing on the
agenda. Do y’all want to meet or not?

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: I ask that we not meet ---

TOMMY DUNN: Put that in the form of a
motion?

GRACIE FLOYD: I put that in the form of
a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: I second. Any discussion?

All in favor of Ms. Floyd’s motion show of hands.

All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 19. Citizens Comments.

Mr. Harmon. Mr. Harmon calls your name, please
address the Chair, you got three minutes and state
your name and district.

LEON HARMON: We have one citizen signed
up, Mr. Chairman. Bobby Simmons.

BOBBY SIMMONS: Good evening. My name is
Bobby Simmons. District 2. What I want to talk
about is hospitality tax. I know it’s something that
people don’t want to hear and don’t want to talk
about it. But we ?? everywhere else. And as I look
at the city, I see the city getting hospitality money
and putting it to a good use. You can see it. So
why cannot the county do the same? I see some areas
where money could be used. If you look at the news
every day you hear about children, all our children
are getting in trouble. You say why did you decide
to do what you done? They say, well, I didn’t have
anything else to do. How come we can’t get the money
????? give our children jobs. When a person’s working
they can’t get in trouble, right? So we got a
problem with our ???, why can’t we get that money to
get people jobs? Or a place where they can go and be
safe and then you know they can have a good time and then return home. So my question is, why are we not talking about hospitality? Why are we not talking about the funds that comes down 85 every day and add a lot of money to Anderson County? I appreciate you listening. I hope that we will ??? the city -- about hospitality tax. Thank you very much.

LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.


CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In response to Mr. Simmons’ question, the problem with the hospitality funding mechanism is that it cannot be used to field teams or pay for the actual programs. It can be used for building facilities and that sort of thing, but not for the actual programs.

The second thing that I wanted to point out is there was a mention of a forty million dollar fund balance in Item number 6. There’s a big difference between a fund balance with allocated, appropriated, designated funds and funds that are available to spend. And that is a big difference. Frequently it can be almost down to the bottom of the barrel there. But anyway, I appreciate everybody’s hard work. I’m trying to attend as many meetings as I can and I always learn something. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to go back on the Public Safety, one thing. We did have a criminal justice coordinating council meeting yesterday. Just wanted to give Council an update on that. It was -- we did review the bylaws for adoption and probably will be adopting the bylaws over the next course of the meeting. We’ve just about got all the representative leadership positions filled. I would like to ask Council to consider a recommendation. We have I think two openings still that is not filled. One of them is a faith-based position and one of them that’s a youth organization leadership position. Basically what this amounts to is we’re trying to pass different individuals throughout the community, throughout the county, to ensure we kind of get an open information from pretty much all the stakeholders. And so with that being said, we’re looking for someone that would be willing to serve on this council, you know, through a faith-based, whether it’s through one of your local churches, one of your local religious organizations or programs.
that operates in the county. So by all means if any of the Council members has someone on that, I would urge you to contact Casey Collins and give her the name on that and she would get them the information and see if they’d be willing to serve.

Also on a youth organization leadership, that could be anything from Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, one of your rec programs, some of your leaders in that, some of the different leaders with different programs that focus just for youth. So, again, Council members, if you’ll look throughout your district, if you’ve got someone in mind on that, I would again urge you to contact Casey Collins and give her the recommendation so she can get that information to them.

The other thing, Mr. Simmons, I definitely appreciate your comment on the hospitality. I think it’s definitely something Anderson County needs to look into. I think it could bring a lot of good to our recreational programs throughout the county. As Ms. Wilson said, there are some stipulations on what that money can be spent on. But if you look at the parks that we have throughout Anderson County, not only do we have the parks that’s actually currently in existence that needs to be maintained, updated, and ensure that they are safe for the children to play at, we also would like to introduce other parks throughout the community, throughout the county for the kids. Anderson County is growing in population and which basically means we’re going to continue to have more kids that truly need that opportunity to get out and get involved in something that’s good instead of being swayed to the side on some type of negative influence. I think it could truly just change the atmosphere in Anderson County. And hopefully one day we can get that passed and get a good program in line with that. But definitely appreciate your comment on that. Appreciate you coming tonight.

Mr. Chairman, that’s all I have. Appreciate everyone’s attention.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten -- I’m sorry.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. Simmons, we had the hospitality tax up for a vote, I don’t know if it was last year or the year before last. They voted it down. They meaning we. I was a yes vote let’s pass it. And District 3 at the time was a yes vote. Everybody else voted no. No. During the budget hearings this year I asked for five thousand
dollars increase in our recreational fund so that we
can do some more things for the kids. We have more
kids now. We haven’t had an increase in the rec
funds since the upper 80's, late 80's, I heard. I
asked for five thousand dollars. They voted it down
no, as well. So when you’re looking for the reason,
go to the source. Find out from them why they are
voting no. Okay?

Also, Ms. Wilson, at that last meeting that I
discussed at the beginning you said when Council came
in in ‘09, 2009, this county was so close to
bankruptcy by June of ‘09 it was scary. That’s what
you said. That’s what you said. That’s not the
truth. That wasn’t the truth. You didn’t say
anything about what you said a few minutes ago. You
said that the county was so close to bankruptcy by
June of ’09 it was scary. I challenged you on that.
I told you that that time you could bring in your
information and I would bring in mine and we would
see what it was. Going back, looking at the CAFR and
the budget and everything else that was included, I
found that we had forty million dollars on hand.
That’s not bankruptcy, Ms. Wilson. That’s not
bankruptcy. I still don’t know what your point was
back then. What were you trying to do or what were
you trying to say, but it wasn’t right. It’s a lie.
And it wasn’t fair for you to say that when it was
not the truth. Why leave your constituents and your
people, our people of Anderson County, and why say
something that just was not the truth. Not the
truth. We don’t have to lie about things. All we
have to do is just go to the books. Go to the
records and read for ourselves.

I do believe that it is time that we do something
for the rec fund, Mr. Burns. Is it possible that we
could get more on the accommodations tax that they
give us? Now I think that they give us five thousand
dollars.

RUSTY BURNS: (Inaudible.)

GRACIE FLOYD: Do you think that we could
petition them to give us more?

RUSTY BURNS: (Inaudible.)

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, the Council doesn’t
prescribe that. No, we have a committee. We have a
committee and the committee breaks down who is going
to get what. All right. And a lot of the things
that they put down there aren’t necessarily germane
to what the money is for. But Council gets it and we
do like we do everything else, we rubber stamp it.
We don’t go through it. We don’t say -- we don’t
change things being put down there. But I’m asking this year that we go through it. That we ask for more money. We have more people. We have more children now. And the more children we get, the more children we get, the least we’re going to be able to do for them. I would appreciate that, along with the other things that I have asked you about, that we take a look at that and see if we can’t get more money. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.
TOM ALLEN: I have nothing, Mr. Chair.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Waters.
KEN WATERS: Yeah. One of the things I’ve noticed, when you get older you start to forget things. And yesterday I forgot to sing Happy Birthday to Mr. Graham. I wished him a late Happy Birthday. That was a good looking cupcake you had down there at the meeting.
RAY GRAHAM: You notice I forgot about the Criminal Justice Committee. So you’re right, I do forget more.
TOM ALLEN: If you make a motion to adjourn he’s going to sing Happy Birthday.
KEN WATERS: That’s all I have, Mr. Dunn. Thank you very much.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters.
Appreciate everybody’s work tonight.
Two things on the --- Councilman Craig Wooten has got a committee put together on Parks and Recreation, an ad hoc committee and he’s looking, I think in the -- have a meeting very shortly and come out with recommendations on some things about hospitality. Secondly, Mr. Simmons, ask anybody else to look at that vote because the last time the hospitality thing come up for a vote, it was sponsored by Mr. Waters and I think it was a five to two defeat, so check who voted for it and who voted against it.
Meeting will be adjourned.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 PM)