

State of South Carolina)

County of Anderson)

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

1 TOMMY DUNN: ... our Special
2 Presentations part of our Anderson County Council
3 meeting of July 10th. We welcome each and every one
4 here. Thank y'all for coming. We'll get started.

5 Resolution 2(a) Resolution 2018-034. Councilman
6 Cindy Wilson. Ms. Wilson.

7 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
8 First of all, I need to give you a little bit of an
9 idea of what eventing is. It's -- it originated with
10 the military calvary, probably 200 years ago.
11 Dressage, which is the first phase is based on
12 training the horse to make intricate maneuvers and
13 very obedient and supple to the rider's request. And
14 in state the cross country which is the second phase
15 is patterned on perhaps a courier running across
16 country to deliver battle plans or other military
17 communication and probably having to evade the enemy
18 and going through areas that they're not acquainted
19 with. They have to jump into and out of streams, over
20 fences and across roads like jump one fence and cross
21 the road and jump out. And if they jog sound after
22 that, they go to the stadium jumping which is based on
23 obedience and it's a shorter course. But these young
24 ladies have mastered all of that and it's quite a
25 process to develop the horsemanship and the bond and
26 partnership between the rider and the animal. So
27 we're very proud of them. And we'll start reading
28 this. This is a resolution to recognize and honor the
29 Clemson Intercollegiate Eventing Team for their
30 dedicated sportsmanship and outstanding performance at
31 the United States Eventing Association Intercollegiate
32 Championship and other matters related thereto.

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

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

49 **WHEREAS**, the Clemson Intercollegiate Eventing team
50 does not have a designated team barn but instead have

1 the freedom to choose where to board their horses.
2 Most of the horses can be found at local farms such as
3 the Westwind Ranch and Stables, Stoneridge Equestrian
4 Center, Twin Trees and Scott Hills; and,

5 **WHEREAS**, the Clemson Intercollegiate Eventing team
6 holds training clinics every semester providing the
7 opportunity for team members to receive lessons with a
8 variety of trainers, and they hold at least two
9 meetings a month to discuss upcoming horse trials,
10 events and fund raisers; and

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

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

27 Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 10th day
28 of July, 2018.

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

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

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

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

42 **(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)**

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

47 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. It's
48 my pleasure this evening to get to read Resolution
49 2018-036. And this is a Resolution to honor and
50 applaud Berkley Bryant for her Academic

1 Accomplishments; Most Recently, Claiming the Title of
2 Miss South Carolina Teen 2018; and all matters related
3 thereto;

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

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

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

18 **WHEREAS**, Berkley Bryant, Miss River City Teen, was
19 crowned Miss South Carolina Teen 2018 on Friday, June
20 29, 2014 [sic] at the state competition held in the
21 historic Township Auditorium in Columbia, South
22 Carolina; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Berkley Bryant's platform as Miss South
24 Carolina Teen is "Set the Pace for Inclusion
25 #Strongertogether". Berkley's passion is special
26 needs students and advocates for a greater
27 understanding of the differences between inclusion and
28 diversity; she plans to focus her efforts on making a
29 change for the betterment of all and making a
30 difference in the lives of others; and

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

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

41 **WHEREAS**, the Anderson County Council, in honor of
42 Berkley Bryant's accomplishments both academically and
43 personally, hereby declares Saturday, July 14, 2018 as
44 Berkley Bryant Day in Anderson County; and

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

47 *The Anderson County Council recognizes that the*
48 *key to success in a community is its people --*
49 *especially those who demonstrate qualities of*
50 *dedication, servant leadership and unselfish devotion*

1 to their fellow man. Anderson County is fortunate to
2 have young men and women of vision and commitment that
3 step forward to lead, guide, direct and energize our
4 community.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 **(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)**

30 TOMMY DUNN: We'll be back at 6:30.

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(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:19 P.M.)

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1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to
2 call the July 10th Regular Anderson County Council
3 meeting to order. At this time I'd like to ask Vice-
4 Chairman Ray Graham if he'd lead us in Invocation and
5 Pledge of Allegiance. If we'd all rise, please.
6 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY RAY GRAHAM)**
7 TOMMY DUNN: At this time, are there any
8 changes or corrections to be made to the June 5th
9 minutes?
10 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?
11 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
12 CINDY WILSON: On page 22 of the June 5th
13 meeting, instead of we're it was supposed to be we
14 were, which would be past tense.
15 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have anything else?
16 Ms. Wilson, you want to make a motion to accept the
17 minutes with that change?
18 CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion that
19 we accept the minutes as amended?
20 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson.
21 Have a second?
22 TOM ALLEN: Second.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. All in
24 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
25 sign. Show the motion carries. Any changes or
26 corrections to be made to the June 19th council
27 meeting?
28 CINDY WILSON: May I?
29 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
30 CINDY WILSON: Just one. On page 52,
31 instead of worst, it should have been worse, W-O-R-S-
32 E. And that was the only one that I noted.
33 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else have anything?
34 GRACIE FLOYD: On page 23.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Page 23.
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. Line 48.
37 TOMMY DUNN: Line 48.
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Line 49.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Line 49.
40 GRACIE FLOYD: If you knew what was going
41 to be in your budget, should be budget, and what
42 you're going to be (inaudible).
43 TOMMY DUNN: Get that, Lacey? Okay.
44 We have a motion to move on with those minutes with
45 those corrections?
46 CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion
47 that we accept the minutes as amended for June 19th?
48 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes the
49 motion, Mr. Waters seconds. Any discussion? All in
50 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like

1 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

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

5 Now we'll move on to Citizens Comments. Mr.
6 Harmon.

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

9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

10 Moving on to Number 5, Presentation of the Golden
11 Years Jamboree. Ms. Kelly Jo Barnwell. Ms.
12 Barnwell. Rusty, make sure that's -- we don't ask
13 you to do much. Stay alert.

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

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

27 TOMMY DUNN: Yep.

28 KELLY JO BARNWELL: Okay.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Shepherd her, Mr. Burns.
30 I hate to ask you to do two things tonight.

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

41 In the article you will see some history. You
42 will also see some statistics. So far, our GYJ has
43 given to our Cancer Association of Anderson on behalf
44 of our senior industry sponsors, over fifteen
45 thousand dollars. This year the sponsors are giving
46 a ten thousand dollar check to the Cancer Association
47 of Anderson on behalf of our senior citizens. We are
48 so thrilled just to be able to spearhead and organize
49 this event for our seniors. So the party that will
50 also feature a prayer by our own Mr. Ken Waters, and

1 a pledge by Mr. Tom Allen, will also feature the
2 Twenty-Second Annual Joe Brown Senior of the Year
3 Award. It will honor the town of Iva by featuring
4 the Band Silver and Iva Line Dancers. And our
5 sunflower dessert bakers will be on display and
6 Sunflower Lane, which T.A. is helping to organize.
7 And we will be eating the desserts at the GYJ. The
8 biggest deal in throwing the biggest party for our
9 seniors.

10 T.A. has also given each one of you just a little
11 token thank you gift. Many of you know that our home
12 town was honored to have Mr. Johnny Mann both live,
13 retire and pass away here. And his widow, Betty,
14 gave us his last collection of CDs. And she said
15 Kelly Jo, I entrust you with this, knowing you will
16 find the right way to make sure that these CDs get
17 distributed across our county. So these are our
18 thank you gifts that we are giving out to our
19 Sunflower Dessert bakers. But we wanted to just
20 start by telling you thank you for your support, your
21 encouragement and standing behind our Golden Years
22 Jamboree. Thank you.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all. Thank you
24 for what y'all do.

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

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

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

48 I took issue with it then and at the last meeting
49 I made a statement that I disagreed with the
50 assessment. And last period I told the group that

1 Anderson County was not near bankruptcy then, not now
2 and not likely will be in the future. Anderson
3 County has a very stable and secure financial past,
4 and it's likely to continue to have firm financial
5 footing. I did some research and I found out that we
6 had a total of forty million dollars of fund balance.
7 That means we had forty million dollars in the bank,
8 according to our audits and according to our CAFR.

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

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

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

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

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

38 Also, I have some real good news that I am very,
39 very proud to tell you. Legal Aid. Legal Aid is
40 back in Anderson County. Now you folks who have been
41 here a long time may have remembered when Legal Aid
42 was here at one time in Anderson County. But during
43 the cutbacks during that time when all the businesses
44 shut down and people were beginning to be unemployed
45 and there was no money, it left us. Folks had to go
46 all the way over to Greenville. But now Legal Aid is
47 back. It's going to serve people in our area who are
48 having problems with the system, the court system,
49 well, the entire judicial system, and they cannot get
50 through it by themselves. They will help with abuse

1 cases, divorces, landlord and tenant problems. Any
2 type problems that they can help with. They are
3 being housed over at the Curtis Douglas Church -- I
4 think it's called the Livingston. I'm not really
5 remembering the name now. But anyway, it's over
6 there. I had help with the project, but we got it
7 done.

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

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

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

30 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

35 Moving on to Item number 8(b) 2018-019 an
36 ordinance amending ordinance #99-004 the Anderson
37 County zoning ordinance as adopted July 20, 1999 by
38 amending certain Sections of the zoning ordinance
39 text, specifically chapter 30, Article 10, Sections
40 1.2, 1.3, and 3.4 to eliminate fees for zoning
41 Ordinance or map amendments. This will be a public
42 hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this, please
43 step forward, state your name and district and
44 address the Chair. Anyone at all? Hearing and
45 seeing none, public hearing will be closed. We have
46 a motion to move this forward? Motion Ms. Wilson to
47 move forward. We have a second?

48 TOM ALLEN: Second.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
50 discussion? Hearing and seeing none, all in favor of

1 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
2 Show the motion carries unanimously.
3 Moving on to Item number 8(c) 2018-021 an
4 ordinance amending the Zoning map to rezone +/- 64.17
5 acres from R-20 (Single-Family Residential) to R-A
6 (Residential Agricultural) at 1215 Brown Road.
7 We have a motion to move this forward?
8 KEN WATERS: So moved.
9 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
10 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second
11 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the
12 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
13 the motion carries unanimously.
14 There are no second readings of ordinances
15 tonight.
16 Moving on to Item 10 Ordinance First Reading
17 10(a) 2018-023 an ordinance amending the Zoning Map
18 to rezone +/- 2.5 acres from C-2 (Highway Commercial)
19 to R-MHP (Manufactured Home Park) at 1113 Beaverdam
20 Road. Before we go into a public hearing, I'm going
21 to ask Dr. Parkey if he would just like to hit the
22 highlights, explain a little bit. Dr. Parkey.
23 JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
24 Yes, this rezoning is on Beaverdam Road from C-2 to
25 R-MHP, Highway Commercial to our Residential Mobile
26 Home Park classification. The applicant's requesting
27 the change to put mobile homes on the property.
28 Staff recommended approval. The Zoning Advisory
29 Group did not meet because they could not make
30 quorum. The item then comes forward from them
31 technically as approval. Planning Commission
32 recommended denial in their meeting on June the 12th.
33 And that's all we have at this time, Mr. Chair.
34 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Dr. Parkey.
35 Before we -- anything before go into a public
36 hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter,
37 please step forward and state your name and district
38 and address the Chair, please.
39 LEE COLE: Chairman, Lee Cole from
40 District 7. I live in Williamston. And I'm here,
41 I'm representing tonight the owners of this property.
42 Mr. ??? and Ms. Rita Patel, and they've asked me to
43 come and represent them and speak on their behalf
44 tonight. They own this property which is also in
45 County Council District 7.
46 The issue, we -- I was just retained last week on
47 this issue and it has come to my attention since then
48 that there are some neighbors that have some issues
49 with this property. And also I was able to -- since
50 being retained -- minutes of the Planning Commission

1 meeting on this and I think I can see some of their
2 concerns. So what my clients would like to ask this
3 Council to consider to do tonight is to postpone this
4 matter. And I would ask the Council to consider
5 postponing it to the August 21st meeting. The reason
6 for that, I would like to have about a month to
7 investigate this further and perhaps work with county
8 staff and the neighbors to see if we can deal with
9 some of their concerns and perhaps get an agreement
10 on this matter. And I would ask for the 21st because
11 on the 7th I have a -- I'll be out of town -- or
12 planning to be out of town and my wife may be mad if
13 I tell her I have to come back for this. So I'd ask
14 the court -- ask the Council to consider that on
15 behalf of my clients.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Cole.
17 Anyone else wishing to speak to this matter? Anyone
18 at all? Hearing and seeing none, public hearing will
19 be closed.

20 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

22 CINDY WILSON: May we do that?

23 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

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

27 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second?

28 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

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

33 Thank you, Dr. Parkey.

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

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

50 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to move

1 this forward?
2 CINDY WILSON: I make the motion.
3 RAY GRAHAM: So moved.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second
5 Mr. Graham. Any discussion?
6 CINDY WILSON: May I ask a quick
7 question?
8 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
9 CINDY WILSON: An observation. It looks
10 like they've expanded and upgraded their facility. I
11 go by there sometimes. Have they met their
12 benchmarks and everything?
13 BURRISS NELSON: They've surpassed their
14 capital investment amount.
15 CINDY WILSON: That's wonderful.
16 BURRISS NELSON: And they have surpassed
17 their hiring quota that they had put into the
18 agreements for us. They've exceeded. This doesn't
19 change the agreement at all. They've exceeded all
20 that they promised.
21 CINDY WILSON: That's super. Thank you.
22 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any more
24 discussion? All in favor of the motion. Show the
25 motion carries unanimously.
26 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you for your
27 support. Appreciate y'all.
28 TOMMY DUNN: Hang on one second. He
29 might have something on this next one. Might be some
30 questions. Item number 10(c) 2018-025 an ordinance
31 authorizing the sale of certain property in the
32 Clemson Research Park pursuant to a lease agreement
33 between Anderson County, South Carolina and Anderson
34 County Development Partnership dated July 14, 2016.
35 We have a motion to move this forward?
36 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
37 TOM ALLEN: So moved.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second
39 Mr. Allen. Any discussion? Mr. Nelson, you got
40 anything you'd like to add to this?
41 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, this is
42 certainly within the purview of the agreement between
43 the County, Innovate Anderson and Clemson University.
44 We're -- simply a matter of the county agreeing to
45 follow through with the agreement that we made years
46 ago when -- actually the partnership at the time
47 purchased that property and from the Research
48 Authority and we've moved forward with a number of
49 projects there in the past. And it's certainly
50 within their right to make that request from the

1 county to do so and proceed on a legal basis for
2 them.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.
4 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
5 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
6 unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Nelson.

7 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you.

8 TOMMY DUNN: There's no resolutions
9 tonight.

10 Moving on to 12, Report from the Administration
11 Policy/Rules Personnel Committee meeting. Chairman
12 Allen. Mr. Allen. This is a report from the June
13 21st meeting.

14 TOM ALLEN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair.
15 Yeah, this is a -- report is regarding the health
16 insurance plan that is being worked on right now by
17 our committee. I just -- I don't -- okay, that's on
18 the next -- I'm sorry. I was jumping ahead on
19 something. Yeah. Currently we have a local
20 insurance firm here in the area that's helping us put
21 this jigsaw puzzle together. Basically, what we're
22 looking at doing is becoming a self-insured entity
23 here for the county instead of using PEBA, the public
24 insurance program for the state. By doing this we'll
25 be able to save a lot of money. But at the same
26 time, it's kind of like having a jigsaw puzzle and
27 there's a lot of pieces to this that we have to put
28 together. And this company is helping us to do that.
29 Then once we see that picture presented to us, we'll
30 be able to make a determination at that time as to
31 whether that's going to be the best way for us to go
32 in order to provide the optimal insurance plans for
33 the employees of Anderson County. So we've still got
34 a few more meetings to go to get this all ironed out,
35 but it is underway. And that's all I have on that
36 one, Mr. Chair.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I'd just
38 like to add, Mr. Allen's exactly right, this is
39 exploratory. We sent out requests for proposals for
40 the companies. The company here in town that got it
41 is looking at this, going to make a recommendation
42 and see what it is. But whether we save or not, I
43 think it might be in the future before we save
44 anything as health costs skyrocket. The main thing I
45 think is see where this is headed. I think in the
46 long run it could be better health care for our
47 employees. Certainly this will not be -- if there's
48 any saving it wouldn't be done at the expense of our
49 employees. Want to reiterate that.

50 And so saying that, we'll move on to Item number

1 13, report, again from Chairman Allen's group, the
2 Personnel Committee of July the 9th meeting, 2018.
3 Mr. Allen.

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

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

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

18 CINDY WILSON: Second.

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

24 Moving on Mr. Chairman.

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

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

41 TOM ALLEN: Okay. The second item on
42 here was the salary adjustments. We had a firm come
43 in here to look at the salaries and how they compare
44 with other counties -- or I'm sorry, yeah, other
45 counties in the area, as well as private industry.
46 And we're making those adjustments now. And this is
47 going to involve pay adjustments for the county
48 employees, which began July 1st, half of it and then
49 the other half of that adjustment will come next year
50 on July 1st. So that's where we're at with that.

1 And do we need to talk about the number 2 -- the
2 two percent? There are some elected officials, this
3 is where a major question came up that we had to
4 discuss this. Certain elected officials in the
5 county, their pay is set by the state and others,
6 their pay has been pre-determined in the past. But
7 during the survey, because they're elected officials,
8 the group that was in here performing that action did
9 not actually go through and look at their pay scales
10 because they're elected officials. But we felt after
11 having a meeting that the logical thing to do would
12 be to give them a two percent COLA for those
13 individuals that are elected officials. And we did,
14 after that meeting, arrive at that conclusion and
15 wanted to bring that before the full Council for
16 discussion.

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

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

28 TOMMY DUNN: You can.

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

32 TOMMY DUNN: Auditor.

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

36 TOM ALLEN: Right.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Question.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I would like to
40 understand this. These four were not on the list of
41 people who were making more than what they should
42 have, right? Now I know we had two lists. One was
43 for people that we were paying more than what they
44 should have. And the other one was for people who
45 were caught in the state payroll who were making the
46 money that the state said that they should be made --
47 should be making. So we had nothing to do with that.
48 That's not our concern. But the names that was just
49 mentioned are names that I didn't recognize from the
50 other list. So are these people who were on that

1 state payroll thing, right? Okay, good. All right.
2 But if that's the case, then why do we have to pay
3 the two percent COLA? Shouldn't the state be paying
4 that for them?

5 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, Mr. Burns.

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

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

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

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

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

41 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Mr. Chair. Yeah.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, Mr. Allen.

43 TOM ALLEN: Just to add very quickly
44 to that. Those four individuals, their salaries are
45 not set by the state. Somewhere back in the dark
46 history their salaries were set and it could have
47 been back during home rule, we don't know where. But
48 looking at those four in comparison with similar
49 positions throughout the state, those folks are
50 either right at or just a little bit below what the

1 other folks are making in the same positions in the
2 state. So we thought a two percent COLA would be
3 something we could give them. Otherwise they would
4 get nothing. They wouldn't get any pay adjustments
5 whatsoever. So, again, their salaries are not set by
6 the state, for those four positions. The county pays
7 that. And anything they do for the state, they get a
8 separate -- there's a separate check from the state
9 for work that they have to do for the state. That
10 make sense?

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

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

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

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

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

44 RUSTY BURNS: We will do that, yes,
45 ma'am.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

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

1 Moving on --- anything else, Mr. Chairman?

2 TOM ALLEN: That's all.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number
4 14, Report from the Public Safety Committee meeting
5 held July 9. Chairman Graham.

6 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
7 Just an update from Public Safety. On July the 9th
8 meeting we did have a meeting discussing one of the
9 items that was discussed was county wrecked vehicles
10 policy and procedures, possible safety actions to
11 improve incident reporting and prevention.
12 Basically, over the past previous month due to wrecks
13 that has been observed, not necessarily saying
14 they've increased or decreased. It just seems to be
15 more notable over the past six months or so. With
16 that being said, Public Safety has tasked the
17 department heads, along with Holt Hopkins is kind of
18 heading this up, to basically get all of the policies
19 and procedures from each department. And the purpose
20 of that naturally -- I'm going to use Roads and
21 Bridges for example because they might be pulling a
22 trailer with heavy equipment. Then you get the
23 Sheriff's department where basically it might be in a
24 high pursuit chase. So you got different policies
25 and procedures throughout the county.

26 At the end of the day, public safety's desire
27 here is to ensure that we can reduce accidents
28 throughout the county as far as involving county
29 vehicles, basically to ensure safety of our
30 employees, safety of our citizens, and also reduce
31 property damage of the county's and also property
32 damage throughout the county.

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

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

47 Also during this meeting we decided to actually
48 pull some numbers and get some actual data facts as
49 far as what type of -- you know, where's that number
50 at as far as accidents that we've had this year with

1 county vehicles, with vehicles such as the law
2 enforcement side, as far as on the sheriff's
3 department side. Compare them throughout the state.
4 We're going to actually contact the insurance company
5 and get a national average and data collection as far
6 as what we should expect with the number of vehicles
7 we have on the road.

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

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

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

29 With that being said, municipal fire, about three
30 weeks ago, which is going to be Anderson City, city
31 of Belton, Honea Path, Williamston -- I think that's
32 all of them. Basically those fire chiefs had
33 contacted us with some issues. Basically in a sense
34 they feel neglected as far as dispatch. There have
35 been times where dispatch has had to shift that
36 municipal fire dispatch over to cover another channel
37 and basically we have to kind of everybody fill in to
38 get the spots that's open, you know, cover those
39 radios as well. Which brings a huge concern to
40 those. You know, coming from law enforcement and
41 also fire service, I understand and I think dispatch,
42 along with Director Baker, the Sheriff, we're all
43 committed to realizing that, you know, a fireman on
44 the end of a fire nozzle on a fire scene, they need
45 that communication to that dispatcher just as
46 important as a deputy on the end of a gun at a hot
47 scene where there's an altercation. So it's not a
48 matter of who's more important. We're literally,
49 we're struggling trying to cover the whole system and
50 in doing so, it's biting us. I mean, it's just that

1 simple. And meeting with the municipal fire chiefs
2 and Director Baker, who everyone is, I hope, is aware
3 he has kind of taking the leading role in assisting
4 in kind of getting dispatch back up to where it needs
5 to be. Director Baker basically presented a plan
6 over the next three to six months that will hopefully
7 get our dispatch system back in a manageable working
8 area. They've actually purchased a program. One of
9 the main problems we have is we bring a dispatcher in
10 -- a new hire -- and during that time, that
11 individual, it takes about three to four months to
12 even get them to a position to kind of turn them
13 loose and truly get the heat of a busy night in
14 dispatch. And by that time we've done invested a lot
15 of man hours in that individual and then they
16 realize, you know, this is too hectic, this is not my
17 work, this is not what I want to do. And three or
18 four months into it, we lose that new employee and we
19 start back over from scratch. But one thing that
20 Director Baker has done is they purchased a program
21 that basically first two to three weeks, they put
22 them through some -- I guess some advanced training
23 and skill set as far as being able to multi-task and
24 kind of put some pressure on that individual to
25 determine is this what they want to do? And we kind
26 of get that weeding out up front versus three or four
27 months down the road.

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

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

45 Again, what I want to really reiterate is it's
46 not that our dispatch system is failing. This is a
47 problem that we're having across the state, across
48 the nation. Definitely got Council and, you know,
49 Director Baker, along with the dispatch staff wanted
50 to share this with Council. We've definitely got

1 Council to applaud for getting the salary adjustments
2 up. We're actually able to bring some of the ones
3 that had left due to not making enough money actually
4 back and bringing them back. Actually they plug in
5 and they're back to work and capable of doing the
6 job. So hopefully we're going to get some rehires in
7 the process as well with these salary adjustments.
8 And they definitely wanted to share that they truly
9 appreciated Council's support on that end. So,
10 again, that's kind of the update on dispatch system.

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

19 The next thing is EMS contract update and
20 discussion. This is -- Leon, I might need your help
21 a little bit on this -- but just kind of giving an
22 update on this. Come July 1 we were not prepared
23 with a contract to get out to the providers to some
24 changes and basically ensuring that the providers are
25 protected and also the county's protected. We are
26 still tweaking that. As you know, the Council showed
27 goodwill that we would move toward a three year
28 contract with the EMS providers with two possible one
29 year extensions. So you know, with that being said,
30 we definitely want to make sure we're moving forward
31 in a protection for the county and also for the
32 providers in solidifying this EMS program.
33 We have made great strides, thankful to Director
34 Kelly. He has been a tremendous asset to this
35 program. Communicates with Public Safety on a
36 regular basis and I think we're making good headway.
37 We just want to make sure these contracts are right.
38 One of the other issues was back -- as some of the
39 other Council members -- it was actually before my
40 time -- but the other Council members will remember
41 when Williamston hit a snag and literally overnight
42 we had to get service in there to provide that
43 service for the citizens in that area almost
44 immediately. And I commend the Council members being
45 able to work out a program with MedShore and MedShore
46 for taking on that task. However, as Leon noted,
47 when we was getting ready to do the contracts on
48 this, we wanted to kind of make that official and in
49 doing so, naturally we had to put out -- Leon, was it
50 RFP? I apologize.

1 LEON HARMON: It's RFP.

2 RAY GRAHAM: We put out a RFP. So
3 we're in the process of doing that. That's basically
4 giving out to all of the providers an opportunity to
5 come in and in a sense put in a plan that they're
6 willing to take on that Williamston area, coverage
7 area. And you know, it might be a situation where
8 nothing changes, but at the end of the day we want to
9 make sure the paperwork is right. We want to make
10 sure whoever has that contract for that area, it was
11 done properly. And so we're really just cleaning up
12 an issue that we had to do, you know, quickly when
13 that failed on that with Williamston. So, again,
14 that's just more or less cleaning up that system. As
15 that comes through, it will definitely be brought
16 back to full Council in the event that we have other
17 people wanting to put in for that.

18 The other thing is we are continuing getting
19 these contracts ready and we will be presenting them
20 back to full Council for approval hopefully within
21 the next couple meetings to get out.

22 The only other thing we had is the MOU for
23 dispatch. With putting MedShore -- basically putting
24 a dispatcher in dispatch center. That MOU should be
25 completed within the next few days. And again, that
26 will be brought before full Council for your support,
27 along with Public Safety's recommendation on that as
28 well. That's nothing more than putting a dispatcher
29 out there and that's basically going to kind of
30 assist us in the communication breakdown between
31 MedShore and basically Director Kelly with EMS.
32 That's kind of an issue we're having, but it's a fix
33 that basically they have agreed to do so and it's
34 going to benefit both parties. So I think that's a
35 win/win situation for us and we'll bring more
36 information back.

37 Mr. Chairman, I apologize for so long winded, but
38 I definitely appreciate your time of that.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all. Appreciate
40 committee's work.

41 Are there any appointments to be made? Any?
42 Requests by Council members. Mr. Waters.

43 KEN WATERS: Yes. I have one for the
44 Distinguished Young Women. I'd like to appropriate
45 five hundred dollars from the District 6 recreation
46 fund. I bring that in the form of a motion.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Second. Have a second?

48 TOM ALLEN: Second.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
50 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of

1 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
2 carries unanimously. Mr. Waters.
3 KEN WATERS: One other thing. Ma'am,
4 I'm sorry. I forgot your name. Mr. -- could you
5 come back just a second? I apologize. Mr. Davis
6 will be taking my place January the 1st. Would you
7 mind talking with him and explaining what you do?
8 There you go. I apologize for bringing that up, but
9 I just wanted her to see a face there. And just
10 explain to him what y'all do and what that's all
11 about. Appreciate that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen.
13 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chair. I have
14 three. I'd like to do them all at once, if I could.
15 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. We didn't vote
16 on that. Thank you, Ms. Floyd. I don't think we
17 voted on that, did we? All in favor of the motion
18 show of hands. Thank you. We might have did. But
19 anyway. I think we did, after I think about it. But
20 anyway, we done it twice. That's good. Thank you,
21 Mr. Allen.
22 TOM ALLEN: All right. I have three
23 that I'd like to put all together here. For the YMCA
24 Midnight Flight, I'd like to donate three hundred
25 dollars from my rec account. For the Distinguished
26 Young Women, three hundred dollars. And for Widows
27 Watchmen Ministries, two hundred dollars. And I put
28 that in the form of a motion.
29 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Allen.
30 Have a second?
31 KEN WATERS: Second.
32 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
33 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
34 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
35 carries unanimously. Anyone else -- anything else,
36 Mr. Allen?
37 TOM ALLEN: That's all, Mr. Chair.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd?
39 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't have any.
40 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
41 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
42 I'd like to do three hundred dollars towards Midnight
43 Flight. Two hundred -- if it's okay I'll do all of
44 them.
45 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. That's fine.
46 RAY GRAHAM: Two hundred dollars
47 towards Distinguished Young Women. Two hundred
48 dollars towards Widow's Watchmen Ministries. Also on
49 --- also toward Leverette/Thomas Post #44 American
50 Legion in Iva, I'd like to do thirteen hundred

1 dollars towards that. And also, this previous budget
2 year, Mr. Dunn loaned me two thousand dollars from
3 his rec account to my rec account. I'd like to re-
4 appropriate that two thousand dollars back to him, as
5 well.

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

8 KEN WATERS: Second.

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

13 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
14 District 7's rec account would like to appropriate
15 three hundred dollars to the Distinguished Young
16 Women and two thousand dollars to Widows Watchman
17 Ministries and five thousand dollars to the Caroline
18 Community Center. And all of those are in the form
19 of a motion.

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

22 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

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

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

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

40 Moving on Administrator's report. Mr. Burns.

41 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

43 Moving on now number 18, discussion of next
44 Council meeting. I was asked if I'd put this -- me
45 and Mr. Burns talked about putting this on the agenda
46 for discussion. I think there's a few people going
47 to be gone next Council meeting, gone to Association
48 of Counties meeting. And so I want to ask -- that
49 will be just next week. We just met this thing. I
50 don't think I've looked -- me and Mr. Burns looked

1 over the agenda. Nothing pressing as far as on
2 zoning or economic development or anything like that.
3 So we have a motion not to have one next meeting?
4 KEN WATERS: So moved.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Wait a minute. Next
6 meeting is not Association of Counties?
7 RAY GRAHAM: No, the Association of
8 Counties is actually like the 31st and then through
9 August the 7th. Which actually will be coming back
10 that -- which will be Tuesday night. We come back
11 that day. The 7th, I'm going to it, but I mean, I
12 plan on coming.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Well, we'll plan on --
14 we'll work on it then. I might have misspoke. We'll
15 meeting next week. Just met tonight. Nothing on the
16 agenda. Do y'all want to meet or not?
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?
18 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
19 GRACIE FLOYD: I ask that we not meet ---
20 TOMMY DUNN: Put that in the form of a
21 motion?
22 GRACIE FLOYD: I put that in the form of
23 a motion.
24 TOMMY DUNN: I second. Any discussion?
25 All in favor of Ms. Floyd's motion show of hands.
26 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
27 unanimously.
28 Moving on to Item number 19. Citizens Comments.
29 Mr. Harmon. Mr. Harmon calls your name, please
30 address the Chair, you got three minutes and state
31 your name and district.
32 LEON HARMON: We have one citizen signed
33 up, Mr. Chairman. Bobby Simmons.
34 BOBBY SIMMONS: Good evening. My name is
35 Bobby Simmons. District 2. What I want to talk
36 about is hospitality tax. I know it's something that
37 people don't want to hear and don't want to talk
38 about it. But we ?? everywhere else. And as I look
39 at the city, I see the city getting hospitality money
40 and putting it to a good use. You can see it. So
41 why cannot the county do the same? I see some areas
42 where money could be used. If you look at the news
43 every day you hear about children, all our children
44 are getting in trouble. You say why did you decide
45 to do what you done? They say, well, I didn't have
46 anything else to do. How come we can't get the money
47 ???? give our children jobs. When a person's working
48 they can't get in trouble, right? So we got a
49 problem with our ???, why can't we get that money to
50 get people jobs? Or a place where they can go and be

1 safe and then you know they can have a good time and
2 then return home. So my question is, why are we not
3 talking about hospitality? Why are we not talking
4 about the funds that comes down 85 every day and add
5 a lot of money to Anderson County? I appreciate you
6 listening. I hope that we will ??? the city --
7 about hospitality tax. Thank you very much.

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

10 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.
11 Remarks from Council members. Ms. Wilson.

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

18 The second thing that I wanted to point out is
19 there was a mention of a forty million dollar fund
20 balance in Item number 6. There's a big difference
21 between a fund balance with allocated, appropriated,
22 designated funds and funds that are available to
23 spend. And that is a big difference. Frequently it
24 can be almost down to the bottom of the barrel there.

25 But anyway, I appreciate everybody's hard work.
26 I'm trying to attend as many meetings as I can and I
27 always learn something. Thank you.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Graham.

29 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
30 I would like to go back on the Public Safety, one
31 thing. We did have a criminal justice coordinating
32 council meeting yesterday. Just wanted to give
33 Council an update on that. It was -- we did review
34 the bylaws for adoption and probably will be adopting
35 the bylaws over the next course of the meeting.
36 We've just about got all the representative
37 leadership positions filled. I would like to ask
38 Council to consider a recommendation. We have I
39 think two openings still that is not filled. One of
40 them is a faith-based position and one of them that's
41 a youth organization leadership position. Basically
42 what this amounts to is we're trying to pass
43 different individuals throughout the community,
44 throughout the county, to ensure we kind of get an
45 open information from pretty much all the
46 stakeholders. And so with that being said, we're
47 looking for someone that would be willing to serve on
48 this council, you know, through a faith-based,
49 whether it's through one of your local churches, one
50 of your local religious organizations or programs

1 that operates in the county. So by all means if any
2 of the Council members has someone on that, I would
3 urge you to contact Casey Collins and give her the
4 name on that and she would get them the information
5 and see if they'd be willing to serve.

6 Also on a youth organization leadership, that
7 could be anything from Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, one
8 of your rec programs, some of your leaders in that,
9 some of the different leaders with different programs
10 that focus just for youth. So, again, Council
11 members, if you'll look throughout your district, if
12 you've got someone in mind on that, I would again
13 urge you to contact Casey Collins on that with that
14 recommendation so she can get that information to
15 them.

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

40 Mr. Chairman, that's all I have. Appreciate
41 everyone's attention.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten -- I'm sorry.
43 Ms. Floyd.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. Simmons,
45 we had the hospitality tax up for a vote, I don't
46 know if it was last year or the year before last.
47 They voted it down. They meaning we. I was a yes
48 vote let's pass it. And District 3 at the time was a
49 yes vote. Everybody else voted no. No. During the
50 budget hearings this year I asked for five thousand

1 dollars increase in our recreational fund so that we
2 can do some more things for the kids. We have more
3 kids now. We haven't had an increase in the rec
4 funds since the upper 80's, late 80's, I heard. I
5 asked for five thousand dollars. They voted it down
6 no, as well. So when you're looking for the reason,
7 go to the source. Find out from them why they are
8 voting no. Okay?

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

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

39 RUSTY BURNS: (Inaudible.)

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

42 RUSTY BURNS: (Inaudible.)

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, the Council doesn't
44 prescribe that. No, we have a committee. We have a
45 committee and the committee breaks down who is going
46 to get what. All right. And a lot of the things
47 that they put down there aren't necessarily germane
48 to what the money is for. But Council gets it and we
49 do like we do everything else, we rubber stamp it.
50 We don't go through it. We don't say -- we don't

1 change things being put down there. But I'm asking
2 this year that we go through it. That we ask for
3 more money. We have more people. We have more
4 children now. And the more children we get, the more
5 children we get, the least we're going to be able to
6 do for them. I would appreciate that, along with the
7 other things that I have asked you about, that we
8 take a look at that and see if we can't get more
9 money. Thank you.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

11 TOM ALLEN: I have nothing, Mr. Chair.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Waters.

13 KEN WATERS: Yeah. One of the things
14 I've noticed, when you get older you start to forget
15 things. And yesterday I forgot to sing Happy
16 Birthday to Mr. Graham. I wished him a late Happy
17 Birthday. That was a good looking cupcake you had
18 down there at the meeting.

19 RAY GRAHAM: You notice I forgot about
20 the Criminal Justice Committee. So you're right, I
21 do forget more.

22 TOM ALLEN: If you make a motion to
23 adjourn he's going to sing Happy Birthday.

24 KEN WATERS: That's all I have, Mr.
25 Dunn. Thank you very much.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters.
27 Appreciate everybody's work tonight.

28 Two things on the --- Councilman Craig Wooten has
29 got a committee put together on Parks and Recreation,
30 an ad hoc committee and he's looking, I think in the
31 -- have a meeting very shortly and come out with
32 recommendations on some things about hospitality.

33 Secondly, Mr. Simmons, ask anybody else to look
34 at that vote because the last time the hospitality
35 thing come up for a vote, it was sponsored by Mr.
36 Waters and I think it was a five to two defeat, so
37 check who voted for it and who voted against it.

38 Meeting will be adjourned.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 PM)