ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2018

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: ... presentations part of our Anderson County Council meeting of July -- I’m sorry of August 21st -- to order. I’d like to welcome each and every one here. Thank you all for coming. At this time we’re going to get on for meeting. Going to start off with Resolution 2(a) 2018-040. Council Craig Wooten. Craig.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is Resolution R2018-040. A Resolution to Honor and Recognize MedShore Ambulance Services for their Outstanding Dedication, Compassion and Commitment in providing Public Service to the Citizens of Anderson County; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

Whereas, Medshore Ambulance Service was founded in 1976, working continuously to provide medical transport services for more than 40 years. The mission of Medshore ambulance service is to provide the highest quality of patient care that is cost effective to the communities in which they serve. Medshore is the largest privately owned ambulance service in South Carolina serving more than 100,000 patients each year; and

Whereas, Medshore is headquartered in Anderson, South Carolina, but additionally provides medical transport services to 17 counties in South Carolina with 100 emergency vehicles and 520 employees. Medshore is the 9-1-1 service provider for Anderson, Barnwell and Chesterfield counties; and

Whereas, Medshore was the first ambulance service provider in South Carolina to receive accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Service for achieving a gold standard in operation and clinical performance excellence in the EMS industry; and

Whereas, on July 18, 2018 Medshore was chosen as the recipient of the American Heart Association’s Mission Lifeline EMS Recognition awards. The Anderson County division received the Gold Plus Award and Barnwell and Chesterfield County divisions both received Silver Plus awards. Medshore was chosen for these awards for efficiently administering the highest level of pre-hospital cardiac care, meeting the specific criteria for treating patients experiencing severe heart attacks; and

Whereas, The Anderson County Council and the citizens of Anderson County are pleased to honor and recognize Medshore Ambulance Service. We are appreciative of the exceptional standard of care you provide to patients, your continuing efforts in improving our systems of care and for improving the
quality of life for all citizens.
RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 21st day
of August 2018.
And I put that in the form of a motion.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr.
Wooten, second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in
favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr.
Wooten.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Do we have anybody?
TOMMY DUNN: I don’t think -- is anybody
here from Medshore? I don’t believe so. We’ll make
sure they get this.
CRAIG WOOTEN: All right.
TOMMY DUNN: We’ll move on to Item 2(b)
CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me, Craig. I
believe. Y’all come on.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Here they are. If we could
all step up front.
(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION TO MEDSHORE)
TOMMY DUNN: Now we’ll go back to 2(b)
CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
Resolution 2018-045 A Resolution to Honor and
Recognize Grace Cromer for her Many Accomplishments,
and most recent Title as USA National Miss South
Carolina; and other matters Related Thereto;
Whereas, in 2009 Grace Cromer created her own
business called Gracie’s Gourmet which consisted of
baking an assortment of sweet treats for various
occasions; and
Whereas, in 2013 Grace was named SC Young
Entrepreneur of the Year by then Governor Nikki Haley; and
Whereas, in 2014 Grace started the program Pennies
for Preemies to help raise and provide support for
local Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals and to
assist local families faced with premature births or
special needs. On August 28, 2014 Pennies for
Preemies became a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
and in 2015 Pennies for Preemies received the award of
YesCarolina Young Entrepreneur of the Year; and
Whereas, Grace Cromer has been participating in
pageants since she was 14 years old. In June 2014,
Grace was crowned Miss Walterboro Teen 2014, receiving
this award for her 90 second Jazz dance performance to
80's and 90's retro mix and also receiving the award
as Miss Congeniality; and

Whereas, on August 4, 2018 Grace was crowned USA National Miss South Carolina at the USA National Miss Pageant. The pageant provides extraordinary opportunities for young women ages 4-25 to assist in developing lifestyle services, personal achievement, and community involvement. Many of these young ladies become ambassadors of worthy causes, charities and taking part in the anti-bullying platform the Crown C.A.R.E.S. encouraging each of them to make a difference; and,

Whereas, Grace Cromer is currently a sophomore majoring in Business Economics at Wofford College, in Spartanburg, South Carolina. She is a Wofford Bonner Scholar and Ambassador and actively participates as a member of the Wofford Activities Council. Grace is a member of Wofford Companions a program that connects students with adults with special needs; and

Whereas, The Anderson County Council is proud to honor and recognize the youth in our community who demonstrate qualities of dedication, vision and commitment, developing life skills such as leadership, responsibility and selflessness to help others throughout our community. We are proud of your accomplishments and would like to wish you great success in all of your future endeavors.

RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled this 21st day of August, 2018.

Mr. Chairman, I’d like to put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Mr. Wooten, second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

CRAIG WOOTEN: I would like to add, this is a young woman I’ve known for a couple of years. I know her family. Ms. Wilson and I were joking before the meeting started about how busy life can get. And Ms. Cromer is, I don’t know how she finds the time in the day. But she has accomplished so much and it’s so exciting to see where she’s going. I know she’s going to represent our county well. And this award is really duly deserved.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten. She is very special doing that and that’s very special to have -- people like her is what makes Anderson County very special. We appreciate her. Mr. Waters.

KEN WATERS: I’d just like to add, too. I think so much of her I jumped in the lake in February for her one time.

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: At this time we’ll move on to Item number 3. This will be a presentation for recognition for the Workplace Principles Pilot Program. Ms. Cox.

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

RUSTY BURNS: This is --- these are the fruits of the labors that County Council -- when you allocated that seed money for us to begin our program at the Westside Community Center and these are our graduates. And Terry and Laura worked diligently as well as her Westside Community board. And with that, I’m going to shut up. Laura and Terry who did all the work will talk.

CINDY WILSON: May we also acknowledge Dr. Bea Thompson with us tonight.

TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, I think that’s what Mr. Burns said. She worked very hard on this and we appreciate it.

LAURA COX: Good evening. My name is Laura Cox and I’m a member of the Anderson County Economic Development team. Thank you for the opportunity here tonight to recognize a collaborative pilot program Workplace Principles. Anderson County Economic Development in cooperation with the Anderson County Workforce Development Collaborative recently completed a pilot class call Workplace Principles. This pilot class was held for three weeks at the Westside Community Center in conjunction with Work Experience placed at Vocational Rehabilitation’s Training Center and Anderson Interfaith Ministries. Workplace Principles is based off of the curriculum from Microburst Learnings Employability Program. Employers require their workforce to demonstrate employability soft skills. Based on over thirty years of training and experience in the private sector, Microburst Learning developed a certification for soft skills through behavior change. This blended learning approach includes interactive online lessons, instructor-led activities in certification process, concentrating on areas such as interpersonal skills, conflict resolution, communication skills and other foundational life skills. The following participants have successfully completed the online and classroom instruction and are currently being observed in their workplace for behavior change in order to receive their Workplace Principle credential. Savannah Bryant. Kelsea Cowan. Barbara Martin. Denise
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McCotrell Merritt, Ricky Patterson, Shervon Forshay, Marietta Potts. (These names were spelled phonetically).

TOMMY DUNN: Give all these a big hand before we ...

(APPLAUSE)

LAURA COX: We did have twelve participants in the program, so we do have some that are not with us tonight that we would like to recognize. One is Desiree DeShazor, Donna Dodgens, Chris Elrod, Nick Kanarena and Chris Chapman. (These names were spelled phonetically.)

Upon completion of the classroom and online instruction so far four individuals have obtained employment. One participant has been accepted into a year-long speciality computer training course after completing an intense interview process.

As we mentioned, this was a collaborative effort so at this time, I’d like to recognize several Workforce partners for all their efforts. The Westside Community Center for hosting our group. Anderson School District 5 for assistance with both computers and classroom setup. Anderson School District 3, 4, and 5 Adult Education and United Way for assistance with facilitator training. The South Carolina Department of Commerce and Anderson 1 and 2 Career Centers for allowing their staff to teach the course. Anderson Interfaith Ministries for assistance in helping with work experience. Besto’s for providing speciality discount pricing for meals each day. Electritex and St. John’s United Methodist Church for assistance with providing interview attire for each participant. Anderson, Oconee, Pickens County Mental Health for allowing their participants to take part in the pilot. As well as Anderson Vocational Rehabilitation for both their time and efforts and allowing participants to take part.

In particular we’d like to recognize a couple individual staff members. Lisa Gillespie with Anderson Area Vocational Rehabilitation. She is the Center director. Debbie Cable who is a Vocational Rehabilitation and mental health job coach. Linda Russell who is the Vocational Rehabilitation job preparedness coach. And Renee Murdoch who is the business development representative for Vocation Rehabilitation. She could not be here with us tonight but we thank her for all of her time.

We’d also like to extend a recognition to Cleervette Leslie with United Way for all of her assistance with the program as well. Christy, we
mentioned you earlier. I didn’t, sorry. ?? provided
worksite on-the-job work experience as well as
vocational Rehabilitation Work Center were allowed to
???. But we want to thank this group. These
participants have just really learned a lot and taught
us a lot. So once again, let’s give you another hand.

(APPLAUSE)

TOMMY DUNN: Again, I want to thank who
all was involved in this, especially participants, but
the ones that helped put this together and see this
through. Hope we have many more classes come through.
This is a big part of this, when Mr. Burns
Administrator told me about this several, several,
several months ago, I thought it was an outstanding
idea. Glad to see it pulled off. Mr. Burns is there,
a big hand for helping to put this together, too.
Let’s give him a big hand.

(APPLAUSE)

TOMMY DUNN: And the staff and all what
they done and we appreciate it. And this again, what
I alluded to earlier, this is what makes Anderson
County special, the people. I’m so proud and so glad
to be able to see this come to life. And like I said,
I hope this gets bigger and bigger. Just goes to show
you what you can accomplish when a group of people on
the same goals work together to achieve them. We
appreciate it. Mr. Burns.

RUSTY BURNS: This Workforce
Collaborative that you see here in Anderson County
does not exist anywhere else in the state. And all of
these people working unselfishly to make this happen.
We thank them. And again, thank Laura and Terry for
all of their hard work.

TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate everybody what’s
done. That will conclude this part of our meeting.
We’ll reconvene at 6:30 for regular Council meeting.
Thank y’all for coming.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:22 P.M.)
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County of  Anderson  )

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TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call the August 21, 2018 Regular County Council meeting to order. Welcome each and every one of you here. At this time I’d like to ask Councilman Allen if he’d lead us in Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. If we’d all rise, please.

(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY TOM ALLEN)

TOMMY DUNN: At this time are there any corrections to be made to the minutes of August the 7th, 2018? Not been received. I’m sorry. Thank you, Tom. We’ll not be approving them. We’re move on there. Thank you, Mr. Allen.

Moving on to Citizens Comments. As Mr. Harmon calls your name, you have three minutes and this will be -- state your name and district, address the Chair, please. And this is matters on the agenda, please. Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first speaker is Lee Cole.

LEE COLE: Mr. Chairman, members of Council, my name is Lee Cole. I live in County Council District 7. I’m here tonight representing Nekos Patel and his family and wanted to speak to the Council in reference to agenda item 7(a). This is a first reading on an ordinance to rezone a parcel that my clients own from C-2 (Highway Commercial) to R-MHP (Manufactured Home Park). That’s on Beaverdam Road in an unincorporated area of Williamston. This -- staff is recommending that Council accept this. Planning Commission has voted for Council not to accept this. It’s our understanding from looking back at the minutes of that meeting that there was one resident that appeared and was opposed to this. We have looked and that resident lived approximately a mile away from this location, so it wasn’t a next door neighbor.

This location is -- my clients currently own a convenience store at that -- at the same address, 1113 Beaverdam Road. There’s a lot behind their convenience store that they’re asking be turned into -- be designated mobile home. To the -- on one side of the property there’s already another mobile home -- there’s two mobile home parks. My client owns one, another party owns the other. On the other of the property there are mobile homes, it is a mobile home, I’d say like a -- they’re mobile homes but not in a mobile home park. So the road that goes down that side of the property now, you see those mobile homes, would not be able to see over into the mobile home park. And then the back of the property is on Highway
29. There are trees there now and we would -- my client is willing, if the Council would vote to make this change, my client would be willing to accept the stipulation that there be a barrier of trees around the entire property. Front of it already is not going to be visible from the road because of his store on Beaverdam Road. The side of it, there’s another mobile home park on the other side, but he’s still willing to put the barrier of trees on that side. And of course, the barrier of trees on the back, Highway 29.

So we would ask that the Council consider accepting this change, due to the neighborhood being -- there being a lot of mobile homes in the area. And my client feels that at this point that’s the best use he can make of his property because that’s what’s all around him. So I appreciate the Council’s consideration.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Moving on to Item number 5(a) Ordinance third reading, an ordinance authorizing the amendment of Anderson County Ordinance 2014-040 and the documents authorized thereby, in certain limited regards and particulars. At this time I’d like to ask Mr. Nelson if he would just -- this is going to be a public hearing, but before anybody might want to talk to this, if you just might want to hit the particulars on this, Mr. Nelson, please.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate that. This company is Fox Farms, has been in Anderson County for approximately three years. They compost -- make compost products of tree bark and a number of other things, and actually produce an organic fertilizer and have sales. But they supple basically nurseries around the country as well as locally.

This company, their corporate name is United Compost and Organics, Incorporated. When we originally put the project together we didn’t have that name from their attorneys when they put the project together. Legally, by DOR, and DOR’s made the request, that we change the name to United Compost and Organics, Incorporated doing business as Fox Farms. And this is really to straighten out the request from the Department of Revenue.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.

Appreciate it. Want a public hearing. Anyone wishing
to speak to this matter, please step forward and state
your name and district and address the Chair, please.
Anyone at all? Hearing and seeing none, public
hearing will be closed. We have a motion to move this
forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second
Ms. Wilson. Are there any discussion? Hearing none,
all in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed
like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Now we’re moving on to Item number 5(b) 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. This is the
property that’s Innovate Anderson, got a buyer for it.
Back years ago it was in our name so we’ve got to
release this so they can sell it. At this time we’ll
be going into a public hearing. Anyone wishing to
speak to this, please, again state your name, district
and address the Chair, please. Anyone at all wish to
speak to this? Public hearing. Seeing and hearing
none, public hearing will be closed. We have a motion
to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters. Second
Ms. Wilson. Now are there any discussion? Seeing and
hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of
hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
carries unanimously.

We’re going to move on now to Item number 5(c)
RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
This is in reference to Ordinance 2018-030, the
ordinance ordering a referendum to determine whether
the South Carolina Department of Revenue may issue
temporary permits to allow for the possession, sale
and consumption of alcoholic liquors by the drink to
bonafide nonprofit organization and business
establishments authorized to be licensed for
consumption-on-premises sale to allow the sale of beer
and wine at permitted premises locations without
regard to the days or hours of sales.
Mr. Chairman, I bring this forth of a motion that
we move this forward on the third reading.

TOMMY DUNN: Before we do that, we’re
going to have a public hearing. Anyone wishing to
speak to this now, step forward, address the Chair,
state your name and district. Anyone at all? Hearing
and seeing none, public hearing will be closed. Mr. Graham makes the motion. We have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: May I?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: I agree with Mr. Allen from a previous discussion that the referendum question as it would appear on the ballot fails to mention Sunday liquor sales. And I would hope that we could at least make some kind of a clarifying statement on the referendum question in addition to.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Ms. Wilson, the statue itself states what the question must be and that’s what I have put in the ordinance. But you are correct. We can prepare a statement that will explain to the voters what each one of these questions has reference to. And I will be putting that together shortly.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

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

Moving on to Item number 6(a) Second reading. 2018-027 an ordinance authorizing the execution of a lease purchase agreement in an amount not exceeding $5,400,000 relating to the leasing and purchasing of certain vehicles, equipment and personal property, the execution of necessary documents and closing papers. This is something we went over during the budget time and entered and put in our budget. This is now just Ms. Wilson and Finance Department and staff is putting this together to put the wheels in motion to make this happen. We have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: We had a -- shall I give the report from the ---

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

CINDY WILSON: The item in question here, which is 7(b), Ordinance 2018-31 first reading, a third supplemental budget ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a special source revenue bond not to exceed two point eight million for the expansion of the Starr landfill construction and demolition and C&D. And land clearing debris sales LCD. The current site for LCD has approximately four and a half years remaining. The plan is to convert the LCD site into a construction demolition sale allowing for approximately twelve and a half years to pass before
The C&D, which is the construction demolition sale, would then have approximately forty-two and a half years remaining capacity. In addition to that improvement, which is very much needed, the new bailer for the recycling at the MRF was estimated to cost three point -- excuse me, three hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. The old bailer is worn out. We’re holding off acquisition of a grinder pending further study. The Planning and Public Works Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the full Council to approve the Special Source Revenue bond.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to move it? Did we get a motion?

TOM ALLEN: Put it in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Need a second.

CINDY WILSON: Did we need a second, with the Planning and Public Works committee ---

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from -- let’s make it official coming to us since it’s been a while since it come through that thing but y’all did come through this thing. We have a second?

RAY GRAHAM: I’ll second that.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Mr. Graham seconds it.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Yeah.

LEON HARMON: I think we’re off track here a bit. I think you’re on 6(a).

TOMMY DUNN: Yeah.

LEON HARMON: And that is about the lease purchase for vehicles. 7(b) is the ordinance that Ms. Wilson was discussing.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thank you. I know we’re on 6(a) and that’s what ---

CINDY WILSON: I’m sorry.

TOMMY DUNN: --- we got a motion and second for. Now, are there any discussion? This was about the vehicle stuff, the Sheriff’s vehicles and other vehicles for the thing. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Now we’ll move to 6(b) 2018-028 an ordinance authorizing the addition of Bailtuck, LLC as a sponsor affiliate to that certain fee agreement, dated as of December 1, 2012 between Anderson County, South Carolina and Sargent Metal Fabricators. We have a motion to move this forward?

TOM ALLEN: So moved.

CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen and second Ms. Wilson. Are there any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.

Moving on to 6(c) 2018-032 an ordinance to return real property located on Pearman Dairy Road (TMS No 095-00-09-012) to Atlanta Baking Company which was deeded to Anderson County by Atlanta Baking Company, Inc. on September 21, 1981 to facilitate an industrial development Revenue Bond Project. If y'all remember this is -- Mr. Nelson told us last time. It’s just paperwork clearing up, done went back when before Fee in Lieu of and had -- way it had to be done with our name on it -- we’re just giving -- they’re selling that property. Just want to get it back clear title and get our name off of it. We have a motion to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second Ms. Wilson. Are there 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 now to Item number 6(d) 2018-034 an ordinance authorizing the extension of the term under that certain lease agreement by and between Anderson County, South Carolina and BMW Manufacturing Co. LLC dated as of September 1, 1998, the amendment of such lease agreement to reflect such extension. We have a motion to move this forward?

TOM ALLEN: So moved.

KEN WATERS: Second.

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

Now we’ll be moving on to Item number 7(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 1113 Beaverdam Road. Dr. Parkey, you want to ...

JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes, the request is to rezone said property from C-2 (Highway Commercial) to R-MHP (residential mobile home park district). The applicant is making the request to be able to put mobile homes on the property. Staff recommended approval. The Zoning Advisory Group could not make a quorum so they did not meet their June 6th meeting. Comes forward from them technically as an approval. Planning Commission recommended denial in
their June 12th meeting.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any questions for Dr. Parkey? Comments.

TOM ALLEN: Yeah.

TOMMY DUNN: Just very quickly. Why did they disapprove? What was the reasons for disapproval? Do you know, Mr. Parkey?

JEFF PARKEY: They indicated the Planning Commission Chair indicated on documents, public concern was raised.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else for Dr. Parkey? We have a motion?

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion that we deny this request and I’ll explain once we have a second.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion from Ms. Wilson to deny. We have a second?

KEN WATERS: Second.


CINDY WILSON: There is a lot of major road work that’s going to be done right in that area, taking out the Cherokee Road Bridge and raising it and all the traffic improvements. And there’s an effort to remove, hopefully, the bridge at Beaverdam. That would make that site a very, very important commercial site and would hopefully bring the owners a great deal -- a greater return. The people who I’ve talked with in that area were very concerned about the lawlessness over there. The mobile home park across the road has had a Sheriff out there frequently. There have been shootings over there. The mobile home subdivision where the people actually own their homes, they have been very concerned about those type issues.

So I respectfully ask that we deny and I pledge to these people who own that property that we will do what we can to make sure that they are well protected and hopefully a new intersection there.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion and a second.

Any more discussion? We have more discussion from anyone? Just like to add my thoughts on this is sometimes I might not agree with things, but I’ve always tried to err on the side of whoever’s district it’s in. Hopefully they know more about their district and will keep their eyes and ears to the thing, what’s going on in their district. Most of the time that’s the way I tend to be. Wanted to throw
that out there. Anyone else have anything?

CRAIG WOOTEN: With the denial, would they
be able to come back -- at what point could they come
back in the future, maybe, after some maybe
lawlessness concerns were addressed and maybe the
intersection was finished. Could they revisit at a
later date when some of these concerns were maybe
addressed?

TOMMY DUNN: Be a year, wouldn’t it?
You have to wait a year for the same rezoning. They
could ask for a different rezoning tomorrow, but for
the same zoning, you have to wait a year. That’s
anybody. Is that not correct, Dr. Parkey? Does that
answer your question? Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Well, the good news is that
the current commercial designation is a very coveted
zoning. It’s usually the opposite; we have people who
come to us wanting the commercial zoning, and it’s
difficult to get the commercial zoning.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of Ms.
Wilson’s motion for denial show of hands. All opposed
like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Thank you, Dr. Parkey.

Moving on now Item 7(b) 2018-031 a third
supplemental ordinance providing for the issuance and
sale of Anderson County, South Carolina Solid Waste
System Revenue Bonds, Series 2018, in the Aggregate
Principal amount not exceeding $2,800,000 fixing the
form and certain details of the bonds; authorizing the
Chairman of the County Council, the County
Administrator and the Finance Director to determine
certain matters relating to the bonds; providing
certain payment of the bonds and the disposition of
the proceeds thereof. This is what Ms. Wilson talked
about a little bit a few minutes earlier. And Ms.
Wilson, would you like to add anything to what you
said?

CINDY WILSON: I apologize for getting us
off track.

TOMMY DUNN: This does come from the
Finance Committee -- I mean from the Public Works
Committee, but I would just like for Ms. Wilson makes
the motion again, we have a second, just since it’s
just been such a little bit of time. You second?
Second Mr. Allen. Now are there any discussion? All
in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed
like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 7(c) 2018-033 an
ordinance authorizing the execution of an
Infrastructure Credit Agreement among Anderson County,
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South Carolina, the City of Anderson, South Carolina, JB Ferguson Properties LLC and Estate Planning Consultants, Inc. Mr. Burriss.

BURRISS NELSON:  Mr. Chairman, thank you; and members of Council. This project has to do with the city had invited the county to collaborate with them in an economic development effort on South Main Street. A number of properties there that were in -- were not in use. And this is a redevelopment opportunity of all of those building spaces. And in that light, we have offered with the city an incentive package that allows the property taxes to be reduced during the period of time of the redevelopment and the initial startup of office spaces, commercial facilities of numerous kinds. And as I said, it’s a collaborative effort for some buildings that likely would be empty and opportunities for things that would not be desirable.

Appreciate Council’s taking a look at this project and giving favorable consideration to it.

TOMMY DUNN:  We have a motion?  Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a second?  Second Mr. Allen. Now discussion or any questions for Mr. Burriss?

GRACIE FLOYD:  Yes.

TOMMY DUNN:  Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD:  Mr. Burriss, is this one --

I can’t remember what this one was about. This was not the hotel, is it?

BURRISS NELSON:  That’s right, it is not.

GRACIE FLOYD:  It is the hotel.

BURRISS NELSON:  No, no. It is not.

GRACIE FLOYD:  It’s not the hotel. Okay, which one was it?

BURRISS NELSON:  The next -- this is the one where there were some basically dilapidated properties that are directly across Main Street from city hall. And those properties are being redeveloped, going in and cleaning them up. Putting in new utilities, getting them prepared and ready for occupancy for a number of commercial-type businesses. And it is, as I said, a collaborative effort with the city. They asked us to participate in this project with them. It will at some point in time in the future create a productive, tax-producing property.

GRACIE FLOYD:  But what you’re talking about now is the execution of an infrastructure credit agreement.

BURRISS NELSON:  Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD:  Okay. And the credit agreement will be the money that’s going to be needed
to either improve that property or to tear it down, am
I correct?

BURRISS NELSON: Well, the infrastructure
credit agreement merely reduces the amount of the
property tax liability so that the investor will be
able to spend all the money toward redevelopment of
the property and reconditioning the property.
It reduces the taxes.

GRACIE FLOYD: So the investor won’t have
to pay any taxes on it because they’re going to put
the money in fixing it up so they can make money off
it, right?

BURRISS NELSON: It will reduce the property
tax.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, it will reduce the
property taxes for us. Okay. All right. I put one
note down here, something about industrial revenue
bond. That’s not the same thing there, is it?

BURRISS NELSON: No, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. My notes got mixed
up. I thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Any one else?

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: This is a practice that
we’ve done in the past, enticing the growth and
basically investment for our area.

BURRISS NELSON: Certainly very similar to
using multi-county park agreement, infrastructure
credit agreement with that multi-county park is the
basis for that. And basically just reduces the
property tax and gives, in this case, the owner a
chance to redevelop the property and get it up and
running. It will be a revalued and be a more
expensive property and will have a higher tax value
when it’s completed.

RAY GRAHAM: But with them doing the
work and moving forward on these plans, not only is it
going to increase the value of his property and
eventually increase the tax burden to him that’s going
to be paid to the county and city on that property,
it’s also going to increase the value of the
properties that adjoins that area, which is going to
continue the growth in downtown.

BURRISS NELSON: Certainly.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: But let me point out,
Council members, that the infrastructure credit
agreement that we already have is for industrial
parks, am I correct, Mr. -- we’re going to use the
same agreements that the industrial parks have. Isn’t
this the one?
BURRISS NELSON: Multi-county park
agreement.
GRACIE FLOYD: Multi-county industrial
park agreement. We’re going to use that one in order
to get this one done. It’s not -- and Mr. -- please
explain that Industrial Revenue Bond. Why is that
still in my mind? Where was that one discussed?
BURRISS NELSON: We talked about the
Industrial Revenue Bond with Atlantic Bread property
over on 28 By-pass. And basically the county acts as
a pass-through ---
GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I know that.
BURRISS NELSON: --- with that one. And as
well, we were talking about the bond that’s above this
one, which doesn’t have -- it’s not an industrial
revenue bond, but is a financing agreement for our
solid waste program, using DHEC funds.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. But the
thing is, the same agreement that we use for
industrial parks throughout Anderson County, we’re
using that to -- as an execution of the infrastructure
credit agreement that’s going to go downtown on Main
Street. Right? Got to be aware of that. Okay.
Thank you.
CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: I used to have a lot of
trouble with considering these issues, but a lot has
changed. But it’s most important to note that on the
second draft, the last statement in that paragraph it
says, talking about the county being authorized by
that to grant credits against the fee payments to
assist the company located in the multi-county
industrial park and it goes on. But the last, most
important clause is it states improved or unimproved
real estate property -- excuse me -- real estate and
personal property used in the operation of a
commercial or manufacturing enterprise located in the
multi-county industrial park to enhance the economic
development of the county. So we’re covered in that
regard.
And there’s another thing that I learned recently
that should help us a great deal. Mr. Burns informed
us recently that the I guess it’s the TIF or Tax
Increment Financing expires in 2021.
RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.
CINDY WILSON: Which would be right ahead of this project and probably the hotel project being on the tax roll.

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, if I might.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

RUSTY BURNS: We have received no taxes on this property because it’s in the tax increment financing district. The county allocated its portion of the taxes before to build the parking garage. That expires in ‘21. Just to add for the next project, we receive no taxes on that because (a) it’s owned by the city and (b) it’s also in the tax increment financing district. So these two things, we are not giving away anything because we don’t have anything. And this will allow us to receive income in the future from these developments.

TOMMY DUNN: But this is more about not -- the city cannot do these kinds of things without the county doing it.

RUSTY BURNS: Cannot.

TOMMY DUNN: And the other thing is, keep in mind, we do a lot of things I’m not very happy with, we already do things as far as helping companies with infrastructure agreements like First Quality, Arthrex and all them. But does me very good when you can help a local businessman from town here for him to be able to put forth -- that’s what you always hear, well, we’re doing something for the small businessman. And not really costing us nothing, just helping them out, going to make, like I said, it’s simple thing because the city can’t do this by themselves because of state law. Anything else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten, and Ms. Wilson in favor. Ms. Floyd opposes. Thank you, Mr. Nelson.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now to Item number -- we’re on 7(d), right? 7(d) 2018-037 an ordinance authorizing the execution of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement among Anderson County, Project Accommodation, and the City of Anderson. Mr. Nelson.

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. This is another collaborative project with the city. Also, still in the TIF district. And that development opportunity will provide income for us. The completion dates for the projects are about the same as the end of the TIF. So it’s another opportunity for tax income that the county hasn’t had for fifteen years. How long was the
TIF? Twenty? Anyhow, we funded the parking deck. So this will bring about a development where the county will actually receive tax fund. Otherwise, that property now is non-taxable or is within the city’s ownership and is exempt from property tax altogether. So this will become a tax generating facility and development.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We have a motion to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters. Second Mr. Allen. Now discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Please.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burriss, would you -- I intended to ask you this today and it slipped my mind. Could you please explain the difference between 33 and 37? It almost has the same language.

RUSTY BURNS: The language, Ms. Floyd, is that is prescribed in state law so that’s why we use those terms. That’s what -- the language that is prescribed by the state that you use for these endeavors.

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burriss.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burriss, would you -- I intended to ask you this today and it slipped my mind. Could you please explain the difference between 33 and 37? It almost has the same language.

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Please, yeah.

BURRISS NELSON: Well, 33 is a description using multi-county park language and some language in another incentive package that the state has offered in the past. And that breaks down those as individual investment components over a period of time. And that’s why that language reads the way it does in 33 and not the way it does in 34 because -- or in 37 -- because that would be a lump sum capital investment project.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But it almost is the same thing.

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Accommodations and the city. Well, okay. But you see, I’m just plain old -- I’m just a plain old Joe. I’m a layman. I don’t understand all the big languages and stuff. And I know you called me early so I wouldn’t ask so many questions on the floor. But that’s one of the questions that I intended to ask and I just forgot to do it today. But I still don’t understand why it’s almost the same language. It’s almost the same language but it’s for different things, right?

BURRISS NELSON: Well, slightly, yes, ma’am.

You’re right. You’re correct.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.

Show the motion carries Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten and Ms. Wilson in favor. Ms. Floyd opposes.

Now we’re moving on to Item number 7(e) 2018-038 an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties as to enlarge the park.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of Council. This is just an ordinance that allows these two previous projects to be included in the multi-county agreement that we have with Greenville where we have the revenue sharing and we actually receive more funds coming back from Greenville than we do -- than we send in the projects that we have here. But this allows them to be able to have the platform for the incentives that we talked about.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We have a motion to move this forward?

TOM ALLEN: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen. Second Mr. Graham. Any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Now, this one says an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park of Anderson and Greenville County as to enlarge the park. Right?

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: But is this the one where we talked about the parking spaces behind the one that they park police cars in and all of that?

BURRISS NELSON: That’s right. This is that same location.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Well, the language doesn’t say anything about that. But tell me if I’m understanding this right now. What we’re proposing here is to take that parking space that’s right behind the pizza place -- what’s the pizza place called? Yellow Mellow Pizza? All that parking spaces back there what used to be the business section for African Americans back there, they’re going to take all that and they’re going to lend it, give it or whatever to the hotel that they’re planning on building downtown. And the hotel is going to take all
of those parking spaces and they’re going to build a
parking deck for their hotel folks. But meanwhile,
businesses that front Main Street and Benson Street --
I think this is Benson Street -- that used to park
back there will not be able to park back there any
more because the parking spaces will be gone. The
Bleckley Inn over there that uses those parking spaces
for their residents won’t have parking spaces back
there anymore because it will be a parking deck. And
public parking lots will be gone. That’s where I fell
one night going to dinner to J Peter’s back there --
well, that’ll be gone too. And the city -- well
that’s -- the city parking spaces that the police uses
over there, that will be gone, too. Or are they going
to let that one stay?
BURRISS NELSON: No, I believe that that
will be used by the hotel property.
GRACIE FLOYD: So all of those parking
spaces back there where they just put that park back
there will be gone. So that this hotel coming
downtown can build a parking deck where folks going to
have to pay to park their car, which will benefit the
-- which will benefit the hotel people.
And see, now, we may get a millage of seventy-five
percent. Is that fair to the taxpayer? Is that fair
to the public to do that? When downtown is already
congested and we won’t have parking spaces to park the
little places we go. There’s only one handicap
parking space on that road and that’s right in front
of J Peter’s. People like me will have to do what?
Go into the parking -- pay to go into the parking deck
because we’re going to give all those parking spaces
to a hotel. When the Bleckley Inn came in they built
their own parking spaces in the back of theirs. And
these folks can’t build theirs in the back because
they’re going to put in a swimming pool for the hotel.
One that we won’t be able to swim in, the public,
unless you pay some money. Is that fair to the
public? That’s just my question.
TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor
of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
Show the motion carries with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen,
Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten and Ms. Wilson in
favor and Ms. Floyd opposes.
Now moving on to Item number 9 A Report from the
Planning and Public Works Committee meeting held on
CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
First I want to thank Mr. Allen for filling in for one
of our committee members so that we could hold the
meeting. There’s been a lot of work to do. And also, Dr. Parkey introduced our new planning employee, Ms. Lisa Mann, who recently earned her master’s degree from the Clemson -- from Clemson. Then we had an interesting presentation which was an update on the Anderson County Housing Analysis. And I’ll quickly review this with you. And we should have copies out.

For example, twenty-seven percent of households in Anderson County are cost burdened. This is compared to twenty-seven percent in Greenville County, twenty-six percent in Oconee County, twenty-eight percent in Pickens County and thirty percent in South Carolina. That means that that -- a greater amount of funds go towards providing housing for those people. Renters are more then twice as likely to be cost burdened than owners. Seventy-one percent of occupied units are owner occupied and twenty-nine percent are renter occupied. Fifty-three percent of housing units in Anderson County have three bedrooms. Sixty-two percent of households are one person or two person households. There is a clustering of neighborhood improvement project and forfeited land commission properties in the Appleton Mill and Morningside communities. Our Planning Department stated that they did not see any of the most common occupations -- for example in the Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin metropolitan statistical area being priced out of Anderson housing market. So that was very reassuring. However, as we have a very rapid level of growth that will probably change.

The next item Dr. Parkey advised that we will soon have new options for subdivision requirements available, hopefully by our next meeting. Dr. Parkey also provided an overview of the recent popularity of tiny homes. There are new guidelines being developed by the International Building codes. There seem to be two types of tiny homes that have been evolving. One is a type of mobile home on wheels, which will be more appropriately governed by SCDMV. And the other small accessory homes for lots with an existing dwelling, or small homes of less than a thousand square feet with separate sites. There’s a lot more to be learned here before we come up with some guidelines.

Ms. Celia Boyd Myers explained the improvements planned for Kid Venture, which will allow for greater use and participation by all of our citizens, greater safety for our citizens and a better flow at the park. And please refer to your rendering that was provided.

There’s continuing work for updating our 2009 County Recreation plan. There’s much more analysis to
come requiring Council to prioritize and approve.
... to all that worked hard at getting this
information together. Does anyone who was present
want to add anything? Thank you. This is as we
submit.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you for the report, Ms. Wilson.

Moving on Road Acceptance. Any objections to
taking all three of these? Problem doing all three of
these at one time? Be Hanna Crossing, Jacket Lane and
Part of Scenic Road. We got a problem doing all three
of these? We got a motion to accept these?

KEN WATERS: So moved.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters, second Ms. Wilson. Any
discussion? I just say we know all of
these are -- meet all our criteria and all our
standards. Hearing that, all in favor of the motion
show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
motion carries unanimously. Ms. Floyd stepped out of
the room.

Does anyone have any appointments? I don’t have
no list here.

Move on to requests by Council members. Couple of
things on that. If you look at the bottom of the
page, Anderson County 4-H, Clemson Cooperative
Extension. That is requests from all Council members.
Just want to make sure it’s not what you call it. And
I’d also like to point out and welcome Director of
Salvation Army is here and appreciate him being here
tonight.

Hearing that, we’ll move on. Mr. Waters, you have
any -- moving on to Item 12 Request by Council
members.

KEN WATERS: Yeah. Can I do all these
at one time?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.
KEN WATERS: Okay, the first one the
Salvation Army of Anderson County a thousand dollars.
The second one CESA Tri County soccer three thousand
dollars. Powdersville High School Fishing team five
hundred dollars. And Powdersville YMCA five thousand
dollars. And I bring this in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Waters.

Have a second?

CINDY WILSON: 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. Allen.
TOM ALLEN:        Yes, I also have three that I’d like to put all together here. The first one the Anderson Life Crises Pregnancy Center, I’d like to contribute five hundred dollars from my rec account. The Salvation Army two thousand dollars from my recreation account. And the Anderson County 4-H Cooperative Extension five hundred dollars. And I put that in the form of a motion.

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

RAY GRAHAM:        Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If it’s okay I’m going to do all these in one motion as well.

TOMMY DUNN:        That’ll be fine.

RAY GRAHAM:        For Anderson Life Crises Pregnancy Center I request fifteen hundred dollars. For Salvation Army I request fifteen hundred dollars as well. For Anderson Jet Track Club I request five hundred dollars. For Iva Museum I request seven hundred. For Homeland Park July the 4th celebration I request fifteen hundred dollars. For Belton Area Museum I request a thousand dollars. And for Anderson County 4-H Clemson Coop I request five hundred dollars.

TOMMY DUNN:        Have a motion here from 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. Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN:      Yes, I’d like to make a motion for two items. For Anderson Life Crisis Pregnancy Center I’d like to do fifteen hundred dollars. For the Salvation Army of Anderson ??? for me and I think this is going to give us the ability or to aid him ??? new folks to attend his facility which means twenty folks could be off the streets and be in a situation where they could hopefully rehabilitate. It takes pressure off law enforcement. It takes pressure off the emergency room. And it also allows for the downtown merchants and residents to find a solution for some folks who have battled homelessness for a number of reasons. But regardless allow them to have somewhere to go. So I’d like to do eight thousand dollars for that one. I put that in the form of a motion.

KEN WATERS:        Second.
1 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Wooten
2 and second by Ms. Wilson. All in favor of the motion
3 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
4 motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr.
5 Wooten?
6 CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir.
7 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
8 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
9 have several of them. From District 7's recreation
10 account please appropriate to the Salvation Army a
11 thousand dollars. For the Pelzer Heritage Commission
12 thirty-five hundred dollars. For the Clemson
13 Cooperative Extension for their livestock show five
14 hundred dollars. For the town of West Pelzer for
15 their recreation programs twenty-five hundred dollars.
16 And that I put in the form of a motion.
17 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a
18 second?
19 TOM ALLEN: Second.
20 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
21 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
22 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries. Ms.
23 Wilson, anything else?
24 CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir. From District
25 7's paving account, please accept these for
26 appropriations. The town of Pelzer seventeen thousand
27 dollars. West Pelzer twenty-five thousand dollars.
28 Williamston fifty-two thousand dollars. And Honea
29 Path forty-eight thousand dollars to count towards
30 their matches and other work. And I also wanted to
31 request that Mr. Burns talk with our Roads and Bridges
32 Department about some riprap for the towns of
33 Williamston and Honea Path for some serious issues
34 they have there. I put that in the form of a motion.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson.
36 Have a second?
37 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Uh-huh.
39 RUSTY BURNS: On Ms. Wilson’s second
40 request, for the riprap that will go in Dogwood Park,
41 that is six thousand dollars -- up to six thousand
42 dollars. It’s a little be less. But that should come
43 from the accommodations tax because that is tourism
44 related. So if we could have that stated that way,
45 the money would come from there.
46 TOMMY DUNN: We’ll come back to that.
47 CINDY WILSON: So Spring Water Park, they
48 had requested, too.
49 TOMMY DUNN: Did you make that -- add
50 that to your motion, Ms. Wilson?
CINDY WILSON: I would request that Mr. Burns work with all of us to find some accommodations funding for the riprap needed in Williamston Spring Water Park and for Honea Path’s Dogwood Park.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries. Anything else, Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: That covers all of the funds we have.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Ms. Floyd, you have anything?

GRACIE FLOYD: I have only one thing and that’s for the Eastside Community that’s around down there near the Walker Park area. They are -- I would like to allocate six hundred dollars from the District 2’s recreation account to go down there. They are already in the files with the 501(c)(3). That’s the only thing I have.

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

CINDY WILSON: Second.

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

From District 5’s recreation account, I’d like to appropriate fifteen hundred dollars to Anderson Life Crises Pregnancy Center, two thousand dollars to the Salvation Army and five hundred dollars to County 4-H Clemson Cooperative Extension Service. Put that in the form of a motion.

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.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: I want to complement the Salvation Army, too, on the work they do. And I just have a question. Did we -- how can I put this -- get enough scrapped together tonight?

RUSTY BURNS: Five hundred dollars more to make twenty, counting the contribution Mr. Wooten solicited from the United Way.

TOMMY DUNN: We’re five hundred dollars short.

GRACIE FLOYD: Do what?
TOM ALLEN: Five hundred more?
RUSTY BURNS: If my math is correct.
TOM ALLEN: Okay. That’s what I was wondering.
RUSTY BURNS: Good to be wondering. I think it’s at nineteen five and I believe the request from the Salvation Army was for twenty. United Way, Mr. Wooten contacted the United Way. They’re going to put in five thousand dollars. Mr. Wooten pledged eight thousand dollars. Mr. Waters put in a thousand. Mr. Allen put in two thousand. You put in ---
TOMMY DUNN: Two thousand.
RUSTY BURNS: Two thousand. You put in fifteen hundred.
RAY GRAHAM: It was actually twenty-one thousand what they requested.
RUSTY BURNS: How much is that? And I missed Ms. Wilson.
GRACIE FLOYD: What’s it for?
RUSTY BURNS: Looks like we’re good.
Opinion of legal counsel is that we’re there, Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Okay. All right. Thank you, Mr. Allen.
Moving on now to Item number 13, Administrator’s Report.
RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
At this time we’ll move on to Citizens Comments. Mr. Harmon calls your name please state your name and district for the record. Address the Chair, please. You have three minutes.
LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one citizen signed up. Elizabeth Fant.
ELIZABETH FANT: Sit back down. Elizabeth Fant, District 3. I can see that we’ve got a lot of good things going on, especially these committees. Been a lot of work this summer. Even though there hasn’t been meetings on necessarily the prescribed days, there’s been a lot of work going on.
I have a concern about the fact that we may be overbuilding -- overbuilding hotels, overbuilding houses, overbuilding trailer parks. All of this, it’s great when we have companies come in and we have more jobs, more people. But we’re not paying attention to the infrastructure; the roads, the sewer, and all the things that have to support that. I don’t know who thought up this thing about the hotel downtown, but I think it’s a terrible idea. And I think it’s
certainly a slap in the face of the man who set up
Bleckley Inn and his events center down there. He put
a lot of his money into that, his heart and soul. Why
you would want to have a hotel down there at his
backdoor, I have no idea who thought that idea up. If
you want to put a hotel where it won’t impact downtown
traffic so much, why not somebody go and buy the
property that used to be City Seed? It’s a wonderful
property, it faces on Murray. It’s near the United
Way. It’s got land. It’s got opportunities for
parking expansion. Also I’m concerned about what is
going to go in back here where the old Bailes building
is. You’ve already short on parking. Water and sewer
downtown, downstair. Those of us who park oftentimes
have to park on the front side of that. I don’t know
what you’re planning on doing for people parking
because we’re already in a pinch.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Comments from Council members. Mr. Waters.

KEN WATERS: Can we take a break since I
missed last meeting I’ve got a lot I want to say.
TOMMY DUNN: I’ve got a lot to say to
you since you missed last meeting.
KEN WATERS: Mr. Wooten, are you going
to mention your flowers down there?
CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes.
KEN WATERS: Okay, I won’t mention them
then. I’d just like to say, you know, we’ve been
talking about motels. Well, I had some plumbing
issues at my house the other night and so I stayed at
a motel in beautiful downtown Powdersville. So
times those things come in pretty handy. And I
did pay the accommodations tax there also. But
anyway, that’s all I have to say. Thank you, Mr.
Chair.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters. Mr.

TOM ALLEN: Yeah, Mr. Chair. Just very
quickly regarding the parking situation. Most of the
comments made tonight are absolutely true. A lot of
the parking spaces by the police department are going
to be gone. But it’s my understanding that across the
street, and Rusty, maybe you can help me, there’s two
old buildings over where what used to be that’s going
to be torn down for parking for the ---
RUSTY BURNS: I believe you’re referring
to where the old funeral home used to be?
TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. It’s going to become parking. And also, there is a big parking garage downtown that is basically vacant.

RUSTY BURNS: And the city is currently doing a parking study of all downtown. And so that should be ready in about four to five weeks.

TOM ALLEN: Okay. All right. That was the only comment I had. Thanks.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Wooten, congratulations.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you.

GRACIE FLOYD: Is this your first daughter?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes.

GRACIE FLOYD: It’s your only daughter I meant. Well, your first. I can say that.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, ma’am. It’s our only daughter.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, congratulations. Every father needs a daughter so she can wrap you around her finger. I want to, I know that the cameras aren’t here tonight, but I sure wanted to make a statement concerning my recreation account.

Now I know it has been said that some of you use your recreation account that you think is nothing but a slush fund. Well, mine is not a slush fund. We got in a lot of trouble about that same words slush funds a couple of years ago. I don’t know if you all have been around to remember that. But mine is not a slush fund. I do not give money by letter. I get letters all of the time for money. I don’t do that. I don’t think it’s fair to the taxpayers that I don’t know where -- the District 2 taxpayers to know -- if I don’t know where the money is going and what it’s for. So if you need tax -- you need some rec fund -- it’s got to be recreational because the ordinance says it’s a recreational purposes. But if you have a need and you need money for your recreational purpose and you have a 501(c)(3) I think I pronounced it correctly, please don’t write me, call me. I’m worthy to be talked to on behalf of the people whose money it is. Call me and tell me what your need -- what your needs are and let me know what you’re going to do with it and then I will be more -- if it’s legit, I would be more than happy to support your organization. If you will look at my history, you will see that most of my money has gone -- in fact, all of my money has gone to recreational purposes. We have some folks in Anderson
who aren’t even -- who don’t even know that we have
money for recreational. But anyway, that’s a District
2 and District 2 only. The others do theirs their
way. But I don’t handle slush funds.

The hotel vacancies. Folks, let’s be careful
here. Let’s be careful here. Can we accommodate
another hotel? With -- how many rooms, Mr. Burns?

RUSTY BURNS: Eighty.

GRACIE FLOYD: Eighty rooms. Boy, to make
some money, you got to have those rooms occupied
almost every night. That’s not going to happen here
in Anderson. Every night. But to take the parking
spaces, to take your parking spaces away from us. You
know, I am partially handicapped. All right. Where
am I supposed to park? I went behind that thing,
behind the building and I fell there. So I have to
depend on the parking on the street. If they have the
hotel and they’re going to take all of the back ones,
where are people like me supposed to park? You may
not worry about it today, but next week, week after
next, couple of years from now, if you’re still here
in Anderson, you’re going to be worried about it.
Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Just want to commend the Salvation Army for the job
you guys do. Definitely think it’s an honor to be
able to support you guys on the program that you are
working on with the homeless. Downtown Anderson is
not actually my district, but I do realize that
Anderson County on the whole could move further so
much quicker with y’all’s assistance with the issue we
have with the homeless downtown.

When I first got on city police department, I
never even imagined the type of problems we have
downtown with homeless people. You know, whether it’s
they’ve gotten down on their luck, whether it’s just
situations that they’ve put themselves in or
situations they didn’t have no control over, we’ve got
a serious issue here. And to see you guys step up and
I’ve worked with you guys many a times as far as
bringing people to your door at night to, you know,
get shelter. And again, it’s just a great program
that y’all offer. I’m glad to see my fellow Council
members supporting you guys on this. And hopefully we
can continue moving forward and making it better for
Anderson County for all citizens, even the homeless
ones. Thank you, guys for what you do.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham. Mr.

Wooten.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, looks like we’ve got a solid Celebrate Anderson lineup coming, so I think that’s going to be a big Labor Day weekend. I wanted to just, you know, comment briefly that it seems like there’s been some solid videography and media on line for some things and events coming in the county. I think that’s been key because we’ve had a lot of good things going on and communications and getting the word out to different constituencies and different districts about items. I think it’s going to be important moving into the future. I would actually like to look at that going into next year about how we can maybe provide some resources or some contract solutions to help the media department even have a further reach.

But to end it, I’d like to say thank you for all the best wishes. Margo Wooten was born exactly two weeks ago and she’s seven pounds, fourteen ounces. And that’s my fourth child so I’ve been telling everybody I wasn’t counting on retirement, but now I know I’m working here on out. But the county, the staff, other Council members have been so gracious to me and I really appreciate your kind words and best wishes. Thank you so much.

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

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mirroring what others have said about our Salvation Army here, it’s an incredible ministry that you perform and our Coordinating Council for Criminal Justice and others are working really hard to try to define what is simple or complex mental illness and drug abuse and that sort of thing and try to channel those people into better directions. Maybe not into jail and put the serious offenders in jail. But try to cut down on recidivism. So that’s important and we’re very grateful to y’all for that.

We’re hoping to do another Planning and Public Works committee meeting. Dr. Parkey and his staff are working really hard to come up with upgraded solutions for some of our subdivision issues. And I wonder if Mr. Waters and Mr. Wooten might be available Monday at noon and that is the 27th? Would that work for y’all?

KEN WATERS: I don’t see a problem for me. Mr. Wooten, whatever.

CINDY WILSON: Okay. Can you do earlier, Mr. Waters?

KEN WATERS: Yeah. That’ll be fine.

CINDY WILSON: What time?
KEN WATERS: Oh, I haven’t got my makeup on by 8:30.

CINDY WILSON: We’ll have donuts and coffee for Mr. Waters. Okay. 8:30, then. All right. Thank y’all.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, you have something?

RUSTY BURNS: I’m sorry. I let Mr. Waters down. Mr. Waters wanted to make an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars for the new road in Powdersville that has done a great deal to relieve the traffic up there. Mr. Waters.

KEN WATERS: Yeah, I apologize for that.

RUSTY BURNS: I forgot. I was supposed to remind you.

KEN WATERS: Yeah. All right. That’s good. I’d like to make a motion to appropriate fifty thousand dollars from the paving fund for the new road at the -- between the Powdersville High School -- I’m sorry the Powdersville Middle School and Elementary School.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s District 6?

KEN WATERS: Yeah. District 6 paving fund. I bring that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Have second?

TOM ALLEN: 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.

RUSTY BURNS: Two more brief things, Mr. Dunn. This morning representatives from the Abney Foundation went to the Anderson County PAWS facility and brought a check for a hundred thousand dollars for our new dog park at the animal shelter. No fanfare, nothing. They walked in and we just want to thank Buck Fulp and Dr. Lisa McWhorter and Mr. Carl Edwards for that generous contribution of a hundred thousand dollars.

And also thank representative Brian White who assisted us in finding seven hundred thousand dollars more for sewer projects in Anderson County.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. And Mr. Burns, make sure to get them a letter, especially the Abbey Foundation who in years past when anyway we’ve had a shortage of food crisis at the animal shelter or blankets or whatnot, they’ve always stepped forward and appreciate them what all they do.

Also the Salvation Army, appreciate y’all, what
y’all have done for Anderson County over the years and
look forward to working with y’all in the future. Do
great work.

Want to thank Mr. Burns. And everybody come out
for Celebrate Anderson. Help out the employees picnic
and whatnot and greet employees whatnot. Mr. Burns.

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Dunn, we have
approximately one thousand people who work for
Anderson County. We’ve received nine hundred
responses that they will be there, so I think all the
county employees will be at the Family Picnic leading
up to Celebrate Anderson.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s great. Appreciate
everybody. Meeting will be adjourned.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:39 P.M.)