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County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
GRACIE FLOYD
CRAIG WOOTEN
TOM ALLEN
M. CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to
2 call the Regular Anderson County Council meeting of
3 August the 7th to order. I'd like to welcome each and
4 every one of you here and thank y'all for coming.
5 We've got a lengthy agenda tonight, so we're going to
6 try to get through this. Apologize, we've have some
7 difficulty with the lights. I apologize for that but
8 I think we can get through it. It's what it is. And
9 at this time I'll ask -- she got here just in time to
10 lead us in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
11 Councilman Wilson. If we all rise, please.

12 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CINDY WILSON)**

13 TOMMY DUNN: At this time are there any
14 -- we have approval of the minutes of July 10th
15 meeting. Are there any corrections to be made to
16 that? Ms. Floyd.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: There was something on page
18 8 that I didn't understand at all. This says here on
19 page 8, lines 27 and 28. (Inaudible) said okay. And
20 then 29 Tommy Dunn says, shepherd her, Mr. Burns. I
21 hate to ask you to shepherd her. What does shepherd
22 her -- what was that?

23 TOMMY DUNN: That was a miss -- asking
24 him to hand her something, but it wasn't shepherd her.
25 I don't know what was that word. We can go back and
26 look and see.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I'd like to submit
28 that as something we need to check on, please.

29 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to -- make
30 a motion to accept the -- any other corrections to be
31 made? Make the motion to accept the minutes with the
32 correction. We'll try to get the wording right on
33 page -- what page was that, Ms. Floyd?

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Page 8.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Page 8. Try to get through
36 that. Have a second?

37 TOM ALLEN: Second.

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

41 Moving on now to Citizens Comments, number 4. At
42 this time Mr. Harmon, our county attorney for the ones
43 -- he'll call your name. Ones wishing to speak, come
44 up, you have three minutes. Address the Chair. And
45 keep the items on the first go-around, first part of
46 the meeting, on items that's on our agenda.

47 As I talked to the Reverend a few minutes ago,
48 anyone wishing to speak on the zoning issue, that's a
49 public hearing by itself, you don't have to sign up
50 for it. We ask for you to come up and line up and

1 take your time. Mr. Harmon.
2 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first speaker
3 is Frank Pressly.
4 FRANK PRESSLY: Frank Pressly, District 4.
5 I'm speaking to item number 15. And since Mr.
6 Graham's not here, I guess I'm speaking on deaf ears
7 here. But Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Data
8 Overview, Stepping up Initiative, Resolution 2018
9 should be attached. Data driven justice initiative
10 letter attached. That doesn't tell me a whole lot.
11 Now, what I'm interested in is the progress that we're
12 making with the jail. What's happening with that.
13 That's kind of -- it was on the hot seat subject there
14 for a while, but now that it's gotten kind of quiet we
15 haven't heard too much more about it. I'd be
16 interested in finding out where we're at with the
17 jail. And if we're considering a prison farm or if
18 there's any progress towards that. I would like to
19 hear something more about that from Mr. Graham. I
20 don't know if he'll be here or not. Thank you.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
22 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, the next
23 speaker is Amber McGraw.
24 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. She's fine.
25 LEON HARMON: Next is Kelley Gray.
26 TOMMY DUNN: That's fine. No problem at
27 all.
28 LEON HARMON: Cody Gray.
29 TOMMY DUNN: That's fine.
30 LEON HARMON: Kerry Strathern. Corrine
31 Wallace Fox. Not sure I'm saying this one right.
32 Clam Capelle. Claire Capelle.
33 TOMMY DUNN: Thanks.
34 LEON HARMON: Michael Acquilano. Karen
35 DeCarlo. Carol Overman.
36 TOMMY DUNN: Is that it?
37 LEON HARMON: That's signed up.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.
39 Item 5 we have no ordinances third reading.
40 Ordinance number 6(a), Ordinance second reading.
41 Ordinance authorizing the amendment of Anderson County
42 Ordinance 2014-040 and the documents authorized
43 thereby, in certain limited regards and particulars.
44 Mr. Nelson's not here. Mr. -- this is second reading,
45 we have a motion to move this forward?
46 TOM ALLEN: So moved.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen. We have
48 a second?
49 CINDY WILSON: Second.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any

1 discussion?
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Is there anybody here, Mr.
5 Chair, who could speak on 18-24.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon can.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay good. Mr. Harmon,
8 just bring us up to speed about this. About the
9 ordinance here.
10 LEON HARMON: Yes, ma'am, Ms. Floyd.
11 What this ordinance does is add the official legal
12 company name to the fee agreement for this project.
13 It only had in the project originally the doing
14 business as dba name of Fox Farms. And this will add
15 the legal name of the company to the documents.
16 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor
17 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
18 Show the motion carries unanimously.
19 Moving on to Item number 6(b) 2018-025 an
20 ordinance authorizing the sale of certain property in
21 the Clemson Research Park pursuant to a lease
22 agreement between Anderson County, South Carolina and
23 Anderson County Development Partnership. This is
24 second reading. This is selling -- allowing, which we
25 have no choice in the group to sell the property up on
26 the research -- the research property. We have a
27 motion to move this forward?
28 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
29 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. We have
30 a second?
31 TOM ALLEN: Second.
32 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
33 discussion?
34 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Would you, please, again,
37 just go over the top of this so that the people that
38 are with us tonight can understand what we're talking
39 about.
40 TOMMY DUNN: Just like I said earlier in
41 our statement. This is allowing -- giving the okay to
42 Innovate Anderson to sell the property of the Clemson
43 Research Property on Highway 187 North, giving them
44 the right to sell that property. Fair enough, Mr.
45 Harmon?
46 LEON HARMON: Yes, that's exactly what is
47 happening. The lease agreement that -- under which
48 the county held the property requires us to return it
49 to them upon request and they have requested that the
50 Council do that.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

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

5 Moving on to Item 6(c) 2018-030 an ordinance
6 ordering a referendum to determine whether the South
7 Carolina Department of Revenue may issue temporary
8 permits to allow for the possession, sale and
9 consumption of alcoholic liquors by the drink to bona
10 fide nonprofit organizations and business
11 establishments authorized to be licensed for
12 consumption on premises sales to that of sale of beer
13 and wine on permitted premises locations without
14 regard to the days or hours of sales. Mr. Graham
15 brought this forward. He can't be here tonight. He's
16 out of town. This is second reading. This is to put
17 on the ballot. This is to be put on the ballot.

18 Mr. Harmon, did you have anything you wanted to
19 add to this?

20 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, the document
21 that is before you contains the two ballot questions
22 that state law allows us to put on the ballot. I did
23 modify a couple of items in this ordinance to correct
24 some typos and to make the first whereas provision
25 track state law. And I'll hand that up.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: You said to correct some
27 typos?

28 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham brought this
29 forward. He can't be here tonight. So I'll entertain
30 it on the floor. Do we have a second?

31 CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Wooten. Any
33 discussion?

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Harmon, this thing
35 tonight is just to correct the errors, misspellings
36 and things that were in the first one. That's all
37 this is for?

38 LEON HARMON: That's the only changes
39 that I made in it. There were no changes made to the
40 two ballot questions that will be on the ballot in
41 November.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, but this is also not
43 the wording for what's going to be on the ballot as
44 well, is it?

45 LEON HARMON: Yes, it is.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. The wording ---

47 LEON HARMON: These are the two exact
48 precise questions that will be on the ballot in
49 November.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. I got

1 it. Thank you.

2 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
3 show of hands. All opposed. Abstentions? Show the
4 motion carries Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Wooten and Ms.
5 Wilson in favor. Ms. Floyd abstains.

6 Moving on to Item number 7(a) 2018-026 an
7 ordinance amending the zoning map to rezone +/- 3.86
8 acres from R-A (Residential-Agricultural) to R-M1
9 (Mixed Residential District) at 1226 Massey Road.

10 At this time I'll ask Dr. Parkey to come forward
11 and give us a report.

12 JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes,
13 this request is to rezone the property at 1226 Massey
14 Road from R-A(residential agricultural) to R-M1 (mixed
15 residential) district. The purpose of the request is
16 to provide a group home care -- group care home,
17 excuse me -- for pregnant women. Staff recommended
18 approval. The zoning advisory group did not meet.
19 They could not make a quorum, so they did not meet.
20 So technically comes forward from the zoning advisory
21 group as a recommendation for approval and then
22 finally the Planning Commission recommended approval
23 on their meeting of July 9th.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Dr. Parkey.
25 Appreciate it. At this time we'll go into a public
26 hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter one
27 way or the other, step forward, state your name, your
28 district, and address the Chair, please. I'm sorry.

29 TOM ALLEN: Would you want to note a
30 whole bunch of them ---

31 TOMMY DUNN: I've already talked to
32 them. Anyone wishing to step forward, just come on
33 down and state your name. Yes, sir. Right in that
34 microphone.

35 TED DOOLEY: I'm Ted Dooley. I'm a
36 resident at 1221 Massey Road. And I'm against
37 rezoning that 3.87 acres. And I know there are
38 several here. We live right there at that road,
39 within feet. And we're totally against rezoning.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

41 MARY THRETE: I'm Mary Threte.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Get that microphone for
43 her, Mr. Burns. You fine.

44 MARY THRETE: Yes, I'm Mary Threte. And
45 I live at 1226, which that road would go right in
46 front of my house, and I'm just not for this. I just
47 don't think this is the right place for this type of
48 home. Thank you.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

50 TERRI STRATHERN: My name is Terri Strathern.

1 I live at 2208 East North Avenue in Anderson. And I
2 am in support of the home. I think it's a worthy
3 cause.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

5 ERIN DUCARLO: Erin DuCarlo. I live at
6 2212 East North Avenue in Anderson. I'm in support of
7 the home. Thank you.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

9 CAROL OVERMAN: My name is Carol Overman.
10 I live at 116 Woodridge Court in Anderson. And I also
11 am in support of this home.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

13 AMBER MCGRAW: My name is Amber McGraw and
14 I reside at 106 ??? which is about 100 yards from the
15 driveway off Massey. I do have a copy of all the
16 emails and information that was sent over if you guys
17 want to see this. It has roughly twenty people in our
18 neighborhood that communicated that they are not in
19 favor of this moving in. And the reason why
20 specifically for me is that I grew up in this area, I
21 have lived in this area for 20 years. A year out of
22 college I bought a house in this area. I went to Wren
23 High School, I played on the soccer team. I remember
24 what it looked like when I moved here. And I'm sure
25 you guys are aware of what's happened in Greenville.
26 What's happened to -- I mean, my gosh, little
27 Powdersville, it's growing. And I know that this is
28 only three acres; however, I feel like this is just a
29 doorway into more re-zonings. I do support the
30 mission. I don't support the area. I just don't
31 think it's a good place. You're smack up in the
32 middle of a neighborhood. And so for that, I am
33 against the rezoning on Massey Road. Thank you.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Would you please ask the
37 speakers to please speak a little louder so we can
38 hear you.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, sir.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me, Mr. Chair.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: We only heard a bit of what
43 she said. Okay. So please speak up louder so we can
44 ---

45 TOMMY DUNN: We got it. Okay, sir. Go
46 ahead.

47 RICH STRAUT: My name is Rich Straut. I
48 live at 110 McBrie Lane which is just in the Massey
49 subdivision, not more than 200 feet from where this
50 proposed unit is going in. I have about three or four

1 things to say about it.

2 The nearest hospital is thirty to -- at least
3 thirty minutes away. They're with the St. Francis
4 hospital. There is no emergency care in this area to
5 put at-risk pregnant women in this area.

6 Number 2, once you rezone this particular three
7 acres with the M1 designation what else will this move
8 into the area? This has been a residential
9 agricultural area for all of its existence. Slabtown
10 is historic. As soon as you make part of it M1, other
11 people will be coming in to make other parts of it M1.
12 Why would you want to spoil the RA designation for
13 this property just to, you know, -- and it's putting
14 an area that is not supported well by services, and
15 you're putting at-risk pregnant women in this house
16 with the nearest hospital thirty to forty minutes
17 away. Thank you.

18 CODY GRAY: I'm Cody Gray. I live at 105
19 McBrie Lane. It's also a part of the Massey Estates
20 neighborhood. It's right up the road from the guy
21 that just spoke. I am against the rezoning. One of
22 my biggest things is, just like he said, the closest
23 hospital who they have a partnership with is St.
24 Francis. I actually looked it up. It's twenty-seven
25 minutes from our area to St. Francis. So in any type
26 of emergency, I mean, how are they actually going to
27 get there for the help for the kids or, you know, a
28 pregnant woman. Also, in their mission statement,
29 they're talking about these ladies being able to get
30 back on their feet in the workforce or at school. The
31 closest high school for any, you know, woman that may
32 be eighteen years at the age or younger, is eight
33 minutes. So that's a sixteen minute round trip just
34 to get to school. And you know, the closest college
35 is Greenville Tech. It's twenty-five minutes to
36 Greenville Tech. I'm currently pursuing my education
37 further, so I'm, you know, I'm going to Greenville
38 Tech multiple times a week and I know the stress it
39 puts on myself so I can only imagine, you know, a
40 pregnant woman that's going through a crisis trying to
41 get back in school.

42 You know, I feel like something like this is
43 better suited for a city environment where they're
44 able to, you know, walk to work. The closest places
45 we have around us to work is a convenient store and a
46 Dollar General. So that's another thing on their
47 mission statement is trying to get women back in a
48 workforce. There's nowhere to work around our area.
49 I mean, it's a residential. You know, we have to go
50 out of town in a sense to be able to go to work each

1 day. So if they're trying to put somebody back into
2 work, I just don't see our area being the correct
3 place for that.

4 Another thing I got, is I was looking on their
5 website and their journey, they said we have met with
6 architects and have the first draft of renderings for
7 the home. We have searched for land in the Greenville
8 area for this home. We have issued a letter of intent
9 to purchase approximately two acres of land near the
10 St. Francis hospital. That's on their website. We're
11 not St. Francis, we're not two acres right beside the
12 hospital. So if they're saying that on their website,
13 their donors, who, you know, give money, expect hey,
14 these ladies are going to the hospital, they're in a
15 city environment. So they're telling their donors,
16 hey we're doing this, but yet, they're twenty-five
17 minutes from there. So if they're telling their
18 donors that, what aren't they telling us?

19 Thank you, guys.

20 CLAIRE CAPPEL: Hey, Guys. Okay, just stop
21 me if you can't hear anything, but I just want to do a
22 little bit of an introduction. My name is Claire
23 Cappel. And I live currently in Greenville, South
24 Carolina, and I'm speaking with Michael for the home
25 with the diocese.

26 So just a little bit of a background. I grew up
27 in Greenville and I've lived there for the past
28 sixteen years of my life. Since living there I have
29 learned how we're supposed to take care of those who
30 are less fortunate than us. And through growing up in
31 this great environment I had a dream whenever I was in
32 sixth grade, so this was about -- if I do the math --
33 twelve years ago. So almost half of my life. I had a
34 dream where I woke up and I -- in the dream I saw the
35 effects and the horrors that abortion causes. And so,
36 I woke up from the dream. I talked to my mom, and
37 together we decided we can't just sit there waiting
38 for something to happen. These women are going
39 through crisis pregnancies right now and we have to do
40 something about it. So that led to the formation of a
41 walk in which all the proceeds went to Birthright, the
42 local pro-life agency.

43 And then years down the road, I had another dream
44 and in this dream there was a home and it was as if
45 God was saying this is the next step. This is what
46 you need to do. This home is what's going to help
47 those women who have no place to turn to because their
48 family have kicked them out. This is the solution.

49 So from that dream when I woke up again and talked
50 to my mom again, because, you know, most people don't

1 really listen to a person in eighth grade at that
2 point. And that small group led to an even larger
3 group. And that larger group led to an even larger
4 group. And that was six years ago. And then,
5 whenever this land and this beautiful home popped up
6 it was as if all of our dreams, every hope that we had
7 had was answered, just by looking at it. And for the
8 people who haven't seen it, I mean, heck, I would move
9 in there. This place is beautiful. It's on a hundred
10 acres. It's -- it has so much land for the women.
11 And one of our major goals whenever we were going
12 through the whole process was we want something that
13 these women -- it's not an institution, it's not a
14 hospital. Somewhere that they can live and they can
15 feel as though they are at home themselves. And so,
16 this decision not only affects just one family moving
17 in there. But has the potential to affect thousands
18 of potential lives that could be helped by doing this.
19 So thank you so much.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

21 KAREN WALLACE: I'm Karen Wallace Fox. I
22 live at 133 McAlister Drive, Pendleton, South
23 Carolina. And I am in support of Claire's house.

24 MICHAEL AQUILETTO: My name is Michael
25 Aquiletto and I'm here on behalf of the diocese of
26 Charleston. And so, obviously the home is named after
27 Claire and her dream, that's why it's referred to as
28 St. Claire's Home. And I'm just going to go through a
29 quick thing -- a few quick things.

30 First, the property we selected, and I know the
31 concerns about it being in a residential area. One of
32 the reasons we picked it was because it was on a
33 hundred and five acres and we imagined that buffer
34 being an important part of the rezoning and part of
35 the women having the scenic serene pregnancy -- time
36 in their pregnancy. And so, that plus the -- there's
37 also a radio tower nearby that's on a substantial
38 amount of property. That's also another buffer. And
39 we're only rezoning the 3.8 I believe it is, or 3.7
40 acres. We're not rezoning the hundred and five
41 because we're not looking to do anything. There will
42 be no growth on this property. The home is perfect as
43 is. We're only doing two things to the property upon
44 the sale; fixing the front gate and making it nicer,
45 stronger. And then adding a fence in front of the
46 pool so that any children that were there do not go in
47 the pool unexpectedly.

48 So the home is perfect, we do not need to do
49 anything to it. And we looked at a lot of homes and I
50 really appreciate the comments about the website, I

1 will definitely email someone about that tonight.
2 This has been a six year process and that was what
3 they were doing six years ago. But unfortunately for
4 a number of reasons that didn't occur. And so we've
5 been for the last five and a half years, looking at
6 properties and fund raising and the goal was actually
7 to put them in a rural community, which is what we
8 have found here.

9 The women in the home, I know there's been some
10 discussion about that, the women are pregnant. We are
11 not taking in anybody, just anybody. They have to be
12 you know, stable, they can't come in as drug abusers
13 or alcoholics. We can't risk the life of the other
14 mothers in the home or the employees.

15 And then I want to add this too. The company that
16 we're working with -- so we're the Catholic Church
17 that's going to be purchasing the property. But we're
18 partnering with an organization that's based out of
19 Hoboken, New Jersey that does this only. This is only
20 what they do. They have seven homes, three of which
21 are in New York, outside of the city in the boroughs
22 of New York. They've never had any issues with law
23 enforcement in the thirty-three years in all seven
24 homes. And they even have a home similar to this that
25 is on three and a half acres in Alabama. Again, no
26 issues in their thirty-three years.

27 And then, I think that's everything I have. If
28 there's any questions you have particular to the
29 property though, I'd be the one that could help answer
30 them for you, so please let me know if I can answer
31 anything for you. Thank you.

32 KELLIE GRAY: Hi, my name is Kellie Gray. I
33 reside at 105 McBrie Lane. I am not in favor of this.
34 Now, I want to start off by saying I am in favor of
35 their mission and their cause. I just don't believe
36 that -- I would prefer it not be directly in front of
37 my neighborhood and directly two houses in front of
38 me. My sister, one of the ones earlier, you said you
39 couldn't understand, she actually lives in my
40 neighborhood. And her and I have grown up here for
41 twenty years and we love it. We love it just the way
42 it is. We don't want to see anything change. You
43 know, we like it just the way it is. And she is even
44 closer to that. So me personally as her older sister,
45 I don't want that closer to her. You know, nothing
46 against these women. I believe in their cause and I
47 believe they need a place. But I believe that could
48 be sought and found somewhere else. I don't want that
49 anywhere near where I live. I was like, you know,
50 personally, I just don't want to see it change. I

1 don't want to see anything change from the way it is.
2 You know, like she said, I'm afraid of things, you
3 know, continuing down the road and being, you know,
4 once again looked at and re-evaluated to change into
5 something else. So personally right now, I'm not in
6 favor of this being approved. Thank you.

7 DWIGHT DECARLO: Good evening. My name is
8 Dwight DeCarlo. I live at 2212 East North Avenue.
9 And I just don't -- I can't understand -- I've never
10 heard of young pregnant women being a threat to a
11 neighborhood. I just haven't. Has there been any
12 studies? I'm sure there's homes all over the United
13 States just for this purpose. Has anyone done a study
14 to see what the impact is, and I'll bet you'll find
15 that there's a positive impact, not a negative impact.
16 It's a Christian thing to do. Thank you.

17 JIM THOMPSON: My name is Jim Thompson and
18 I'm from 841 Worley Street, Pendleton. I grew up in
19 a mixed residential rural neighborhood. And I've
20 found it to be a wonderful experience and a great way
21 to grow up and I think this would be a great
22 opportunity for the pregnant women who need it.

23 FREDDY BRYANT: My name is Freddy Bryant,
24 1479 Massey Road. I guess I've got a lot of
25 questions. What kind of shelter is this? Is it just
26 pregnant women? Are they battered women? Alcoholic?
27 What are we dealing with? You know, will there be
28 security? You know, are those people going to be
29 leaving? What are they going to do? I know it's
30 about getting them jobs and pregnant women having
31 babies. Where do those babies go? There's sure a lot
32 of questions to be answered to what happens to these
33 people when they leave there. I don't want it.

34 KIM BRYANT: And we own the property.
35 I'm Kim Bryant. We own the property right in front of
36 it.

37 FREDDIE BRYANT: And I own some behind it,
38 too, that joins it. Forty-two acres behind it that
39 joins it.

40 KIM BRYANT: I have a lot of questions
41 about what's going on. Anybody can say they have a
42 dream.

43 ???: (Inaudible for a while) I
44 just think that there's other places that you can put
45 this. I'm sure the county owns land that they can buy
46 that is already zoned for this. I just don't have any
47 understanding of why you would want to put it in a
48 residential place. And it affects us on Massey Road,
49 not those guys over there at St. Francis. I don't --
50 I'm an adopted child. So I understand what they're

1 saying, but still I **(break in tape)** their choice.
2 Everybody makes choices and I just don't think that
3 for their choice, what they've done that they should
4 be punished or that I should be punished. Thank you.

5 AUDY PEREZ: My name is Audy Perez, I live
6 in 113 ??? Way and I'm totally against it. Reason is,
7 I actually moved from New Jersey here to work. We're
8 over here to be calm to people away from the city and
9 you're bringing the city to us again. You know, like
10 that's how I feel. I have a five year old and had a
11 little accent but I'm totally against it. I bought a
12 house for the reason to be calm, I don't want no cars
13 passing fast. That's why we're away from the road.
14 So a dead end. No cars go through there. That's in
15 the main street. I'm totally against it. I support
16 whatever you want, as long as they're close to the
17 city, but I don't support it close to residential
18 homes like we are right now.

19 We actually moved in for that reason. It's a
20 residential home, it's a family home where you have
21 fun and you enjoy your kids walking in the street. To
22 have paramedics running around up and down, I've been
23 there, done that, have a five year old likes going
24 across the street to play with his friends back and
25 forth. What happens if ??? somebody does a U turn
26 right there. Going to emergency to take a woman to
27 the hospital which is 25 minutes away, 27 minutes
28 away, like everybody is saying. And my kid definitely
29 crossing the street. Thousand of that. I'm a
30 plumber, I've been in rehab centers here, too. So I
31 know how it goes. So, I'm totally against that. I'm
32 sorry. I support them, but I don't support the way --
33 where they're actually building it.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

35 KATIE MELANI: My name is Katie Melani. I
36 live in 113 ??? . ??? is my husband. We have a five
37 year old and a sixteen year old. We have animals in
38 the house. We have, you know, it's our little family.
39 Like he said, we chose this area over -- a little bit
40 over two years ago because it was just perfect to
41 raise our kids. It's nice, it's quiet, it's simple,
42 it's safe. I don't agree with putting a business
43 really so close. Like it's just a couple of houses up
44 the street from me and I don't agree with this.

45 So I'm with the cause, I actually think it's
46 really cool if people, you know, do this for those in-
47 need women, but I don't want them close to my house.
48 I could have chosen any other house close to the
49 street, I mean, close to the city, but we chose this
50 one because it was away from everyone, from everybody

1 else, all the traffic, all the -- you know, it's just
2 not what we want. And like everybody else said here,
3 I want my kids to live here after we're gone and
4 that's not going to happen if there's businesses in
5 this area. So please, I don't want it. Thank you.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thanks. You've
7 already spoke, haven't you? No, have to let people
8 speak that haven't spoke.

9 SETH THOMPSON: I'm Seth Thompson. Becca is
10 my wife. We're at 1460 Massey Road. We are not in
11 favor of this. We started our dream five years ago,
12 actually seven years ago buying that piece of
13 property. We have seventy-five acres. A lot of that
14 property joins that hundred acres. Now, are they
15 going to fence that whole hundred acres? We trail
16 ride horses. We have horses up on the front of our
17 property. I do hunting back there. I mean, and they
18 say they want people -- the women to have that serene
19 feeling where they can walk through the woods and I'm
20 all in favor of that. There's plenty of property out
21 here in Anderson. Not far from town here. It's not
22 safe, the neighborhood behind that hundred acres.
23 It's -- y'all need to ride through it. It's not a
24 favorable place for a place like this. For a women's
25 home, it's not the place. I'm totally in favor for
26 that, I have a daughter right here. She ever got in
27 trouble, I would want her to have a place for her to
28 go to, if me and my wife couldn't give it to her.
29 Where it's at, where you want to put it, not the
30 place. Thank you.

31 BECCA THOMPSON: Also, I'd like to say we
32 have, you know, it's a liability issue. We hunt on
33 our property. It backs right up to that hundred
34 acres, we trail ride our horses, have horses in
35 pastures. What happens if those women -- what happens
36 if they get out or you know, they're wanting to do
37 whatever. I mean, that's a liability issue. And it
38 decreases the property value having a business that
39 close. Thank you.

40 JOHNNA STRATHERN: I'm Johnna Strathern, I live
41 at 2208 East North Avenue and I am for the women's
42 home. I -- there seems to be some confusion about
43 what this home is. It is a home. There are residents
44 just as these people and the neighborhood. It's not a
45 business. The women are not prisoners. They're not
46 going to get out and cause trouble. They are living
47 in a safe place, just as you are. And I think that
48 you should give them the opportunity. Thank you.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

50 DENNIS KINDS: My name is Dennis Kinds, I

1 live at 1527 Massey Road. I've got 10 or 12 acres
2 right down below this place. Forty something acres
3 that borders the back side of it. We've got two lots
4 on 88 (inaudible all of a sudden).
5 TOMMY DUNN: Y'all have already had
6 y'all's turn. We can't go with everybody, you know,
7 speaking two or three times. But I think we heard
8 y'all loud and clear. Anyone else wanting to speak to
9 this? New. Yes, ma'am.
10 ????: (No audio.)
11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
12 Anyone? Before we close the public hearing?
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, before you
14 close it, the lady whom we could not hear when she
15 first started, I would like for her to -- maybe to
16 come back.
17 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Let her come back on
18 up here. Let Ms. Floyd hear what she's got to say.
19 She didn't hear.
20 GRACIE FLOYD: I think there's something
21 wrong with that mic, Mr. Burns.
22 TOM ALLEN: You have to get real close.
23 AMBER MCGRAW: My name is Amber McGraw and
24 I reside at 103 ??? Way which is the first house on
25 the left as you come into the neighborhood, which is
26 roughly about fifty to a hundred yards to the
27 driveway. As I mentioned earlier, I grew up in the
28 area. I've been here for roughly twenty years. I
29 bought my first home a year out of college in Massey
30 Estates. You talk about living your dream and like I
31 said, I've grown up in this area. I love this area.
32 The point I made earlier was that we are not
33 against the cause. And I think it's important to say
34 that just because we're against it moving in the
35 neighborhood isn't to say that we're for abortion. Or
36 against them in the whole. It's just against them
37 coming into our neighborhood which is primarily a
38 neighborhood of kids. I mean, just last night I hung
39 out with my neighbor Derrick and my brother-in-law
40 helped to build his trampoline. And I just think it's
41 important to point out that, you know, although it is
42 only the three acres, look at what's happened to
43 Anderson. I mean, my goodness, look at what's
44 happening to Greenville. And Powdersville. When I
45 moved here twenty years ago it was just a CVS and a
46 Waffle House and now it's booming.
47 So in conclusion, we are not against your dream or
48 your mission. We're not for abortion or for
49 abandoning women that are in a crisis pregnancy. We
50 are in fact against just moving that type of dream to

1 our neighborhood where we have made our financial and
2 emotional dreams come true by buying a home. So that
3 is all I have to say. But I am against them coming to
4 our neighborhood. Thank you.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else who hasn't
6 spoken? Anyone at all? Hearing and seeing none,
7 public hearing will be closed. Council.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I have several, a lot
9 of questions. First of all, the thing that was
10 supposed to have happened, and I don't understand why
11 it did, you folks were supposed to have had a hearing
12 with the people chosen for the -- some kind of
13 committee -- you were supposed to have gone. But I
14 saw where they couldn't get enough people to come and
15 sit while you talked to them. So you couldn't do
16 that.

17 So here you are now, you come to Council, and
18 we're glad to see you. Anytime we can get anybody to
19 come here, we're glad to see you. But the thing is, I
20 know very little about this. It was just like I came
21 to the meeting tonight and here we all are, but we
22 don't know what's going on. There are two sides. And
23 we don't know just what's going on.

24 But my heart is breaking because this is the kind
25 of thing that will break up a fine community where you
26 have difference of opinions and that's fine. And
27 you've had a chance to say how you felt. Did you all
28 realize that you had no time limits to the speaking?
29 Y'all didn't know that? Well, anyway, you could have
30 talked as long as you wanted because there was no time
31 limits to this so that you could get out your
32 feelings. You could express exactly how you feel
33 about this.

34 But now I have questions like, there was a man who
35 spoke who said that he was told that they would not
36 rezone the property for him. I would like to have
37 talked to him some more. I want to know about the
38 hospital closest was -- was it Mary Francis hospital
39 closest to them? Is that right? What is it? Mary
40 Francis? Oh, St. Francis. Okay. I would like to
41 know about that, was there property closer that could
42 have been used for this thing? Also, I would have
43 liked to have found out from the lady -- I think that
44 she and the man from Charleston. There was a man from
45 Charleston, and a pretty young lady that stood and
46 said that she was the one that had all the dreams, you
47 know, about this thing. I would like to have talked
48 to her some more. It's just not enough information.

49 What I'd like to see happen is that we start from
50 the top again. Everybody go back to that board and do

1 the meeting like it was supposed -- there was some
2 reason why they could not get a quorum. Did I say
3 that right? There was some reason you couldn't get a
4 quorum that night and I wonder why. That was how the
5 whole thing was set up. You go, you talk to these
6 people, recommended by your Council member and your
7 community who know all the details and then after you
8 talk to them both sides, then it comes to Council.
9 And we listen to it from a perspective of people from
10 that area. But I would like to see it start all over
11 there. If I had to figure this out on a winner or
12 loser, I couldn't do it. It's just not enough
13 information.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen. Was you wanting
15 to talk?

16 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I have about half a
17 dozen short questions. Can you hear me okay? All
18 right.

19 Just so I'm clear, this total area is a hundred
20 acres. Correct? But you're only going to rezone
21 3.86? Okay. There's already a house on the property.
22 Correct? Someone's been living there, have they?
23 Okay. All right. How many pregnant women can this
24 house hold? Eight, max. Okay. Is there a Mr. Kozack
25 or Mr. Ables here? They are large property owners on
26 the back side I noticed on the map here. I didn't --
27 unless I missed the name, I didn't hear them speak. I
28 don't know what their feeling is on it. That was my
29 only question. But if they're not here, we'll let
30 that go. How long will the women stay?

31 ?????: (No audio)

32 TOM ALLEN: And then, at that time, do
33 they have to get out, or have you found jobs for them
34 or something at that point?

35 ??????: (No audio)

36 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Are there any other
37 properties that you're looking at or that you might
38 have in mind? This was the only one that you have.
39 Okay. And one last question, just for my benefit.
40 Those of you who are against it, would you just raise
41 your hand. Those against. Now, those who are for
42 raise your hands. Okay. All right. Thank you very
43 much.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Now wait. Listen. We
45 can't have this back and forth. This ain't a public
46 --- for that right there. Mr. Allen, Council member's
47 had a right to ask a few question, what you call it.
48 You got your questions answered, Mr. Allen?

49 TOM ALLEN: Yes, thank you.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

1 CINDY WILSON: May I? I never expected to
2 walk into this tonight. I read over the proposal and
3 it sounded nice. But it only indicated about three
4 plus acres. And the thing that's most disturbing to
5 me that while these lovely people who have invested so
6 much time and effort into this mission and cause want
7 so desperately for it to succeed, they live nowhere
8 near it. Most of you live anywhere from thirty
9 minutes to an hour further away. And we have all of
10 these people who live right there who feel that
11 they'll be negatively impacted. I have real concerns
12 when it's juxtaposed in that manner.

13 I know there's a need for this sort of thing. We
14 have the Anderson Crisis Pregnancy Center here that
15 does quite well and performs a great mission to help
16 those people in need. I contribute. I know a lot of
17 others do, too. But I've very concerned when the
18 people who are for this rezoning don't live anywhere
19 near it and those who are concerned and most oppose
20 it, live right there. That's something that should
21 definitely be considered. Thank you.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten, you have
23 anything?

24 CRAIG WOOTEN: Dr. Parkey, from the
25 staff's recommendation, I guess you had said staff
26 recommended yes and also the Planning Commission
27 recommended yes. Do you have notes of the -- of why
28 you said yes, or why the Planning Commission said yes
29 on those?

30 JEFF PARKEY: One moment, Mr. Wooten, and
31 I'll see if I have. I don't have the minutes from the
32 Planning Commission meeting, but ... The residential
33 character, we felt the home was compatible with the
34 residential character indicated in the future land use
35 map. And then, in addition to that, there will be a
36 variance that's required if the rezoning is approved
37 because the group care home is an exception, would be
38 allowed with exception. So the applicant would have
39 to go to the Board of Zoning Appeals if this rezoning
40 is approved.

41 CRAIG WOOTEN: So that I understand the
42 process. If it were approved in one, there would
43 still be a second step for a variance to happen for
44 the home to reach its ultimate goal?

45 JEFF PARKEY: Correct. The group care
46 home is allowed in a special exception in RM-1.

47 TOMMY DUNN: We got to pass it. If it
48 passes tonight it'll have two more readings. It's
49 three readings to make this ---

50 CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay. And from staff's

1 interpretation, what -- do you sort of read aloud and
2 define what M-1 states is allowed.
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Wooten, I don't
4 understand your question. What was it?
5 CRAIG WOOTEN: I'd asked -- the staff had
6 recommended yes on this project and the Planning
7 Commission had recommended yes on this project. And I
8 was curious as to what their notes were and their
9 rationale for why they recommended yes.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But it was the
11 advisory group that did not even meet on it.
12 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. The second group
13 didn't make a quorum of the citizens.
14 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. So okay. That's the
15 part that gets me, that we skipped a process in this
16 thing. When the district -- when the advisory group
17 did not meet on July the 5th due to a lack of quorum,
18 and when this type of information comes down to us
19 like that, it is my feelings that we should have to
20 look at all of the entities that were involved in this
21 type thing before it comes to us where it's going to
22 take a decision one way or the other. And that
23 decision is going to fall on us. But if we don't have
24 all the information that we need, how can we be
25 expected to vote yes or no. How can we even be
26 expected to take it to a second -- we have to have
27 three readings. How can we even take it to three
28 readings? In the past what we have done is we've
29 said, okay, we'll just take it to three readings
30 because we have three readings to, you know, to -- but
31 I just think that we need to start from the beginning.
32 Let's get this thing right. Let's take it back.
33 Let's go back and turn over every piece of rock that
34 we need to.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Dr. Parkey.
36 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm not through.
37 TOMMY DUNN: He had the floor, Ms.
38 Floyd. Mr. Wooten had the floor.
39 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Wooten, will you yield
40 three minutes to me, please?
41 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, ma'am. Three minutes.
42 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. The whole thing
43 is that these people come to us for real decisions.
44 They're the ones who are living out there. They're
45 the ones who are saying it's okay with me. They're
46 the ones who are saying, no, it's not. So how are we
47 going to get in there and split it up without having
48 all of the information? Mr. Wooten, thank you for
49 your three minutes.
50 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, ma'am. And there was

1 a lead-up to my question. The M-1 has to happen and
2 then a variance has to happen, I guess. If this home
3 were to leave this property five years from now, what
4 would allow to go there based on that M-1 and that
5 variance. Because there is a concern there, whether
6 or not you're for or against the home, there is a
7 future concern of what M-1 with a variance would allow
8 at a later date and that was, from staff's
9 interpretation, I wanted to understand what that
10 meant.

11 JEFF PARKEY: So, permitted uses in the
12 RM-1 district, Mr. Wooten, recreational area, single
13 family detached dwelling, single family detached
14 dwelling manufactured multi-section home, single
15 family attached dwelling not more than two dwelling
16 units, single family attached dwelling three or more
17 dwelling units subject to provisions of section 6-12,
18 two family duplex, home occupations are allowed,
19 residential continuing care, retirement center, and
20 also then uses permitted by special exception, child
21 care, church, communication tower, family care home,
22 fire station, golf course, group care home, group
23 office development, nursing continuing care,
24 retirement center, police station, private recreation
25 area, public park, recycling drop box, school,
26 transportation and utility easements, apothecary,
27 barber shop, beauty shop, cafeteria, floral shop,
28 newsstand, optician. That's about it. Sandwich shop.
29 That last group is by special exception including the
30 group care.

31 CRAIG WOOTEN: Would the special exception
32 carry with the property? I know the zoning would
33 carry with the property. Would the special exception
34 carry with the property?

35 JEFF PARKEY: I believe yes.

36 CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay.

37 JEFF PARKEY: I could clarify that, but

38 ...

39 TOMMY DUNN: Listen. You got anything
40 else?

41 CRAIG WOOTEN: No, I'm good.

42 TOMMY DUNN: My belief, and I hate it,
43 the one that I wish was here to speak to this is
44 Councilman that represents this area. Unfortunately
45 he's sick tonight and couldn't make it. But we have
46 went through the process. You know, it's not fair for
47 the ones asking. The process is set up for a reason.
48 It's not fair for the people that's asking for a
49 variance or the people that wants it not to change
50 when somebody can't get together for a meeting and

1 drag the thing out. That's the reason the process, it
2 says in the ordinance, it goes to the next level,
3 Planning Commission which has public hearing, input
4 and that. And then it comes -- ultimately it's going
5 to be the County Council anyway.

6 My only thing is this is very worthwhile thing,
7 but you've heard tonight -- I've been through these
8 things, used to be on the Planning Commission. When
9 people get things about their property, they start,
10 you know, heard a lot of accusations tonight that just
11 don't, you know, make sense. But the bottom line,
12 facts are, two things. When you look at a piece of
13 property, you need to make sure about if it is zoned
14 or not. Because people are very, very particular
15 about zoning areas in Anderson County. I know that
16 firsthand about changing zoning.

17 Second thing is is like the point Mr. Wooten was
18 trying to get it's okay this thing we pass this great
19 endeavor and move on. Something happens in a few
20 years and then you heard all these other things this
21 could turn into. And we got no control over that.
22 Don't come back. It is a thing, but I just think
23 people have got rights, too, about zoning. People are
24 very passionate about zoning and go through their
25 things in this process to get this property zoned for
26 a certain thing and not to be. And so, my
27 recommendation is I make a motion to deny on zoning.
28 Second Ms. Wilson. Now discussion. Mr. Allen, you
29 got something?

30 GRACIE FLOYD: I have something while he's
31 waiting. Mr. Chair, I don't -- I don't think that's
32 the best thing in the best interest of the whole
33 thing. We were given this thing here tonight. We got
34 the information on Friday, we looked through it and
35 then we came today and all the people were here and
36 each one of them brought up how they really felt about
37 this. And now you're saying that we go with the ones
38 who want it or don't want it.

39 TOMMY DUNN: I said deny.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Deny.

41 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But that means that
43 they don't get it either. The ones who -- I just
44 think -- do you have all the information that's really
45 needed to come up ---

46 TOMMY DUNN: I do.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I don't.

48 TOMMY DUNN: I respect that.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: And that makes it harder
50 for me. I'm asking for more time. I'm asking for

1 let's go back and give these people another
2 opportunity to both of them be heard by all of the
3 process that we've done. But just to sit here and say
4 well, I deny it. What do we deny? **(Break in tape)**.
5 The fact that we don't want it or the fact we want
6 them to have it. Whatever. But I just don't think --
7 sir, you can't speak now. Okay. But I'm sorry to
8 have to say that, but that's the way it goes here.
9 But I just don't think that we can do it like that. I
10 think we need more time.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

12 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, there are two things
13 that to me weigh heavily on this. One, I don't see
14 where this home would be a really big problem.
15 There's already a house there with seven children in
16 it. Okay. If it turns over to this group, there
17 might be eight people there. Terms were used like if
18 they get out. I mean, it sounds like a cage or
19 something. I don't think pregnant women are going to
20 run around the neighborhood and create a whole lot of
21 trouble.

22 On the other hand, something that weighs very
23 heavily on this, is we are called representatives of
24 the people. We're County Council representatives.
25 And a lot of the people out here that as Ms. Wilson
26 brought up, rightly so, that live right adjacent to
27 the property don't want it. And we have to represent
28 these people. Like I said, I don't see any big
29 problem of three acres out of a hundred and the type
30 of home you want to put on it. I think it's a worthy
31 endeavor. But the people adjacent to it don't seem to
32 want it. Some of the arguments are just simply NIMBY
33 -- not in my back yard. Period. The end. That's was
34 the only reason. But yet, they don't want it and we
35 do have to represent the people of Anderson County.
36 So I'm in a quandary on that one. But that's all I
37 had to say. Thank you.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

39 CRAIG WOOTEN: Is this in Councilman's
40 Waters' district?

41 TOMMY DUNN: Yes.

42 CRAIG WOOTEN: Since Councilman Waters is
43 an elected representative of the people who live in
44 this district, could we table it until he's in
45 attendance?

46 TOMMY DUNN: If y'all think it's going
47 to make a difference. Are we putting something off or
48 just kicking the can down the road?

49 CRAIG WOOTEN: I mean I know it can be
50 seen as kicking the can down the road, but that is

1 their representative. I mean I represent District 1,
2 we're in the city of Anderson. I mean, I'd welcome
3 the home. I think it's a great thing, but he's
4 ultimately the one that's elected by the folks that
5 live out there. I'd be curious as to what he has to
6 say about it. But I mean we can either vote to table
7 or we can vote straight up.
8 TOMMY DUNN: We got a motion on the
9 floor right now. We'll take care of that and if that
10 don't go, we'll go to table it. All in favor of the
11 motion to deny show of hands. All opposed.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, excuse me. Three.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Show the motion fails to
14 deny with Ms. Wilson and Mr. Dunn in favor. Mr.
15 Allen, Ms. Floyd, and Mr. Wooten opposed. You got a
16 motion?
17 CRAIG WOOTEN: Could we make a motion to
18 table it until Councilman Waters is present?
19 GRACIE FLOYD: I second it.
20 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Wooten and
21 second by Ms. Floyd. All in favor of the motion show
22 hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.
23 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.
24 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.
25 TOM ALLEN: I'd like to just say I want
26 to apologize to all of you that showed up tonight and
27 then to end up this way to say we have to put it off
28 for another two weeks. But I really think it is only
29 fair to have the Councilman here from the district
30 that represents you. And also since the other board,
31 the Advisory Group, didn't get to meet, you know,
32 there are some loose ends to this thing. So I think
33 it is in our best interest to go ahead and wait until
34 he gets here and see what he wants to do. Thank you.
35 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.
36 TOMMY DUNN: Y'all want to take a ---
37 GRACIE FLOYD: I was talking.
38 TOMMY DUNN: That's not over with, Ms.
39 Floyd. You want to -- what you got to say?
40 GRACIE FLOYD: I wanted to say something.
41 TOMMY DUNN: Well, go ahead.
42 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Folks, this
43 time, try to make sure, find out why these people
44 cannot come to the quorum so you can get your business
45 work done. And I invite you to come back to the
46 Council meeting. I know you live a distance away, but
47 I invite you to come back to the Council meetings so
48 you can see how things really work here. And I sure
49 do thank you for coming.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now to Item

1 number 7(b) 2018-027 an ordinance authorizing the
2 execution of a lease purchase agreement in an amount
3 not exceeding \$5,400,000 relating to the leasing and
4 purchasing of certain vehicles.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, yeah, Ms. Floyd, I
7 got it.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I call for a
9 recess until the people have ---
10 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to take about a
11 two minute thing. These people get out of the thing
12 we're going to start meeting back. We've got a full
13 agenda tonight.
14 GRACIE FLOYD: You said what, now?
15 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to take -- soon
16 as these people get out we're going to start back.
17 We're going to sit right here until these people get
18 out.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm not going to sit. I'm
20 going to get up.
21 TOMMY DUNN: You go ahead and do what
22 you need to do.
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
24 TOM ALLEN: Tommy, on that table thing,
25 do we need to have a time frame on that?
26 TOMMY DUNN: Y'all said two weeks. You
27 said next meeting.
28 TOM ALLEN: Yeah.
29 TOMMY DUNN: So that's next meeting.
30 TOM ALLEN: Next meeting.
31 TOMMY DUNN: That's right. And if Mr.
32 Waters ain't here, then ---
33 TOM ALLEN: Then we got to do
34 something.
35 TOMMY DUNN: I think that's the reason
36 he wasn't here tonight.
37 TOM ALLEN: Think you might be right.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Rusty, will you help the
39 deputy get them out? Get them out. Let's get this
40 meeting going.
41 Okay, Ms. Davis.
42 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr.
43 Chairman.
44 TOMMY DUNN: 7(b) 2018-027 an ordinance
45 authorizing the execution of a lease purchase
46 agreement in an amount not exceeding \$5,400,000
47 relating to the leasing and purchasing of certain
48 vehicles, equipment and personal property, the
49 execution of necessary documents and closing papers.
50 This was in our budget. This is just putting this

1 forward. We have a motion to move this forward?
2 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. We have
4 a second?
5 TOM ALLEN: Second.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
7 discussion?
8 CINDY WILSON: May I ask a question?
9 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
10 CINDY WILSON: Are we anticipating about a
11 hundred thousand to issue the bond?
12 RITA DAVIS: It's actually going to be
13 closer to fifty to sixty thousand. They just put a
14 not to exceed amount.
15 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.
16 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.
17 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
18 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Abstentions.
19 Show the motion carries.
20 Moving on to number 7(c) 2018-028 an ordinance
21 authorizing the addition of Bailtuck, LLC as a sponsor
22 affiliate to that certain fee agreement, dated as of
23 December 1, 2012, between Anderson County, South
24 Carolina and Sargent Metal Fabricators. I think this
25 is just paperwork thing. We have a motion to move
26 this forward? Motion Ms. Wilson. We have a second?
27 TOM ALLEN: Second.
28 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
29 discussion?
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, what's the paperwork
31 thing?
32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon, you want to
33 clear this up for her?
34 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Harmon, I noticed that
35 this is Sargent Metal Fabrications. I think we had
36 something else done in this particular year, 2018.
37 Did we not see Sargent Metals -- weren't they asking
38 for something again this year?
39 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. Not this year.
40 We have done it in the recent past. I don't have the
41 exact date. But basically what this is, Mr. Tim
42 Haiden is running this. He is purchasing the business
43 from his father and so this is just allowing that to
44 proceed. It does not change the terms of the
45 agreement in any way.
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But Mr. Burns, you
47 said this was in the recent -- what did you say?
48 RUSTY BURNS: In the recent past. I do
49 not believe it was this year. I want to think it was
50 three or four years ago.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, no, no, no, no. Uh-uh
2 (negative). Because this came up either the end of
3 last year we were talking about Sargent Metals before
4 -- it was at the end of last fiscal year, maybe before
5 Christmas or something.

6 RUSTY BURNS: At that time I believe we
7 were talking about Lollis Metals, but I could be
8 corrected.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: About what?

10 RUSTY BURNS: Lollis Metals. But I could
11 be corrected.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, okay. Well, I could
13 be corrected as well. I'm not sure. But I know it
14 was a metal fabrication I thought was the same one.
15 So this time they're just changing the ownership of
16 it? Or move it over to -- okay, good. Good. Good.

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

20 Moving on to Item number (e) 2018-034 an ordinance
21 authorizing the extension of the term under that
22 certain lease agreement by and between Anderson
23 County, South Carolina and BMW Manufacturing Co., LLC
24 dated as of September 1, 1998; ---

25 TOM ALLEN: Tommy?

26 GRACIE FLOYD: You skipped something.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Oh, I'm sorry. I had an X
28 by (d). Go back to (d) 2018-032 an ordinance to
29 return real property located on Pearman Dairy Road
30 (TMS No 095-00-09-012) to Atlanta Baking Company Inc.
31 which was deeded to Anderson County by Atlanta Baking
32 Company, Inc on September 21, 1981 to facilitate an
33 industrial development Revenue Bond Project. My
34 understanding, correct me if I'm wrong, Mr. Harmon,
35 what this is is our name -- Anderson County's name
36 needs to come off the title. That's what this is
37 trying to clear up and get it back like it's supposed
38 to be.

39 LEON HARMON: Yes. That's correct, Mr.
40 Chairman. The property is in the name of the County
41 because of a 1981 project. And back at that time for
42 economic development those projects had to be in the
43 name of the county to facilitate an industrial
44 development revenue bond issue. This matter will
45 simply clear up our real property records and put the
46 title back in Atlanta Bread Company's name.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We have a
48 motion move this?

49 CINDY WILSON: So move.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

1 Have a second?
2 TOM ALLEN: Second.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Further
4 discussion?
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Mr. Harmon, this
6 thing here now, it was the company -- the property was
7 owned by Atlanta Baking Company and they deed it to
8 us.
9 LEON HARMON: Yes, ma'am.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: So we're getting ready to
11 deed it back to them.
12 LEON HARMON: That's correct.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Why?
14 LEON HARMON: Well, it had to be in the
15 county's name to facilitate an industrial development
16 revenue bond project back in 1981. The county had to
17 hold title under the state law at that time. This was
18 prior to the FILO act and the way we do economic
19 development projects now. They have been paying taxes
20 all along on this property and this will just get it
21 back in the company's name and clear up our real
22 property records in the process.
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now, when they take
24 their property back, are they going to use it for a
25 purpose or just what's the purpose of them taking it
26 back other than for the tax purposes?
27 RUSTY BURNS: They operate a bakery
28 there. You probably know it better as the Old Kroger
29 Bakery.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, yeah. Somebody should
31 have said -- and they say it's on Pearman Dairy Road.
32 Is that thing on Pearman Dairy Road?
33 LEON HARMON: It's practically across the
34 street from where the TTI property is out there and
35 that's -- that property is on Pearman Dairy Road.
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right.
37 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Harmon, thank you so
39 much.
40 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
41 show of hands.
42 Moving on to Item 7(e) 2018-034 an ordinance
43 authorizing the extension of the terms under which
44 certain lease agreement by and between Anderson
45 County, South Carolina and BMW Manufacturing Co., LLC
46 dated as of September 1, 1998; the amendment of such
47 lease agreement to reflect such extension. We have a
48 motion to move this forward?
49 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a

1 second? Mr. Allen. Any discussion?
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I need that explained
3 to me as well. Mr. Harmon, I need your help.
4 LEON HARMON: Yes, ma'am.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: It's not that I don't
6 understand what's going on, but I don't because all
7 they sent me was stuff to read. I can't ask questions
8 and I don't know about the meetings that they're
9 having when they discussed this. So we're going to
10 have to discuss it now for me. And for those who are
11 in our audience or on TV who's interested in knowing
12 what's going on in Anderson. Would you please explain
13 that?
14 LEON HARMON: Yes, Ms. Floyd. The
15 original fee in lieu agreement in this matter was
16 based upon the lease of equipment by BMW to a number
17 of Anderson County businesses who made parts for the
18 BMW plant over in Spartanburg County. What this
19 ordinance does is allow an extension of that lease
20 agreement for an additional ten years because of a
21 change in the state law that allows this to extend
22 further into the future.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am, Ms. Wilson.
24 CINDY WILSON: So the millage rate is
25 still locked in at current level that will just
26 continue. Is that right?
27 LEON HARMON: Yes, ma'am. I believe that
28 is correct. Nothing is changing in the fee agreement
29 itself.
30 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.
31 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
32 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
33 motion carries unanimously. I would now make a motion
34 we go into Executive Session for economic development
35 projects. I put that in the form of motion.
36 CINDY WILSON: Second.
37 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. All in
38 favor show of hands. Opposed. Abstentions. Show the
39 motion carries. Step right back here.
40 **(EXECUTIVE SESSION)**
41 CINDY WILSON: ... out of Executive
42 Session, having received information on economic
43 development projects.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. We have
45 a second?
46 TOM ALLEN: Second.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. All in
48 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
49 sign. Show the motion. Do we have a motion?
50 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, I'd like to make a

1 motion to authorize the county Administrator to enter
2 into a memorandum of understanding to facilitate
3 construction of a road needed for the development of
4 the TTI Corporate Campus and Innovation Center.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Wooten.
6 Have a second?
7 CINDY WILSON: Second.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
9 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
10 Motion carries.
11 Moving on now to Item number 9(a). Yes, ma'am.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
14 GRACIE FLOYD: I voted -- I'm not voting
15 against it; I'm not voting for it.
16 TOMMY DUNN: Show the record shows Ms.
17 Floyd abstains.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, that's the word.
19 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to number 9(a).
20 Bid approvals. 9(a) 18-053 Request Qualification to
21 provide Construction and Engineering Inspection
22 Services. Who's got this? Mr. Burns.
23 RUSTY BURNS: What this is, Mr. Chairman,
24 is approval to hire Davis & Floyd to inspect the work
25 that is going to be done on the TTI road.
26 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to move
27 this?
28 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
29 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. We have
30 a second?
31 TOM ALLEN: Second.
32 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
33 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
34 All opposed. Abstentions. Show the motion carries.
35 Moving on to Item number 9(b) Project NASA Road
36 Construction.
37 ROBERT CARROLL: Staff recommends Morgan
38 Corporation for five million five hundred forty-five
39 thousand two hundred seventy-eight dollars and fifty
40 cents. This is for the construction of the road for
41 TTI.
42 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion?
43 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson. Second?
45 TOM ALLEN: Second.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen. Any discussion?
47 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed
48 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
49 Moving on to Item(c) 19-001 Installation of Sewer
50 Line for Arthrex Project.

1 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. Staff recommends
2 recommendation to Dillard Excavating, four hundred
3 thirty-eight thousand six hundred and fifteen dollars,
4 for this project.
5 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion?
6 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
7 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. We have
8 a second?
9 TOM ALLEN: Second.
10 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen. Any discussion?
11 CINDY WILSON: May I quickly point out
12 that this is really interesting. There was, gosh,
13 more than a two hundred thousand dollar spread there.
14 So our bidding procedures are really working well now.
15 I'm very glad to see that. Thank you.
16 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: I want to get the name
18 clear, Mr. Harmon, on the name of this thing. Is it
19 Arthrex Project?
20 LEON HARMON: Arthrex. Yes, ma'am.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Arthrex. Then that's the
22 name of the project, right?
23 LEON HARMON: Yes, ma'am.
24 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Okay. It's so
25 close to another word, that -- all right. Thank you.
26 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
27 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
28 motion carries unanimously.
29 Moving on to Item number 10. This is just to
30 follow up what we vote on Ms. Wilson -- I mean Ms.
31 Davis for resolution to express the intention of the
32 County Council of Anderson County to cause Anderson
33 County, South Carolina to be reimbursed with the
34 proceeds of tax-exempt obligations in connection with
35 a lease purchase transaction. We have a motion to
36 move this forward?
37 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. We have
39 a second?
40 TOM ALLEN: Second.
41 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
42 discussion?
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, please. Mr. Harmon,
44 would you please explain what this resolution is all
45 about? A tax exempt obligations in connection with a
46 lease of purchase transaction. What is it all about?
47 LEON HARMON: It's the lease purchase
48 arrangement that we -- I believe we talked about
49 earlier in the meeting, Item 7(b). It will allow us
50 to recover any monies that we expend in getting the

1 bond put in place.

2 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Got it. Thank you.

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

6 Moving on to Item 10(b) 2018-038 a resolution to
7 express the intention of the Anderson County Council
8 of Anderson County, to cause Anderson County, South
9 Carolina to be reimbursed with the proceeds of tax-
10 exempt obligations in connection with a Solid Waste
11 Revenue Bond transaction. We have a motion to move
12 this forward?

13 CINDY WILSON: So moved. And may I point
14 out, Mr. Chairman, that the Planning and Public Works
15 Committee and then the Finance Committee approved
16 these to come to Council. And recommended. And may I
17 give a quick ---

18 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

19 CINDY WILSON: Just a very quick update.
20 The 2008 Special Source Revenue Bond is coming off and
21 Solid Waste. We've had the need to expand at the
22 Starr C&D Landfill and it's going to cost
23 approximately two point four million. There was a
24 great deal of discussion and some numbers given. Part
25 of the discussion was, what if we look at obtaining a
26 mulcher now, a chipper and mulcher, and stock pile
27 that instead of having to bury it. And apparently the
28 quality of the machinery is greatly improved and Mr.
29 Smith is investigating that.

30 So we recommended that the bond be set to include
31 that expense instead of sending out two bond
32 issuances. Short term the mulcher is expensive, but
33 long term it should be very helpful in reducing the --
34 what's buried in the landfill and probably provide
35 some mulch for citizens as well as the county for
36 mulching properties.

37 The C&D Landfill would -- this would cover a seven
38 acre extension and would be far less expensive in the
39 long run to have that in the county's possession. And
40 apparently there's been some preliminary conversation
41 with DHEC and engineers to give us these numbers. So
42 this came -- comes to our Council with the
43 recommendation from the Planning and Public Works
44 committee to approve this bond.

45 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Ms.
46 Wilson. Have a second?

47 TOM ALLEN: Second.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
49 discussion?

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
2 GRACIE FLOY8D: Now, here's what I've been
3 hearing. First of all, what is this bond supposed to
4 do? What is it supposed to be for? Using a
5 preposition at the end of the sentence.
6 LEON HARMON: It would be for some
7 improvements to the Starr Landfill site. And also,
8 allow the purchase of some equipment that Ms. Wilson
9 mentioned in her report.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, but Mr. Harmon, about the
11 equipment, I heard that it was going to be a machine
12 that would tear up the wood and stuff to use it for
13 mulch. But I heard that that thing was going to cost
14 about five million dollars.
15 RUSTY BURNS: Currently Mr. Greg Smith is
16 getting prices. I don't believe Mr. Smith has
17 received a price of five million dollars.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I hope not. But that
19 was just rumors going around five million.
20 RUSTY BURNS: Five million dollar chipper
21 is a rumor going around, but I do believe that as he
22 does his research he's finding out they may be a bit
23 more expensive.
24 GRACIE FLOYD: They what now?
25 RUSTY BURNS: They may be a bit more
26 expensive, but he's ---
27 GRACIE FLOYD: But not five million
28 dollars expensive?
29 RUSTY BURNS: No.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, you saying no.
31 How do you know?
32 TOM ALLEN: I know all of it.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: I know what I hear. Okay.
34 But anyway, this is what I'm hearing. That it was
35 going to cost five million dollars and it was nothing
36 but equipment that would turn trees and stuff to
37 mulch, and they said that the mulch would be free for
38 the people of Anderson County, won't be buried at the
39 landfill. Is that true?
40 RUSTY BURNS: You heard that correctly.
41 Greenville County has a free mulch for some of their
42 citizens on specified days. They can come there and
43 they can pick it up after the mulch is dried out and
44 has been treated. Yes, ma'am.
45 GRACIE FLOYD: That part is true. But not
46 five million. Okay. Thank you.
47 RUSTY BURNS: Welcome.
48 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
49 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
50 motion carries unanimously.

1 Moving on to Item number 10(c) 2018-043 a
2 resolution authorizing, under certain conditions, the
3 execution and delivery by Anderson County, South
4 Carolina of an infrastructure Credit Agreement with a
5 company known to the County as Project Accommodation
6 with respect to a commercial project in the County
7 whereby the project would be subject to payment of
8 certain Fee in Lieu of Taxes and whereby Project
9 Accommodation will be provided certain credits against
10 fee payments in reimbursement of investment in related
11 qualified infrastructure. This is what we just went
12 into Executive Session, one of the things we talked
13 about. We have a motion to move this forward?

14 TOM ALLEN: So moved.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen. Second
16 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion.

17 CINDY WILSON: May I quickly point out.
18 In years past I was very vehemently opposed to using
19 this structure for commercial projects. But most of
20 my reluctance dealt with the capabilities of the
21 people who proposed those projects and it seems like
22 it was greatly pie in the sky. So this is probably
23 the first time I have voted for something that looked
24 stronger in the commercial realm. Thank you.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion to move this
26 forward? Show of hands. Motion carries unanimously.

27 Moving on now to item number 11. Report from the
28 Planning and Public Works Committee meeting held July
29 13. Ms. Wilson.

30 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
31 You have just heard the C&D Landfill proposal and the
32 bond that accompanied that. We had a discussion on
33 the sewer study and effective July 1st of this year,
34 the city of Anderson increased the cost incrementally
35 for five years for sewer treatment. You'll remember
36 that I was very concerned about those open-ended
37 forever agreements with the city of Anderson and its
38 coming back to haunt us. Because the city's
39 increasing the cost because of an EPA consent order,
40 which obviously is the city's problem. They had some
41 violations. But we get to pay more than our fair
42 share of that. You should have before you or in your
43 cubby this past few weeks, the price will go from two
44 thirty-seven per thousand gallons to three thirty-one
45 per thousand gallons. So it will increase the cost
46 for our sewer enterprise fund. And like solid waste
47 they're enterprise and they're intended to be run more
48 business-like and supporting the cost. And in this
49 case, these costs will be transferred to the actual
50 users. And we'll have to pass it along as it comes to

1 the county. So that was basically the long and the
2 short of it. For your information.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, I have a
4 question for you. Do we still have a copy somewhere
5 of the sewer, not a study but an actual contract.

6 RUSTY BURNS: We do.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: That was signed years
8 before any of us got here?

9 RUSTY BURNS: We have the latest sewer
10 contract and it goes back some years. Yes, ma'am. We
11 have a copy of that.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I would like to see
13 that, because -- now I'm on a different subject, but
14 it's still the storm -- I mean it's still the sewer
15 study. Out of that sewer money -- or out of the sewer
16 study they're going to probably talk about putting
17 more money in the sewer project.

18 RUSTY BURNS: I don't believe that this
19 -- I think that the cost of treatment that the city is
20 facing is causing this, because as you know, the city
21 is under a consent order. They have been ordered, as
22 other cities have, to perform certain work or face
23 penalties. And I think these funds are going to be
24 addressing that list that the city must attack.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Now
26 we've heard about the list and we know all about the
27 history of the sewer thing. But there's something in
28 that sewer thing that bothers me. Storm water comes
29 out of sewer, doesn't it?

30 RUSTY BURNS: That has nothing to do with
31 it.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: That's what I know. It
33 does not.

34 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Not a thing. This is the
36 city's thing, what they tried to get us to do and what
37 they say. But ---

38 RUSTY BURNS: Sewer plants. That's what
39 this is for.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: I know, I know. But while
41 we are talking about sewer, also the storm water comes
42 out of the sewer thing, right, that we had.

43 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, I think that you
45 and I need to sit down and look at that sewer thing.
46 That sewer referendum held back long before we were
47 even thought of about coming up here.

48 RUSTY BURNS: Remember it well.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. I remember it, too.
50 And I've been reading a lot about it, too. But I

1 think that we need to go back before we go up to this
2 discussion on this sewer study. We need to go back
3 and look at that, you and I.

4 RUSTY BURNS: No problem.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. Thank you.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson, you have
7 anything else?

8 CINDY WILSON: That's all.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

10 Moving on to item number 11 -- I'm sorry number
11 12, Report from the Public Safety Committee meeting
12 held July 13, 2018. First 12(a) review of MOU for
13 Dispatch. We all have a copy of and what this is is
14 having a signed agreement where MedShore's, Greg
15 Shore's -- MedShore will have a dispatch place in our
16 central dispatch thing. Central dispatch, our EMS
17 director all feels like this will benefit us and help
18 us have a smoother transition on our EMS calls. This
19 does come from the Public Safety Committee. Doesn't
20 need a second. Are there any discussion? Hearing
21 none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. All
22 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
23 unanimously.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: I oppose, excuse me.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Show the motion carries Mr.
26 Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Wooten and Ms. Wilson in favor.
27 Ms. Floyd opposes.

28 Moving on number 9 -- or 12, I'm sorry -- 12(b)
29 Review of the Contractual Agreement for EMS, contract
30 agreement attached. Want to hit this just lightly,
31 Mr. Harmon?

32 LEON HARMON: Yes, this would be an
33 extension to the current EMS contracts that we have
34 with providers in the county. The rescue squads and
35 also the one for MedShore here in the city area.
36 There is one that will be -- that's out for an RFP,
37 and that is the Williamston area. I think those bids
38 are due in ---

39 RUSTY BURNS: Thursday.

40 LEON HARMON: This coming Thursday.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Again, coming from Public
42 Safety Committee doesn't need a second. Any
43 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
44 Show the motion carries unanimously.

45 Moving on to Item number 13, Report from Finance
46 Committee meeting held July 13. Ms. Davis, you want
47 to help out with this? Or Mr. Burns?

48 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, I'll start
49 and Mr. Robert Carroll can assist me. We've already
50 discussed landfill expansion. That's been disposed

1 of.

2 Number 2, the Foothills Community Foundation Dog
3 Park Agreement will allow us to place funds, we've
4 already collected fifteen thousand dollars for the
5 establishment of a dog park at PAWS and this is just a
6 repository to watch that money and people can make
7 contributions and it will be tax deductible. That's
8 what that is in a nutshell.

9 TOMMY DUNN: We need to vote on that?

10 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. This coming from the
12 Finance Committee doesn't need a second. Are there
13 any discussion?

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Are we saying here, Mr.
15 Burns, that the -- this is the money that we're going
16 to use to put a dog park up at the ---

17 RUSTY BURNS: Near PAWS.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, let's just call it
19 what it is right now, okay. An animal shelter, the
20 animal -- what do we call it? Animal shelter.

21 RUSTY BURNS: PAWS, or the animal
22 shelter.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, but you see, a lot of
24 people don't know PAWS. Yeah. So I'm calling it what
25 it is. The animal shelter. That's what it's about,
26 right? Putting a dog park, even though we already
27 have one dog park, we're going to put another dog
28 park.

29 RUSTY BURNS: We have a very small dog
30 park and we are taking private contributions which the
31 fifteen thousand dollars ---

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, that's right.

33 RUSTY BURNS: We are not using any county
34 money for establishing that dog park. Just make it
35 larger.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, I knew about that.
37 The fact that we weren't taking any money. Okay.
38 Thank you for that.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Any body else? All in
40 favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion
41 carries unanimously.

42 Mr. Carroll, bids for the fire alarm system for
43 the courthouse.

44 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. We put this out
45 for bids and staff recommends award to AllTech for one
46 hundred seventy thousand dollars.

47 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion from the
48 Finance Committee. Doesn't need a second. Are there
49 any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
50 hands. All opposed like sign. Abstentions. Show the

1 motion carries.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: You didn't ask for
3 questions.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Asked for discussion.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I didn't hear you ask
6 for that.
7 TOMMY DUNN: Sorry, but we did.
8 Moving on to Airport Terminal update.
9 ROBERT CARROLL: This is just an update,
10 sir. You know we had taken bids a good while back.
11 Two point six nine two nine million dollars. And we
12 have now confirmed approval of all funding through the
13 ACOG and the Department of Commerce and other sources.
14 And we're moving forward with this construction. It
15 has been awarded to Laser Construction and we expect
16 construction to begin in approximately a week or week
17 and a half.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to the LEMPG
19 Grant. Ms. Davis.
20 RITA DAVIS: The Sheriff's department,
21 David Baker, he submits this annually and we will get
22 seventy-seven thousand four hundred thirty-five
23 dollars back. We'll get some back, fifty-five
24 thousand four four six for personal. This will be for
25 CERT supplies and the supplies that the office uses
26 and a little bit of travel. The match is salaries
27 that we already pay to the personnel in that
28 department.
29 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance
30 Committee, again, doesn't need a second. Any
31 discussion?
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Ms. Davis, what is
33 LEMPG? What does it stand for?
34 RITA DAVIS: Local Emergency Management
35 Planning Grant.
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Local Emergency ---
37 RITA DAVIS: Management Planning Grant.
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Management Planning Grant.
39 Okay. Thank you.
40 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.
41 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
42 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
43 motion carries unanimously.
44 Got transfers. Anybody got any questions on
45 anything? Coming from the Finance Committee
46 it doesn't need a second, but if anybody's got any
47 questions now is the time to bring it up, find out.
48 You had all weekend to look at it. Anybody got
49 anything? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
50 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries

1 unanimously.

2 Now we're going to be moving on to Item number 14,
3 Report from Parks and Recreation AdHoc Committee
4 meeting held July 19th, 2018. Chairman Wooten. Mr.
5 Wooten.

6 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, on a follow up to the
7 Parks and Rec AdHoc meeting and subsequently the
8 Special Called meeting, which would have went in
9 conjunction with each other on topics, basically we
10 went to the ATAX budget and that's just the
11 accommodation tax. We were able to collect money from
12 the hotels when out-of-towners come and stay and then
13 allocate that money to improvements within the county.
14 So we went across the different districts. And you
15 know, there's an item with Dolly Cooper Park. There's
16 you know, we're looking at repaving at the Civic
17 Center. We're looking at making improvements at
18 Broadway Lake. We're taking different items and
19 matching them with grants for Green Pond Landing. And
20 so we had a discussion on how that how different
21 Council people depending on their districts said hey
22 I'd like to see things work this way. And I'd like
23 the timing to work out this way. So it was a good
24 meeting in that regard. And the fact that all
25 districts are receiving money to it. And we had
26 attendance greater than just the committee, so we had
27 a lot of buy-in there. And I really appreciated
28 everybody's attendance.

29 The hospitality referendum we passed in committee
30 to take to full Council. That was subsequently taken
31 up in the Special Called meeting for Council and
32 basically we voted to take to the ballot a non-
33 binding, which just means informational, a non-binding
34 referendum to ask the people of Anderson County in
35 unincorporated areas, so outside of the city of
36 Anderson, outside of the town of Pendleton, an
37 unincorporated area, you know, could two cents be on
38 going out to eat in an effort to promote tourism, do
39 initiatives with our parks, create quality of life
40 activities that people would enjoy. So that passed in
41 the Special Called meeting, and so that will be on the
42 ballot this fall. And it will basically give us
43 information from the people of Anderson. And we can
44 look at district and areas of town and sort of see how
45 they feel about that topic. And give us the go-ahead
46 or possibly give us not the go-ahead to have that
47 conversation.

48 The third thing was a parks streamlining
49 recommendations. The Parks Department has divided up
50 the parks by district and so the Council members are

1 looking at their parks and sort of saying hey how can
2 we make these better? How can we be more efficient in
3 the resources? If we were to get new revenue in the
4 future to do different initiatives we want to make
5 sure that we're being good stewards of the current
6 revenue that we have and that we're doing that
7 correctly. One of the -- couple of things that have
8 come up multiple times is the idea that you know
9 businesses would maybe participate in a park. So
10 maybe a sponsorship opportunity. Also working with
11 community groups to take ownership of their local
12 parks in an effort to, you know, deter crime, keep it
13 clean, have community buy-in. But at the same time
14 have conversations with the community what kinds of
15 things are you looking for in your neighborhoods, in
16 your community that would improve quality of life. So
17 that's an update from the Parks and Recreation AdHoc
18 Committee and then the subsequent Special Called
19 meeting.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.
21 Moving on, now a report from the Public Safety
22 Committee meeting held August the 12th, 2018. Mr.
23 Graham couldn't be here and so Ms. Lacey is out of
24 town, too, tonight, couldn't be here. Very lucky,
25 appreciate Ms. Casey stepping in for her and she's
26 going to do the report for the Public Safety. We
27 appreciate it.

28 MS. CASEY: I'm sorry you guys are stuck
29 with me. But what you -- Council, you should have the
30 data mining presentation that was presented to the
31 Public Safety Committee as of last week. Basically
32 this is an overview of the data that our Criminal
33 Justice Stakeholders have collected over the past four
34 months. So we presented to the Public Safety
35 Committee last week. We presented to the Criminal
36 Justice Coordinating Council yesterday, which was open
37 to the public and we did have public there to preview
38 the material. So that is included in your packet.
39 And I'm here to answer any questions for that. Have
40 any?

41 TOMMY DUNN: Anybody got anything for
42 Ms. Casey on that subject?

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me. The Criminal
44 Justice Coordinating Council data overview.

45 MS. CASEY: Yes, ma'am.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: That's number 8. I don't
47 have that in my -- was it supposed to be there?

48 MS. CASEY: I can provide you a copy.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I'm going to
50 need one because that's not in my book here. I can

1 show you, there is the agenda thing that y'all had.
2 Nothing in here. Well, may I have my own copy,
3 please. Later. Thank you.

4 MS. CASEY: Yes, for anybody who was
5 not able to attend the meeting that we had yesterday,
6 there are two follow-up sessions where I will re-
7 preview that information on the 16th. The first one
8 from 9 to 10:30. For anybody that's interested and
9 open to the public. And the second one will be from 2
10 to 3:30 on that same day in the Administrator's
11 conference room.

12 CINDY WILSON: Could you say those times
13 again, please?

14 MS. CASEY: It is on the 16th which is
15 a Thursday from 9 to 10:30 and then again in the
16 afternoon from 2 to 3:30 and public is welcome.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: Is this the one that you
18 sent me information that I never received and we
19 talked about it?

20 MS. CASEY: Yes, ma'am. It is.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: This is the one.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Okay, Casey, go ahead.

23 MS. CASEY: Yes, sir. We also have the
24 Stepping Up Initiative which is a national initiative
25 to reduce the number of individuals in our detention
26 center with mental illness. Currently across the
27 nation there are over four hundred and fifty
28 jurisdictions that have signed up for the Stepping Up
29 Initiative. As far as the Upstate is concerned,
30 Greenville County, Pickens County and Spartanburg
31 County are the ones closest to us that have joined the
32 initiative.

33 And then our last one is the Data Driven Justice
34 Initiative. There are over a hundred and fifty
35 jurisdictions across the nation that have signed up
36 for this. This is the county committing to addressing
37 issues throughout the criminal justice system in a
38 very data driven way. So we won't be relying on
39 personal experience or anecdote. We will look at the
40 data very transparently and honestly and we will make
41 very purposeful decisions to improve any
42 inefficiencies in our system.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate your report,
44 Casey. Appreciate the fine work you're doing on that.

45 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

47 RUSTY BURNS: You might note that the
48 Stepping Up Initiative is a resolution which everyone
49 has in their packets and we would request approval of
50 that.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Request of what, now?
2 RUSTY BURNS: Request approval of the
3 Stepping Up Initiative.
4 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to move
5 that?
6 CRAIG WOOTEN: I make a motion to move
7 that forward.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten. Second Ms.
9 Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion
10 show hands.
11 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute. Hold it.
12 Wait. Wait. Wait. You're asking us to sign
13 something tonight that we ---
14 RUSTY BURNS: Everybody had it in their
15 Council packet.
16 TOMMY DUNN: It's in the packet.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: I have it. I know that.
18 But what -- the thing is that what's it about -- you
19 know Mr. Burns, we just need more information. We
20 come to these meetings and we don't get all the news
21 or whatever and then we're asked to sign things that
22 we don't know what it is. I know she said Stepping
23 Up. She did tell me she -- she sent me a message but
24 she sent it to the wrong place. I didn't get to the
25 meeting. And I'm just supposed to just go ahead and
26 sign this now for what?
27 RUSTY BURNS: I'll be happy to read it.
28 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I can read it myself.
29 I'm pretty good at it, too. But the thing is, why am
30 I doing this? What is it going to be? Why is this
31 necessary? Why must I sign it?
32 MS. CASEY: So the Stepping Up
33 Initiative acknowledges that currently nationwide
34 there are over two hundred million individuals in our
35 detention centers, jails and prisons with mental
36 illness, sometimes with co-occurring substance use
37 disorders. And really making sure that we are
38 focusing on providing the appropriate services to
39 these individuals. Being in the detention center does
40 not break that cycle nor provide them with the needed
41 services. So this is an acknowledgment that we as a
42 county will focus on ensuring that these individuals
43 receive the attention and the treatment that they need
44 versus just repeating through the system itself.
45 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So that part that
46 says therefore be it resolved. Would you do that for
47 me, please. That's the crux of what we're signing
48 here. Therefore be it resolved, Anderson County
49 hereby signs on to the call to action to safely reduce
50 the number of individuals in our county council

1 (verbatim) jail with mental illness and commits to
2 sharing lessons learned with others throughout the
3 state. Use of data driven decisions across multiple
4 agencies will drive innovative strategies to ensure
5 high level of care of mental illness and other ????.
6 And this has to be signed tonight?
7 RUSTY BURNS: It would be helpful for us
8 to be part of this initiative because primarily what
9 it is is an information sharing process and criminal
10 justice coordinating committee, one of the things
11 they're looking at very seriously is the number of
12 mentally challenged people who are in our jail system.
13 And are there alternatives such as a mental health
14 court and other things. All of these were discussed
15 yesterday in the meeting. Mr. Allen, you were
16 probably a better spokesperson for what happened than
17 I am.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I wasn't at the
19 meeting yesterday. They sent it to the wrong place.
20 I didn't have it. But after I have read it, I don't
21 have a problem signing it. And I thank you.
22 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
23 show of hands.
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Where's the one that we
25 have to sign?
26 TOMMY DUNN: You in favor, Tom?
27 TOM ALLEN: Oh, yeah.
28 TOMMY DUNN: It'll be like any other
29 thing we get. It will come through the Clerk to Court,
30 come through to sign.
31 Does anyone have any appointments for tonight
32 that's not on the list somehow or another, fell
33 through the cracks? Hearing none, we'll go by
34 request. Mr. Allen.
35 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chair. I don't
36 have anything out of my recreation account but I have
37 talked to Roads and Bridges people and I've had a
38 request from the Townville Fire Department to re-pave
39 their parking lot out there. Patch and seal it and
40 re-stripe it. And I've talked with Mr. Hopkins and
41 I'd like to move ten thousand dollars out of my paving
42 account for the Townville Fire Department so that that
43 project can be completed out there.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Allen.
45 Need a second. Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?
46 All in favor of Mr. Allen's motion show of hands. All
47 opposed. Show the motion carries. Anything else?
48 TOM ALLEN: That's all, Mr. Chair.
49 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
50 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, to the Anderson Jet

1 Track Club. They didn't put District 2 here. They
2 have 3 and 7. I would like to allocate a thousand
3 dollars. Also, I'd like to do it all at one time.
4 Okay? To Broadway, the Family Group of Broadway Lake
5 having their yearly ??? show and everything else, I
6 would allocate from District 2's account fifteen
7 hundred dollars for that. Okay. From the -- from
8 District 2's account I also have three more -- two I'm
9 going to have to wait. The third one is the
10 organization that have the Greek Festival. I'd like
11 to --- they have written and asked for support and I
12 would like to allocate a thousand dollars for that
13 Greek festival. All of these come under the heads of
14 recreation. I will come back with the dog thing and
15 some money for recreational activities for the blind
16 at the next meeting. I put that in the form of a
17 motion.

18 CINDY WILSON: Second.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Floyd,
20 second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of
21 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
22 Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Wooten.

23 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, I'd like to allocate
24 fifteen hundred dollars to the Upstate Chapter of the
25 American Red Cross. This is for their yearly tennis
26 tournament at Cardinal Racquet Club that's in District
27 1. Proceeds go to Red Cross charities. I put that in
28 the form of a motion.

29 CINDY WILSON: Second.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Wooten, second
31 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the
32 motion show of hands. Show the motion carries
33 unanimously. Any thing else, Mr. Wooten?

34 CRAIG WOOTEN: That's all.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

36 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

37 From District 7's recreation account, please
38 appropriate five thousand dollars for the Honea Path
39 fire and EMS personal protective equipment need, and
40 also three hundred dollars to the Anderson Jet Track
41 Club. That's in the form of a motion.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson,
43 have a second?

44 TOM ALLEN: Second.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
46 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
47 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
48 unanimously.

49 Moving on Number 18, Administrator's Report.

50 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time. Mr.

1 Chairman.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on number 19.
3 Citizen comments. Mr. Harmon you call the name.
4 Please address the Chair, you got three minutes.
5 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one
6 citizen signed up. Frank Pressly.
7 FRANK PRESSLY: Last week I brought a
8 matter to the attention of the Council regarding the
9 pawn industry in this county. And I have since then
10 sent an email to each and every one of you, Mr.
11 Harmon, and Mr. Burns, that details a copy of the pawn
12 statement from the back of a pawn ticket that shows
13 the language that allows them to charge the exorbitant
14 rate that they charge our senior citizens. I hope
15 that all of y'all will get behind this and that we can
16 make a change in the local ordinance so that our
17 senior citizens are not taken advantage of in this
18 fashion. Thank you.
19 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
20 LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on, Remarks from
22 Council members. Mr. Allen.
23 TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.
24 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
25 GRACIE FLOYD: I have some. Okay. You
26 know, when I get up here to do the best that I can, I
27 have the feeling that some folks get upset by my
28 questioning. Yeah. You'll going to have to
29 understand something. I'm here to represent twenty-
30 two thousand people in Anderson County. And they
31 voted for me to come up here to ask questions. They
32 realize that I have a voice. That I can talk and that
33 I will. So when you get upset because I ask a lot of
34 questions, kind of like, just think about it. I'm not
35 caring about you or how you feel. I'm worried about
36 my people, the black, the white and the blue people
37 that I represent and what they need to know.
38 Sometimes when I ask the questions, I know the answers
39 but it's not clear. And if it's not clear to me, then
40 it can't be clear to you, either. And when I ask them
41 to please explain something, I'm doing that more for
42 you, for the people that are watching on TV and the
43 people out there than I am for myself. Because if you
44 come here day in and day out, if you're watching this
45 and you don't understand what we're talking about up
46 here then why are you here? And why are you a county
47 taxpaying person if they don't fix it so you can
48 understand what is going on. What we're trying to
49 say. So when I ask the question, don't get mad at me
50 because I'm smart. Just help me explain it to the

1 people what I'm talking about because I will ask
2 questions. And I surely thank you for listening.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.

4 CRAIG WOOTEN: I just wanted to say
5 there's a great event this past week at the Anderson
6 Library. I took my son to Comicon. He enjoys art and
7 it's amazing to me ??? and everything whether it be
8 sports programing, ??? and entertaining programing,
9 these are the kinds of things that bring a good amount
10 of people out in the community. I think it's a good
11 thing for the community and it was well done by the
12 library. That's all, sir.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson.

14 CINDY WILSON: Well, in addition to that,
15 you should have been at the Ginny Erwin Library down
16 in Honea Path last week. They have almost tripled the
17 children coming through for the school summer reading
18 program. That was exciting. And today we went down
19 to rename the Honea Path Free Clinic to the Bob and
20 Renee McCormick Free Clinic. Those are lovely people
21 who did a lot and continue to do a lot in our
22 community.

23 And I wanted to point out, I'm going to be trying
24 to schedule town hall meetings in my district dealing
25 with a number of issues, including the hospitality
26 referendum and so forth. I wanted to make sure we had
27 the written paperwork that I'd like to be able to hand
28 out so people will know what it can and can't be used
29 for and the actual questions. And we've got a lot of
30 things going on. It's especially nice to have such
31 good people. Thank you.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

33 Failed to mention at the start of the meeting, Mr.
34 Graham couldn't be here tonight. He's out of town.
35 And Mr. Waters is under the weather. So two out.

36 Want to thank fellow Council members for taking
37 time coming to the -- we said last Council meeting, I
38 said we'd probably have to have a meeting in between
39 to come to a Special Called meeting. Been taken care
40 of for the people of Anderson County. Also want to
41 thank Council members for, like tonight having a lot
42 to go over, but getting through it, because you've
43 done your homework before the meeting. And you go
44 through it and you get your information, you study it
45 and you ask questions when the time be it. We got
46 plenty of time and I do appreciate that.

47 Council meeting will be dismissed.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:45 P.M.)

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