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

(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CINDY WILSON)

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

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

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

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

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

GRACIE FLOYD: Page 8.

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

TOM ALLEN: Second.

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

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

As I talked to the Reverend a few minutes ago, anyone wishing to speak on the zoning issue, that’s a public hearing by itself, you don’t have to sign up for it. We ask for you to come up and line up and
take your time. Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first speaker is Frank Pressly.

FRANK PRESSLY: Frank Pressly, District 4. I’m speaking to item number 15. And since Mr. Graham’s not here, I guess I’m speaking on deaf ears here. But Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Data Overview, Stepping up Initiative, Resolution 2018 should be attached. Data driven justice initiative letter attached. That doesn’t tell me a whole lot. Now, what I’m interested in is the progress that we’re making with the jail. What’s happening with that. That’s kind of -- it was on the hot seat subject there for a while, but now that it’s gotten kind of quiet we haven’t heard too much more about it. I’d be interested in finding out where we’re at with the jail. And if we’re considering a prison farm or if there’s any progress towards that. I would like to hear something more about that from Mr. Graham. I don’t know if he’ll be here or not. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, the next speaker is Amber McGraw.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. She’s fine.

LEON HARMON: Next is Kelley Gray.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s fine. No problem at all.

LEON HARMON: Cody Gray.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s fine.


TOMMY DUNN: Thanks.


TOMMY DUNN: Is that it?

LEON HARMON: That’s signed up.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Item 5 we have no ordinances third reading. Ordinance number 6(a), Ordinance second reading. Ordinance authorizing the amendment of Anderson County Ordinance 2014-040 and the documents authorized thereby, in certain limited regards and particulars. Mr. Nelson’s not here. Mr. -- this is second reading, we have a motion to move this forward?

TOM ALLEN: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen. We have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Is there anybody here, Mr. Chair, who could speak on 18-24.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon can.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay good. Mr. Harmon, just bring us up to speed about this. About the ordinance here.
LEON HARMON: Yes, ma’am, Ms. Floyd.
What this ordinance does is add the official legal company name to the fee agreement for this project. It only had in the project originally the doing business as dba name of Fox Farms. And this will add the legal name of the company to the documents.
TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Moving on to Item number 6(b) 2018-025 an ordinance authorizing the sale of certain property in the Clemson Research Park pursuant to a lease agreement between Anderson County, South Carolina and Anderson County Development Partnership. This is second reading. This is selling -- allowing, which we have no choice in the group to sell the property up on the research -- the research property. We have a motion to move this forward?
CINDY WILSON: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. We have a second?
TOM ALLEN: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any discussion?
GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Would you, please, again, just go over the top of this so that the people that are with us tonight can understand what we’re talking about.
TOMMY DUNN: Just like I said earlier in our statement. This is allowing -- giving the okay to Innovate Anderson to sell the property of the Clemson Research Property on Highway 187 North, giving them the right to sell that property. Fair enough, Mr. Harmon?
LEON HARMON: Yes, that’s exactly what is happening. The lease agreement that -- under which the county held the property requires us to return it to them upon request and they have requested that the Council do that.
GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

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

Moving on to Item 6(c) 2018-030 an ordinance ordering a referendum to determine whether the South Carolina Department of Revenue may issue temporary permits to allow for the possession, sale and consumption of alcoholic liquors by the drink to bona fide nonprofit organizations and business establishments authorized to be licensed for consumption on premises sales to that of sale of beer and wine on permitted premises locations without regard to the days or hours of sales. Mr. Graham brought this forward. He can’t be here tonight. He’s out of town. This is second reading. This is to put on the ballot. This is to be put on the ballot. Mr. Harmon, did you have anything you wanted to add to this?

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

GRACIE FLOYD: You said to correct some typos?

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

CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Wooten. Any discussion?

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

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

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

LEON HARMON: Yes, it is.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. The wording ---

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

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. I got
it. Thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

MARY THRETE: I’m Mary Threte.

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

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

TERRI STRATHERN: My name is Terri Strathern.
I live at 2208 East North Avenue in Anderson. And I am in support of the home. I think it's a worthy cause.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

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

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, sir.

GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

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

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

RICH STRAUT: My name is Rich Straut. I live at 110 McBrie Lane which is just in the Massey subdivision, not more than 200 feet from where this 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
day. So if they’re trying to put somebody back into work, I just don’t see our area being the correct place for that.

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

Thank you, guys.

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

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

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

So from that dream when I woke up again and talked to my mom again, because, you know, most people don’t
really listen to a person in eighth grade at that point. And that small group led to an even larger group. And that larger group led to an even larger group. And that was six years ago. And then, whenever this land and this beautiful home popped up it was as if all of our dreams, every hope that we had had was answered, just by looking at it. And for the people who haven’t seen it, I mean, heck, I would move in there. This place is beautiful. It’s on a hundred acres. It’s -- it has so much land for the women. And one of our major goals whenever we were going through the whole process was we want something that these women -- it’s not an institution, it’s not a hospital. Somewhere that they can live and they can feel as though they are at home themselves. And so, this decision not only affects just one family moving in there. But has the potential to affect thousands of potential lives that could be helped by doing this. So thank you so much.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

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

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

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

So the home is perfect, we do not need to do anything to it. And we looked at a lot of homes and I really appreciate the comments about the website, I
will definitely email someone about that tonight. This has been a six year process and that was what they were doing six years ago. But unfortunately for a number of reasons that didn’t occur. And so we’ve been for the last five and a half years, looking at properties and fund raising and the goal was actually to put them in a rural community, which is what we have found here.

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

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

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

KELLIE GRAY: Hi, my name is Kellie Gray. I reside at 105 McBrie Lane. I am not in favor of this. Now, I want to start off by saying I am in favor of their mission and their cause. I just don’t believe that -- I would prefer it not be directly in front of my neighborhood and directly two houses in front of me. My sister, one of the ones earlier, you said you couldn’t understand, she actually lives in my neighborhood. And her and I have grown up here for twenty years and we love it. We love it just the way it is. We don’t want to see anything change. You know, we like it just the way it is. And she is even closer to that. So me personally as her older sister, I don’t want that closer to her. You know, nothing against these women. I believe in their cause and I believe they need a place. But I believe that could be sought and found somewhere else. I don’t want that anywhere near where I live. I was like, you know, personally, I just don’t want to see it change. I
don’t want to see anything change from the way it is. You know, like she said, I’m afraid of things, you know, continuing down the road and being, you know, once again looked at and re-evaluated to change into something else. So personally right now, I’m not in favor of this being approved. Thank you.

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

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

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

Kim Bryant: And we own the property. I’m Kim Bryant. We own the property right in front of it.

Freddy Bryant: And I own some behind it, too, that joins it. Forty-two acres behind it that joins it.

Kim Bryant: I have a lot of questions about what’s going on. Anybody can say they have a dream.

???: (Inaudible for a while) I just think that there’s other places that you can put this. I’m sure the county owns land that they can buy that is already zoned for this. I just don’t have any understanding of why you would want to put it in a residential place. And it affects us on Massey Road, not those guys over there at St. Francis. I don’t --

I’m an adopted child. So I understand what they’re
saying, but still I (break in tape) their choice. Everybody makes choices and I just don’t think that for their choice, what they’ve done that they should be punished or that I should be punished. Thank you.

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

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

TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

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

So I’m with the cause, I actually think it’s really cool if people, you know, do this for those in-need women, but I don’t want them close to my house. I could have chosen any other house close to the street, I mean, close to the city, but we chose this one because it was away from everyone, from everybody
else, all the traffic, all the -- you know, it’s just
not what we want. And like everybody else said here,
I want my kids to live here after we’re gone and
that’s not going to happen if there’s businesses in
this area. So please, I don’t want it. Thank you.

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

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

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

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

DENNIS KINDS: My name is Dennis Kinds, I
live at 1527 Massey Road. I’ve got 10 or 12 acres right down below this place. Forty something acres that borders the back side of it. We’ve got two lots on 88 (inaudible all of a sudden).

TOMMY DUNN: Y’all have already had y’all’s turn. We can’t go with everybody, you know, speaking two or three times. But I think we heard y’all loud and clear. Anyone else wanting to speak to this? New. Yes, ma’am.

????: (No audio.)

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

Anyone? Before we close the public hearing?

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, before you close it, the lady whom we could not hear when she first started, I would like for her to -- maybe to come back.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Let her come back on up here. Let Ms. Floyd hear what she’s got to say. She didn’t hear.

GRACIE FLOYD: I think there’s something wrong with that mic, Mr. Burns.

TOM ALLEN: You have to get real close.

AMBER MCGRAW: My name is Amber McGraw and I reside at 103 ??? Way which is the first house on the left as you come into the neighborhood, which is roughly about fifty to a hundred yards to the driveway. As I mentioned earlier, I grew up in the area. I’ve been here for roughly twenty years. I bought my first home a year out of college in Massey Estates. You talk about living your dream and like I said, I’ve grown up in this area. I love this area.

The point I made earlier was that we are not against the cause. And I think it’s important to say that just because we’re against it moving in the neighborhood isn’t to say that we’re for abortion. Or against them in the whole. It’s just against them coming into our neighborhood which is primarily a neighborhood of kids. I mean, just last night I hung out with my neighbor Derrick and my brother-in-law helped to build his trampoline. And I just think it’s important to point out that, you know, although it is only the three acres, look at what’s happened to Anderson. I mean, my goodness, look at what’s happening to Greenville. And Powdersville. When I moved here twenty years ago it was just a CVS and a Waffle House and now it’s booming.

So in conclusion, we are not against your dream or your mission. We’re not for abortion or for abandoning women that are in a crisis pregnancy. We are in fact against just moving that type of dream to
our neighborhood where we have made our financial and emotional dreams come true by buying a home. So that is all I have to say. But I am against them coming to our neighborhood. Thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

What I’d like to see happen is that we start from the top again. Everybody go back to that board and do
the meeting like it was supposed -- there was some reason why they could not get a quorum. Did I say that right? There was some reason you couldn’t get a quorum that night and I wonder why. That was how the whole thing was set up. You go, you talk to these people, recommended by your Council member and your community who know all the details and then after you talk to them both sides, then it comes to Council. And we listen to it from a perspective of people from that area. But I would like to see it start all over there. If I had to figure this out on a winner or loser, I couldn’t do it. It’s just not enough information.

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

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

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

?????: (No audio)

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

?????: (No audio)

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

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

TOM ALLEN: Yes, thank you.

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

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

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten, you have anything?

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

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

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

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

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

CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay. And from staff’s
interpretation, what -- do you sort of read aloud and
define what M-1 states is allowed.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Wooten, I don’t
understand your question. What was it?

CRAIG WOOTEN: I’d asked -- the staff had
recommended yes on this project and the Planning
Commission had recommended yes on this project. And I
was curious as to what their notes were and their
rational for why they recommended yes.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But it was the
advisory group that did not even meet on it.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. The second group
didn’t make a quorum of the citizens.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. So okay. That’s the
part that gets me, that we skipped a process in this
thing. When the district -- when the advisory group
did not meet on July the 5th due to a lack of quorum,
and when this type of information comes down to us
like that, it is my feelings that we should have to
look at all of the entities that were involved in this
type thing before it comes to us where it’s going to
take a decision one way or the other. And that
decision is going to fall on us. But if we don’t have
all the information that we need, how can we be
expected to vote yes or no. How can we even be
expected to take it to a second -- we have to have
three readings. How can we even take it to three
readings? In the past what we have done is we’ve
said, okay, we’ll just take it to three readings
because we have three readings to, you know, to -- but
I just think that we need to start from the beginning.
Let’s get this thing right. Let’s take it back.
Let’s go back and turn over every piece of rock that
we need to.

TOMMY DUNN: Dr. Parkey.

GRACIE FLOYD: I’m not through.

TOMMY DUNN: He had the floor, Ms.

Floyd. Mr. Wooten had the floor.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Wooten, will you yield
three minutes to me, please?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, ma’am. Three minutes.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. The whole thing
is that these people come to us for real decisions.
They’re the ones who are living out there. They’re
the ones who are saying it’s okay with me. They’re
the ones who are saying, no, it’s not. So how are we
going to get in there and split it up without having
all of the information? Mr. Wooten, thank you for
your three minutes.

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

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

Second thing is is like the point Mr. Wooten was
trying to get it’s okay this thing we pass this great
endeavor and move on. Something happens in a few
years and then you heard all these other things this
could turn into. And we got no control over that.
Don’t come back. It is a thing, but I just think
people have got rights, too, about zoning. People are
very passionate about zoning and go through their
things in this process to get this property zoned for
a certain thing and not to be. And so, my
recommendation is I make a motion to deny on zoning.

Second Ms. Wilson. Now discussion. Mr. Allen, you
got something?

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

TOMMY DUNN: I said deny.

GRACIE FLOYD: Deny.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s right.

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

TOMMY DUNN: I do.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I don’t.

TOMMY DUNN: I respect that.

GRACIE FLOYD: And that makes it harder
for me. I’m asking for more time. I’m asking for
let’s go back and give these people another opportunity to both of them be heard by all of the process that we’ve done. But just to sit here and say well, I deny it. What do we deny? (Break in tape).
The fact that we don’t want it or the fact we want them to have it. Whatever. But I just don’t think -- sir, you can’t speak now. Okay. But I’m sorry to have to say that, but that’s the way it goes here. But I just don’t think that we can do it like that. I think we need more time.

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

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
CRAIG WOOTEN: Is this in Councilman’s Waters’ district?
TOMMY DUNN: Yes.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Since Councilman Waters is an elected representative of the people who live in this district, could we table it until he’s in attendance?
TOMMY DUNN: If y’all think it’s going to make a difference. Are we putting something off or just kicking the can down the road?
CRAIG WOOTEN: I mean I know it can be seen as kicking the can down the road, but that is
their representative. I mean I represent District 1, we’re in the city of Anderson. I mean, I’d welcome the home. I think it’s a great thing, but he’s ultimately the one that’s elected by the folks that live out there. I’d be curious as to what he has to say about it. But I mean we can either vote to table or we can vote straight up.

TOMMY DUNN: We got a motion on the floor right now. We’ll take care of that and if that don’t go, we’ll go to table it. All in favor of the motion to deny show of hands. All opposed.

GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, excuse me. Three.

TOMMY DUNN: Show the motion fails to deny with Ms. Wilson and Mr. Dunn in favor. Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd, and Mr. Wooten opposed. You got a motion?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Could we make a motion to table it until Councilman Waters is present?

GRACIE FLOYD: I second it.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Wooten and second by Ms. Floyd. All in favor of the motion show hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

TOM ALLEN: I’d like to just say I want to apologize to all of you that showed up tonight and then to end up this way to say we have to put it off for another two weeks. But I really think it is only fair to have the Councilman here from the district that represents you. And also since the other board, the Advisory Group, didn’t get to meet, you know, there are some loose ends to this thing. So I think it is in our best interest to go ahead and wait until he gets here and see what he wants to do. Thank you.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Y’all want to take a ---

GRACIE FLOYD: I was talking.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s not over with, Ms. Floyd. You want to -- what you got to say?

GRACIE FLOYD: I wanted to say something.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, go ahead.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Folks, this time, try to make sure, find out why these people cannot come to the quorum so you can get your business work done. And I invite you to come back to the Council meeting. I know you live a distance away, but I invite you to come back to the Council meetings so you can see how things really work here. And I sure do thank you for coming.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now to Item
number 7(b) 2018-027 an ordinance authorizing the
execution of a lease purchase agreement in an amount
not exceeding $5,400,000 relating to the leasing and
purchasing of certain vehicles.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, yeah, Ms. Floyd, I
got it.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I call for a
recess until the people have ---

TOMMY DUNN: We’re going to take about a
two minute thing. These people get out of the thing
we’re going to start meeting back. We’ve got a full
agenda tonight.

GRACIE FLOYD: You said what, now?

TOMMY DUNN: We’re going to take -- soon
as these people get out we’re going to start back.
We’re going to sit right here until these people get
out.

GRACIE FLOYD: I’m not going to sit. I’m
going to get up.

TOMMY DUNN: You go ahead and do what
you need to do.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

TOM ALLEN: Tommy, on that table thing,
do we need to have a time frame on that?

TOMMY DUNN: Y’all said two weeks. You
said next meeting.

TOM ALLEN: Yeah.

TOMMY DUNN: So that’s next meeting.

TOM ALLEN: Next meeting.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s right. And if Mr.
Waters ain’t here, then ---

TOM ALLEN: Then we got to do

something.

TOMMY DUNN: I think that’s the reason

he wasn’t here tonight.

TOM ALLEN: Think you might be right.

TOMMY DUNN: Rusty, will you help the
deputy get them out? Get them out. Let’s get this
meeting going.

Okay, Ms. Davis.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr.
Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: 7(b) 2018-027 an ordinance
authorizing the execution of a lease purchase
agreement in an amount not exceeding $5,400,000
relating to the leasing and purchasing of certain
vehicles, equipment and personal property, the
execution of necessary documents and closing papers.
This was in our budget. This is just putting this
forward. We have a motion to move this forward?
CINDY WILSON: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. We have a second?
TOM ALLEN: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any discussion?
CINDY WILSON: May I ask a question?
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
CINDY WILSON: Are we anticipating about a hundred thousand to issue the bond?
RITA DAVIS: It’s actually going to be closer to fifty to sixty thousand. They just put a not to exceed amount.
CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.
RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am.
TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Abstentions. Show the motion carries.

Moving on to number 7(c) 2018-028 an ordinance authorizing the addition of Bailtuck, LLC as a sponsor affiliate to that certain fee agreement, dated as of December 1, 2012, between Anderson County, South Carolina and Sargent Metal Fabricators. I think this is just paperwork thing. We have a motion to move this forward? Motion Ms. Wilson. We have a second?
TOM ALLEN: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any discussion?
GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, what’s the paperwork thing?
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon, you want to clear this up for her?
GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Harmon, I noticed that this is Sargent Metal Fabrications. I think we had something else done in this particular year, 2018. Did we not see Sargent Metals -- weren’t they asking for something again this year?
RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am. Not this year. We have done it in the recent past. I don’t have the exact date. But basically what this is, Mr. Tim Haiden is running this. He is purchasing the business from his father and so this is just allowing that to proceed. It does not change the terms of the agreement in any way.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But Mr. Burns, you said this was in the recent -- what did you say?
RUSTY BURNS: In the recent past. I do not believe it was this year. I want to think it was three or four years ago.
GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, no, no, no, no. Uh-uh (negative). Because this came up either the end of last year we were talking about Sargent Metals before -- it was at the end of last fiscal year, maybe before Christmas or something.

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

GRACIE FLOYD: About what?

RUSTY BURNS: Lollis Metals. But I could be corrected as well. I’m not sure. But I know it was a metal fabrication I thought was the same one. So this time they’re just changing the ownership of it? Or move it over to -- okay, good. Good. Good.

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

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

TOM ALLEN: Tommy?

GRACIE FLOYD: You skipped something.

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

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

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

CINDY WILSON: So move.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
Have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Further discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Mr. Harmon, this thing here now, it was the company -- the property was owned by Atlanta Baking Company and they deed it to us.

LEON HARMON: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: So we’re getting ready to deed it back to them.

LEON HARMON: That’s correct.

GRACIE FLOYD: Why?

LEON HARMON: Well, it had to be in the county’s name to facilitate an industrial development revenue bond project back in 1981. The county had to hold title under the state law at that time. This was prior to the FILO act and the way we do economic development projects now. They have been paying taxes all along on this property and this will just get it back in the company’s name and clear up our real property records in the process.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now, when they take their property back, are they going to use it for a purpose or just what’s the purpose of them taking it back other than for the tax purposes?

RUSTY BURNS: They operate a bakery there. You probably know it better as the Old Kroger Bakery.

GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, yeah. Somebody should have said -- and they say it’s on Pearman Dairy Road.

LEON HARMON: It’s practically across the street from where the TTI property is out there and that’s -- that property is on Pearman Dairy Road.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right.

TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Harmon, thank you so much.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion show of hands.

Moving on to Item 7(e) 2018-034 an ordinance authorizing the extension of the terms under which certain lease agreement by and between Anderson County, South Carolina and BMW Manufacturing Co., LLC dated as of September 1, 1998; the amendment of such lease agreement to reflect such extension. We have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a
second? Mr. Allen. Any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I need that explained to me as well. Mr. Harmon, I need your help.

LEON HARMON: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: It’s not that I don’t understand what’s going on, but I don’t because all they sent me was stuff to read. I can’t ask questions and I don’t know about the meetings that they’re having when they discussed this. So we’re going to have to discuss it now for me. And for those who are in our audience or on TV who’s interested in knowing what’s going on in Anderson. Would you please explain that?

LEON HARMON: Yes, Ms. Floyd. The original fee in lieu agreement in this matter was based upon the lease of equipment by BMW to a number of Anderson County businesses who made parts for the BMW plant over in Spartanburg County. What this ordinance does is allow an extension of that lease agreement for an additional ten years because of a change in the state law that allows this to extend further into the future.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am, Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: So the millage rate is still locked in at current level that will just continue. Is that right?

LEON HARMON: Yes, ma’am. I believe that is correct. Nothing is changing in the fee agreement itself.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. I would now make a motion we go into Executive Session for economic development projects. I put that in the form of motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.


(EXECUTIVE SESSION)

CINDY WILSON: ... out of Executive Session, having received information on economic development projects.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. We have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion. Do we have a motion?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, I’d like to make a
motion to authorize the county Administrator to enter
into a memorandum of understanding to facilitate
construction of a road needed for the development of
the TTI Corporate Campus and Innovation Center.

TOMMY DUNN:      Have a motion Mr. Wooten.

Have a second?

CINDY WILSON:  Second.

TOMMY DUNN:      Second Ms. Wilson. Any
discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.

Motion carries.

Moving on now to Item number 9(a). Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD:    Excuse me.

TOMMY DUNN:      Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD:    I voted -- I’m not voting
against it; I’m not voting for it.

TOMMY DUNN:      Show the record shows Ms.
Floyd abstains.

GRACIE FLOYD:    Yeah, that’s the word.

TOMMY DUNN:      Moving on to number 9(a).

Bid approvals. 9(a) 18-053 Request Qualification to
provide Construction and Engineering Inspection
Services. Who’s got this? Mr. Burns.

RUSTY BURNS:    What this is, Mr. Chairman,
is approval to hire Davis & Floyd to inspect the work
that is going to be done on the TTI road.

TOMMY DUNN:      We have a motion to move
this?

CINDY WILSON:    So moved.

TOMMY DUNN:      Motion Ms. Wilson. We have
a second?

TOM ALLEN:       Second.

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

All opposed. Abstentions. Show the motion carries.

Moving on to Item number 9(b) Project NASA Road
Construction.

ROBERT CARROLL:  Staff recommends Morgan
Corporation for five million five hundred forty-five
thousand two hundred seventy-eight dollars and fifty
cents. This is for the construction of the road for
TTI.

TOMMY DUNN:      We have a motion?

CINDY WILSON:    So moved.

TOMMY DUNN:      Ms. Wilson. Second?

TOM ALLEN:       Second.

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

Moving on to Item(c) 19-001 Installation of Sewer
Line for Arthrex Project.
ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. Staff recommends recommendation to Dillard Excavating, four hundred thirty-eight thousand six hundred and fifteen dollars, for this project.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. We have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: May I quickly point out that this is really interesting. There was, gosh, more than a two hundred thousand dollar spread there. So our bidding procedures are really working well now. I’m very glad to see that. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: I want to get the name clear, Mr. Harmon, on the name of this thing. Is it Arthrex Project?

LEON HARMON: Arthrex. Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Arthrex. Then that’s the name of the project, right?

LEON HARMON: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Okay. It’s so close to another word, that -- all right. Okay. It’s so clear, Mr. Harmon, on the name of this thing. Is it Arthrex Project?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. We have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, please. Mr. Harmon, would you please explain what this resolution is all about? A tax exempt obligations in connection with a lease of purchase transaction. What is it all about?

LEON HARMON: It’s the lease purchase arrangement that we -- I believe we talked about earlier in the meeting, Item 7(b). It will allow us to recover any monies that we expend in getting the
bond put in place.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Got it. Thank you.

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

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

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

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

CINDY WILSON: Just a very quick update.

The 2008 Special Source Revenue Bond is coming off and
Solid Waste. We’ve had the need to expand at the
Starr C&D Landfill and it’s going to cost
approximately two point four million. There was a
great deal of discussion and some numbers given. Part
of the discussion was, what if we look at obtaining a
mulcher now, a chipper and mulcher, and stock pile
that instead of having to bury it. And apparently the
quality of the machinery is greatly improved and Mr.
Smith is investigating that.

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

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

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

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Now, here’s what I’ve been hearing. First of all, what is this bond supposed to do? What is it supposed to be for? Using a preposition at the end of the sentence.

LEON HARMON: It would be for some improvements to the Starr Landfill site. And also, allow the purchase of some equipment that Ms. Wilson mentioned in her report.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, but Mr. Harmon, about the equipment, I heard that it was going to be a machine that would tear up the wood and stuff to use it for mulch. But I heard that that thing was going to cost about five million dollars.

RUSTY BURNS: Currently Mr. Greg Smith is getting prices. I don’t believe Mr. Smith has received a price of five million dollars.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I hope not. But that was just rumors going around five million.

RUSTY BURNS: Five million dollar chipper is a rumor going around, but I do believe that as he does his research he’s finding out they may be a bit more expensive.

GRACIE FLOYD: They what now?

RUSTY BURNS: They may be a bit more expensive, but he’s ---

GRACIE FLOYD: But not five million dollars expensive?

RUSTY BURNS: No.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, you saying no. How do you know?

TOM ALLEN: I know all of it.

GRACIE FLOYD: I know what I hear. Okay. But anyway, this is what I’m hearing. That it was going to cost five million dollars and it was nothing but equipment that would turn trees and stuff to mulch, and they said that the mulch would be free for the people of Anderson County, won’t be buried at the landfill. Is that true?

RUSTY BURNS: You heard that correctly.

Greenville County has a free mulch for some of their citizens on specified days. They can come there and they can pick it up after the mulch is dried out and has been treated. Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: That part is true. But not five million. Okay. Thank you.

RUSTY BURNS: Welcome.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Moving on to Item number 10(c) 2018-043 a resolution authorizing, under certain conditions, the execution and delivery by Anderson County, South Carolina of an infrastructure Credit Agreement with a company known to the County as Project Accommodation with respect to a commercial project in the County whereby the project would be subject to payment of certain Fee in Lieu of Taxes and whereby Project Accommodation will be provided certain credits against fee payments in reimbursement of investment in related qualified infrastructure. This is what we just went into Executive Session, one of the things we talked about. We have a motion to move this forward?

TOM ALLEN: So moved.

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

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

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


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

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

RUSTY BURNS: We do.

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

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

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

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

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

RUSTY BURNS: That has nothing to do with
it.

GRACIE FLOYD: That’s what I know. It
does not.

RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am.

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

RUSTY BURNS: Sewer plants. That’s what
this is for.

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

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.

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

RUSTY BURNS: Remember it well.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. I remember it, too.

And I’ve been reading a lot about it, too. But I
think that we need to go back before we go up to this
discussion on this sewer study. We need to go back
and look at that, you and I.

RUSTY BURNS: No problem.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson, you have
anything else?
CINDY WILSON: That’s all.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

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

GRACIE FLOYD: I oppose, excuse me.
TOMMY DUNN: Show the motion carries Mr.
Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Wooten and Ms. Wilson in favor.
Ms. Floyd opposes.

Moving on number 9 -- or 12, I’m sorry -- 12(b)
Review of the Contractual Agreement for EMS, contract
agreement attached. Want to hit this just lightly,
Mr. Harmon?
LEON HARMON: Yes, this would be an
extension to the current EMS contracts that we have
with providers in the county. The rescue squads and
also the one for MedShore here in the city area.
There is one that will be -- that’s out for an RFP,
and that is the Williamston area. I think those bids
are due in ---
RUSTY BURNS: Thursday.
LEON HARMON: This coming Thursday.
TOMMY DUNN: Again, coming from Public
Safety Committee doesn’t need a second. Any
discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 13, Report from Finance
Committee meeting held July 13. Ms. Davis, you want
to help out with this? Or Mr. Burns?
RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, I’ll start
and Mr. Robert Carroll can assist me. We’ve already
discussed landfill expansion. That’s been disposed
Number 2, the Foothills Community Foundation Dog Park Agreement will allow us to place funds, we’ve already collected fifteen thousand dollars for the establishment of a dog park at PAWS and this is just a repository to watch that money and people can make contributions and it will be tax deductible. That’s what that is in a nutshell.

TOMMY DUNN: We need to vote on that?

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

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

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

RUSTY BURNS: Near PAWS.

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

RUSTY BURNS: PAWS, or the animal shelter.

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

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

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, that’s right.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. GRACIE FLOYD: You didn’t ask for questions.
2. TOMMY DUNN: Asked for discussion.
3. GRACIE FLOYD: No, I didn’t hear you ask for that.
4. TOMMY DUNN: Sorry, but we did.

Moving on to Airport Terminal update.

1. ROBERT CARROLL: This is just an update, sir. You know we had taken bids a good while back.
2. Two point six nine two nine million dollars. And we have now confirmed approval of all funding through the ACOG and the Department of Commerce and other sources.
3. And we’re moving forward with this construction. It has been awarded to Laser Construction and we expect construction to begin in approximately a week or week and a half.
4. TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to the LEMPG Grant. Ms. Davis.
5. RITA DAVIS: The Sheriff’s department, David Baker, he submits this annually and we will get seventy-seven thousand four hundred thirty-five dollars back. We’ll get some back, fifty-five thousand four four six for personal. This will be for CERT supplies and the supplies that the office uses and a little bit of travel. The match is salaries that we already pay to the personnel in that department.
6. TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance Committee, again, doesn’t need a second. Any discussion?
7. GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Ms. Davis, what is LEMPG? What does it stand for?
8. RITA DAVIS: Local Emergency Management Planning Grant.
9. GRACIE FLOYD: Local Emergency —— Grant.
10. RITA DAVIS: Management Planning Grant.
11. OKAY. Thank you.
12. RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am.
13. TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Got transfers. Anybody got any questions on anything? Coming from the Finance Committee it doesn’t need a second, but if anybody’s got any questions now is the time to bring it up, find out. You had all weekend to look at it. Anybody got anything? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously.

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

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

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

The third thing was a parks streamlining recommendations. The Parks Department has divided up the parks by district and so the Council members are
looking at their parks and sort of saying hey how can we make these better? How can we be more efficient in the resources? If we were to get new revenue in the future to do different initiatives we want to make sure that we’re being good stewards of the current revenue that we have and that we’re doing that correctly. One of the -- couple of things that have come up multiple times is the idea that you know businesses would maybe participate in a park. So maybe a sponsorship opportunity. Also working with community groups to take ownership of their local parks in an effort to, you know, deter crime, keep it clean, have community buy-in. But at the same time have conversations with the community what kinds of things are you looking for in your neighborhoods, in your community that would improve quality of life. So that’s an update from the Parks and Recreation AdHoc Committee and then the subsequent Special Called meeting.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.

Moving on, now a report from the Public Safety Committee meeting held August the 12th, 2018. Mr. Graham couldn’t be here and so Ms. Lacey is out of town, too, tonight, couldn’t be here. Very lucky, appreciate Ms. Casey stepping in for her and she’s going to do the report for the Public Safety. We appreciate it.

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

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

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

MS. CASEY: Yes, ma’am.

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

MS. CASEY: I can provide you a copy.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I’m going to need one because that’s not in my book here. I can
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show you, there is the agenda thing that y’all had. Nothing in here. Well, may I have my own copy, please. Later. Thank you.

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

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

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

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

MS. CASEY: Yes, ma’am. It is.

GRACIE FLOYD: This is the one.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay, Casey, go ahead.

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

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

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

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

RUSTY BURNS: You might note that the Stepping Up Initiative is a resolution which everyone has in their packets and we would request approval of 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. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion
9 show hands.
11 something tonight that we ---
12 RUSTY BURNS: Everybody had it in their
13 Council packet.
14 TOMMY DUNN: It’s in the packet.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: I have it. I know that.
16 But what -- the thing is that what’s it about -- you
17 know Mr. Burns, we just need more information. We
18 come to these meetings and we don’t get all the news
19 or whatever and then we’re asked to sign things that
20 we don’t know what it is. I know she said Stepping
21 Up. She did tell me she -- she sent me a message but
22 she sent it to the wrong place. I didn’t get to the
23 meeting. And I’m just supposed to just go ahead and
24 sign this now for what?
25 RUSTY BURNS: I’ll be happy to read it.
26 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I can read it myself.
27 I’m pretty good at it, too. But the thing is, why am
28 I doing this? What is it going to be? Why is this
29 necessary? Why must I sign it?
30 MS. CASEY: So the Stepping Up
31 Initiative acknowledges that currently nationwide
32 there are over two hundred million individuals in our
33 detention centers, jails and prisons with mental
34 illness, sometimes with co-occurring substance use
35 disorders. And really making sure that we are
36 focusing on providing the appropriate services to
37 these individuals. Being in the detention center does
38 not break that cycle nor provide them with the needed
39 services. So this is an acknowledgment that we as a
40 county will focus on ensuring that these individuals
41 receive the attention and the treatment that they need
42 versus just repeating through the system itself.
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So that part that
44 says therefore be it resolved. Would you do that for
45 me, please. That’s the crux of what we’re signing
46 here. Therefore be it resolved, Anderson County
47 hereby signs on to the call to action to safely reduce
48 the number of individuals in our county council
(verbatim) jail with mental illness and commits to
sharing lessons learned with others throughout the
state. Use of data driven decisions across multiple
agencies will drive innovative strategies to ensure
high level of care of mental illness and other ?????.
And this has to be signed tonight?
RUSTY BURNS: It would be helpful for us
to be part of this initiative because primarily what
it is is an information sharing process and criminal
justice coordinating committee, one of the things
they’re looking at very seriously is the number of
mentally challenged people who are in our jail system.
And are there alternatives such as a mental health
court and other things. All of these were discussed
yesterday in the meeting. Mr. Allen, you were
probably a better spokesperson for what happened than
I am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I wasn’t at the
meeting yesterday. They sent it to the wrong place.
I didn’t have it. But after I have read it, I don’t
have a problem signing it. And I thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
show of hands.
GRACIE FLOYD: Where’s the one that we
have to sign?
TOMMY DUNN: You in favor, Tom?
TOM ALLEN: Oh, yeah.
TOMMY DUNN: It’ll be like any other
thing we get. It will come through the Clerk to Court,
come through to sign.
Does anyone have any appointments for tonight
that’s not on the list someway or another, fell
through the cracks? Hearing none, we’ll go by
request. Mr. Allen.
TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chair. I don’t
have anything out of my recreation account but I have
talked to Roads and Bridges people and I’ve had a
request from the Townville Fire Department to re-pave
their parking lot out there. Patch and seal it and
re-stripe it. And I’ve talked with Mr. Hopkins and
I’d like to move ten thousand dollars out of my paving
account for the Townville Fire Department so that that
project can be completed out there.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Allen.
Need a second. Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?
All in favor of Mr. Allen’s motion show of hands. All
opposed. Show the motion carries. Anything else?
TOM ALLEN: That’s all, Mr. Chair.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, to the Anderson Jet
Track Club. They didn’t put District 2 here. They have 3 and 7. I would like to allocate a thousand dollars. Also, I’d like to do it all at one time. Okay? To Broadway, the Family Group of Broadway Lake having their yearly ??? show and everything else, I would allocate from District 2's account fifteen hundred dollars for that. Okay. From the -- from District 2's account I also have three more -- two I’m going to have to wait. The third one is the organization that have the Greek Festival. I’d like to --- they have written and asked for support and I would like to allocate a thousand dollars for that Greek festival. All of these come under the heads of recreation. I will come back with the dog thing and some money for recreational activities for the blind at the next meeting. I put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Floyd, second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Wooten.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, I’d like to allocate fifteen hundred dollars to the Upstate Chapter of the American Red Cross. This is for their yearly tennis tournament at Cardinal Racquet Club that’s in District 1. Proceeds go to Red Cross charities. I put that in the form of a motion.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Wooten, second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously. Any thing else, Mr. Wooten?
CRAIG WOOTEN: That’s all.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

From District 7's recreation account, please appropriate five thousand dollars for the Honea Path fire and EMS personal protective equipment need, and also three hundred dollars to the Anderson Jet Track Club. That’s in the form of a motion.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson, have a second?
TOM ALLEN: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on Number 18, Administrator’s Report.
RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time. Mr.
Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on number 19.

Citizen comments. Mr. Harmon you call the name.

Please address the Chair, you got three minutes.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one citizen signed up. Frank Pressly.

FRANK PRESSLY: Last week I brought a matter to the attention of the Council regarding the pawn industry in this county. And I have since then sent an email to each and every one of you, Mr. Harmon, and Mr. Burns, that details a copy of the pawn statement from the back of a pawn ticket that shows the language that allows them to charge the exorbitant rate that they charge our senior citizens. I hope that all of y’all will get behind this and that we can make a change in the local ordinance so that our senior citizens are not taken advantage of in this fashion. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on, Remarks from Council members. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: I have some. Okay. You know, when I get up here to do the best that I can, I have the feeling that some folks get upset by my questioning. Yeah. You’ll going to have to understand something. I’m here to represent twenty-two thousand people in Anderson County. And they voted for me to come up here to ask questions. They realize that I have a voice. That I can talk and that I will. So when you get upset because I ask a lot of questions, kind of like, just think about it. I’m not caring about you or how you feel. I’m worried about my people, the black, the white and the blue people that I represent and what they need to know.

Sometimes when I ask the questions, I know the answers but it’s not clear. And if it’s not clear to me, then it can’t be clear to you, either. And when I ask them to please explain something, I’m doing that more for you, for the people that are watching on TV and the people out there than I am for myself. Because if you come here day in and day out, if you’re watching this and you don’t understand what we’re talking about up here then why are you here? And why are you a county taxing person if they don’t fix it so you can understand what is going on. What we’re trying to say. So when I ask the question, don’t get mad at me because I’m smart. Just help me explain it to the
people what I’m talking about because I will ask
questions. And I surely thank you for listening.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.

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


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

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

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

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

Council meeting will be dismissed.

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