

State of South Carolina)
County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to call
2 the Special Presentation part of Anderson County
3 Council meeting of September 18th to order.
4 Appreciate everybody coming out tonight. Sorry for
5 any inconvenience. As y'all know we had an elevator
6 safety issue at the courthouse. So until further
7 notice we'll be making arrangements here and I
8 appreciate the staff and all for getting on this and
9 making this as suitable for Council meeting as best
10 as possible. We don't know how long it'll be out.
11 We hope it will be sooner than later. We'll take the
12 time to get it fixed.

13 So at this time we'll move on with Resolutions
14 and Proclamations (a) it'll be R2018-049. Be from
15 all Council, Ms. Wilson be presenting it. Ms.
16 Wilson.

17 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
18 This is a real pleasure to do this one. THIS IS A
19 RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE HOLT HOPKINS FOR
20 HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO ANDERSON COUNTY AND MOST
21 RECENT DISTINCTION AS THE OUTSTANDING PUBLIC WORKS
22 MANAGER OF THE YEAR AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED
23 THERETO.

24 **WHEREAS**, Holt Hopkins began his career with
25 Anderson County in 1997 as the Roads and Bridges
26 manager with the responsibility of overseeing the
27 overall operations of the Roads and Bridges
28 Department; and

29 **WHEREAS**, in 1999 Holt became the Public Works
30 Director taking on the role of managing the overall
31 operations for the Public Works Division and the
32 management of the Roads and Bridges, and Engineering
33 Departments; and

34 **WHEREAS**, in 2009 Holt became the Deputy County
35 Administrator and Public Works Director. He is
36 currently responsible for the overall county
37 operations and procedures and managing the 11 Public
38 Works departments; and

39 **WHEREAS**, in 2016 Holt assumed control of Paws
40 Animal Shelter which became the 11th department of
41 the Public Works Department. Holt immediately began
42 restructuring the management at the shelter. He
43 coordinated with the council to update ordinances to
44 ensure animals were receiving proper care, initiated
45 a plan to help build a better budget and organized
46 better resources needed by the staff to provide
47 appropriate care to the animals and he appointed a
48 new director and veterinarian. Because of the
49 success of the changes implemented at Paws it is now
50 the largest no-kill shelter in the Upstate of South

1 Carolina; and

2 **WHEREAS**, on August 16, 2018 at the Statewide
3 APWA Conference, the South Carolina Chapter of the
4 American Public Works Association named Holt Hopkins
5 as the Outstanding Public Works Manager of the Year.
6 This award is given to the Public Works Manager who
7 demonstrates outstanding initiative, innovations, and
8 improvements while providing the best qualities of
9 leadership and management; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Anderson County Council and the
11 residents of Anderson County are pleased to recognize
12 Holt Hopkins who passionately serves our community,
13 county and state. We are appreciative of your
14 dedication and personal commitment to the future of
15 Anderson County.

16 **RESOLVED** in meeting duly assembled this 18th day
17 of September, 2018.

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

20 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, you may. We have a
21 motion. We have a second?

22 TOM ALLEN: Second.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Waters. Any
24 discussion?

25 CINDY WILSON: I think we have a large
26 group of family and employees. It's a good thing
27 we're at the Civic Center to honor Holt today.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

29 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, I just wanted to add
30 my compliments to Mr. Hopkins for the work that he's
31 done. And I can tell you this; everything I've asked
32 for, he's been very responsive on. And I'm
33 especially proud of the way he's handled the animal
34 shelter down there. And along with Dr. Sanders
35 they've done a tremendous job down there and are one
36 of the no-kill shelters in the state now. It's an
37 amazing operation. And I think Holt deserves a lot
38 of credit for that, too. So I thank you, Holt, for
39 the work you did there. That's all, Mr. Chairman.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? I'd just
41 like to say I've know Mr. Hopkins and his family a
42 long time. And I appreciate the job he's done. A
43 few things that stand out in my mind. The big part
44 in the animal shelter and the turn around and getting
45 headed right. And I know the employees, the staff,
46 the county, Council, even the animals really
47 appreciate what you've done down there.

48 One thing that stands out in my mind I really
49 appreciate what Mr. Hopkins has done. When this
50 Council first come on, going on coming close now to

1 about ten years ago, finishing up, we had some
2 turmoil; we was in a bind; we needed an interim
3 administrator. Some people messed up and put the
4 cart before the horse. And I really appreciate Mr.
5 Hopkins stepping up that night and taking the reigns
6 and holding things in the county together so we could
7 see a little bit better light. We went through some
8 rough times and some highlights during that. And
9 Holt weathered it. I think it worked real good. Mr.
10 Burns and I think they're a good team. Sometimes a
11 good cop, bad cop. And I think Mr. Hopkins gets a
12 little bit blamed and sometimes don't deserve some of
13 the stuff he has to do. But I really do appreciate
14 the job that Mr. Hopkins has done. And one thing,
15 nothing against Tony Owens, he's a friend of mine,
16 but he hired Matt Hogan. I think Matt's an
17 outstanding addition to the county and just go on and
18 on. And I think he's brought the Roads and Bridges
19 department up to today's standards. And I think we
20 take a backseat to nobody on that. Professionalism
21 and what they try to do. And talking about when Holt
22 first come there and today, it's the difference
23 between night and day. And we really do appreciate
24 what all he's done for the county. And like I said,
25 he's always one to step up and do things. Got a lot
26 of -- been around a good while and got a lot of
27 insights about stuff about how to handle the
28 situations, storms and stuff. Been around and
29 handling. Really do appreciate what he's done and
30 continues to do. So, thank you very much, Mr.
31 Hopkins and your family and what y'all done. Anyone
32 else? If not, hearing none, we'll have a vote. All
33 in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the
34 motion carries unanimously.

35 **(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)**

36 TOMMY DUNN: That concludes our part of
37 the presentation here tonight. We'll be adjourned --
38 I'm sorry.

39 HOLT HOPKINS: I just want each and every
40 one of y'all to know I thank you. I would like to
41 thank Mr. Burns because the animal shelter thing
42 couldn't have happened without y'all's trust and
43 support in what we did down there. And I've also
44 really got to thank the staff, of course, but I'd
45 like to thank Greg and Megan because they were there
46 the first day we walked in without a clue what to do
47 and they stayed by my side to help me figure it out.

48 TOMMY DUNN: It's a team effort in
49 Anderson County and we appreciate what everybody
50 does.

1 We'll adjourn and meet back here for the start of
2 regular Council meeting at 6:30.

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(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:09 P.M.)

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1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to
2 call the regular Anderson County Council meeting of
3 September the 18th, 2018 to order. Like to welcome
4 everyone here tonight. Thank you for coming. Hard
5 as it may be, we might be having to have the meeting
6 out here, but it's a safety issue. And getting
7 people in and out of the Court House, we have an
8 elevator down. Making do. Appreciate the staff
9 getting on this as quick as they did. Everybody
10 working involved and making this happen.

11 Moving on at this time, ask Ms. Floyd if she'd
12 lead us in Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. If
13 we'd all rise, please.

14 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY GRACIE FLOYD)**

15 TOMMY DUNN: At this time are there any
16 corrections or changes to be made to the September
17 4th Regular County Council meeting? Hearing none, we
18 have a motion to move forward?

19 CINDY WILSON: May I move to accept the
20 minutes as presented?

21 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson to
23 accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Graham seconds
24 it. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
25 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
26 unanimously.

27 Moving on to Citizens Comments. As Mr. Harmon
28 calls your name, please again state your name and
29 District for the record. You got three minutes. And
30 please keep matters on agenda items only this first
31 go around. Mr. Harmon.

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

34 FRANK PRESSLY: I want to speak on a
35 couple of items here. First of all, number Item 7(b)
36 which is asking for rezoning of a property on
37 Crestview Road. I think that the Council should
38 disapprove this. The project has tentatively been
39 named Preston Place. And I think that the climate in
40 this county right now with anything named Preston is
41 a little bit dark.

42 Item number 8(b). This is part of the sale of
43 some property from the county to a company that is a
44 for profit company. Not sure what the county rules
45 are regarding selling off county property but that's
46 something I'd be interested in hearing from Mr.
47 Burns.

48 Item number 8(d) Special issuance providing for
49 the issuance of bonds in the amount of twenty-eight
50 million dollars. I'd be interested in hearing from

1 Ms. Davis about what this money's going to be spent
2 for.

3 Resolution number 9, says a resolution approving
4 the development agreement with Peach Properties. If
5 you look at your agenda packet, you are not in fact
6 approving the development agreement, you're approving
7 Mr. Burns to negotiate for that agreement. So read
8 carefully what the fine print is in that, because
9 you're not approving that project, you're approving
10 Mr. Burns to negotiate that project.

11 I have some questions about Item number 10, but
12 we'll speak to that after the meeting.

13 Thank you, sir.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

15 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Elizabeth
16 Fant.

17 ELIZABETH FANT: I have several concerns as
18 well, but since there are public hearings on one or
19 two of those, I'll address them then.

20 I, too, have questions about number 9, the
21 resolution. I read through the supporting literature
22 and it really is -- it doesn't tell you much of
23 anything. It just says that you've got an agreement
24 to have an agreement with the properties and they're
25 going to do something on the County Square, but we
26 really don't know what that's going to be. It could
27 be office space. It could be family dwellings. It
28 could be some commercial. And all of that. I was
29 really hoping that that space would remain empty and
30 that it would become green space. There's hardly
31 anything downtown that's green space any more. We
32 have the Wren Park which is really nice. And across
33 from the Bailes building we have the electric wheel
34 from Electric City and a grassy area there. But
35 we're becoming nothing but pavement downtown.

36 I went to Greer last night for a meeting and
37 Greer has a nice city park and there's areas that
38 their office buildings -- not office but city
39 buildings -- have nice grassy areas outside. We're
40 fast becoming a New York City with nothing but
41 pavement and buildings. And I was really so hoping
42 that we would not develop this area at all. Whatever
43 they do there is going to need parking and I don't
44 know what you're going to do for parking because your
45 sewer people already use all of that up and down.
46 Council people use the first row to park, unless
47 you're lucky enough to get here in time to get one of
48 the two in front of the Court House. It's really
49 going to put a crunch on parking spaces downtown. So
50 I would like you all to totally rethink it, even

1 though this is nothing but a resolution at this time.
2 I was very hoping that we would put nothing up there
3 except green space. Maybe picnic tables, maybe some
4 nice trees, maybe places for people that want to have
5 their lunch downtown. We need more green space
6 downtown.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

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

10 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

11 Moving on to Item number 5, Emergency
12 Preparation. Ms. Floyd.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: I had the extreme pleasure
14 last week of working with the Emergency Preparedness
15 folks. I have worked with them several times in the
16 past. This wasn't my first rodeo. I worked with
17 them several times in the past. But this time it was
18 just remarkable. And I wanted to make sure that you
19 folks know what happened there.

20 First of all, we have a new person who is heading
21 that department. His name is David Baker. Mr. Baker
22 and I have been working on other things all through.
23 But this was different. From the beginning, from the
24 incept (verbatim) of what happened or what was going
25 to happen, he was on the ball. He had a meeting
26 every single day, including Sunday, to make sure that
27 the people of this county was ready. I worked --
28 excuse me for saying I, but yes, I did -- I worked in
29 the District 2 -- that's my area -- Mr. Baker gave me
30 the water that I needed. And we went over to the
31 senior citizens homes that we knew of and we passed
32 out the water. It was really funny, kind of cute,
33 because I saw one lady and I called her and asked her
34 was she prepared and she said no. Did you have any
35 water? She said no. So I gave her some water. She
36 called the lady that she saw out there walking along
37 and then they called somebody else. So it was really
38 fun to see this. We found a man who was sitting on
39 the front porch who was not ready. He told me that
40 somebody was supposed to have brought him some water
41 yesterday, back then, yesterday. They didn't. But
42 that was okay. All we needed was to find somebody
43 who could lift it out of my trunk and we gave it to
44 him. When we left there, we went over to Susan and
45 Booker Street and we knocked on doors because they
46 have a flooding problem over there. They had one.
47 They had one a couple of years ago. And Holt Hopkins
48 and I cleared that up. But this was going to be a
49 different kind of storm, so Holt and I went over
50 there -- no Holt -- I and the community leader went

1 knocking door to door and we talked to most everybody
2 who answered the door. Those who needed water, those
3 who had no preparation or what.

4 And then the funny thing that we did -- and I've
5 done this several times before -- we went over to
6 Homeland Park and we passed out a flier that was made
7 by one of the ladies in Emergency Preparedness with
8 phone numbers on it. Did you all get one with phone
9 numbers on it for everything. Who to call when.
10 What to call when. Where to go when. We stood in
11 the middle of the street and we passed them out to
12 any car that came by. Ninety-five percent of the
13 people took them. Of course, you have your people
14 who wouldn't, but that's fine. Ninety-five percent
15 of the people that we saw took it. Then we went home
16 and we started calling churches to make the pastors
17 of these churches aware that we thought it would be a
18 good idea if they would talk with their people in the
19 church and make sure that their seniors were being
20 taken care of. After that, we went back up to the
21 Emergency Preparedness Center.

22 The next day I explained to Mr. David Baker that
23 I found a ninety-six year old female living by
24 herself and she didn't have a phone. Mr. Baker was
25 very, very encouraging to her and to me. He told me
26 that I will have a phone for her by that afternoon.
27 And sure enough, that afternoon somebody from the
28 Emergency Preparedness -- wish I could remember names
29 better than I do -- but brought the phone over to my
30 house and we took it to the lady so she could have a
31 phone if need be. We talked to people about trees.

32 It was hard work and I fell in bed exhausted.
33 But we were there. We were there. They were there.
34 We have one of the most effective Emergency
35 Preparedness systems that I have seen in a long time.
36 I was proud and privileged to be accepted by them. I
37 was proud and very pleased to be able to help the
38 people in my district and I am so pleased with Mr.
39 Baker and his staff. Wish I could name them for you,
40 but if you see him, please give them a pat on the
41 back. Let them know that we thank him and we do
42 appreciate all that he did -- that he and his staff
43 did to help us get prepared. Thank you.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on Ordinance Third
45 Reading 6(a) 2018-014 an ordinance to amend an
46 agreement for the development of a Joint County
47 Industrial and Business park (2010 Park) of Anderson
48 and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.

49 Mr. Nelson, would you like to say a few words
50 before we have public hearing about this?

1 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Be happy to.
2 Mr. Chairman, this is a project that we're in
3 cooperation with the city of Anderson in the
4 development of some property along -- we refer to
5 this as Project Ferguson -- along Main Street in
6 front of City Hall. There are a number of vacant
7 buildings there that also includes -- this will also
8 include the Palmetto building, really on Murray
9 Avenue. For the most part these are the most
10 dilapidated buildings along Main Street. This is a
11 redevelopment project. Currently those are in the
12 TIF, Tax Increment Financing District. They generate
13 no tax income for Anderson County. And the city uses
14 those dollars that come in for redevelopment of those
15 properties for infrastructure development.

16 This will be a two million -- initial two million
17 dollar investment over a six year period. Tax income
18 will actually begin by 2024 and it will continue to
19 grow as the development grows and those facilities
20 are filled with clients and with some residential has
21 been discussed. But it is a cooperative project with
22 the city of Anderson and Anderson County Economic
23 Development Advisory Board. And staff brings this as
24 a recommendation for your consideration.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson. At
26 this time we'll have a public hearing on this.
27 Anyone wishing to speak to this, please step forward
28 state your name and district and address the Chair,
29 please. Public hearing. Anyone at all? Seeing and
30 hearing none, public hearing will be closed. We have
31 a motion?

32 KEN WATERS: So moved.

33 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second
35 Mr. Waters. Now any discussion?

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, is this the
39 building -- I'm getting different messages here now.
40 I was told that this was the downtown hotel that's
41 going to move there? And you mentioned him to build
42 it.

43 BURRISS NELSON: This is for Ferguson
44 project. Accommodation is the hotel project. This
45 is a little further down on our list.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I know we have
47 three on here for downtown. But is this -- this is
48 not the hotel?

49 BURRISS NELSON: That's right. It's not.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Could you please tell us

1 what this is? Because I wrote down when I talked
2 about this yesterday, I wrote downtown hotel here,
3 but it's not.

4 BURRISS NELSON: Well, that could have
5 confused you when we were talking about that. The
6 Ferguson project is about the buildings that really
7 started on the corner of Market Street, on the south
8 side of South Main and go all the way down through
9 the Glenn Pharmacy. It goes all the way down Murph's
10 Grill, ??, all those buildings that are directly
11 across from City Hall and the police station.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: It used to be an old hotel
13 years ago. Is that the property?

14 BURRISS NELSON: I think you're correct. I
15 think it might have been a hotel many years ago.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Okay.
17 Thank you.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor
19 of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries
20 unanimously.

21 Moving on to Item 6(b). This is also a public
22 hearing. 2018-031 a third supplemental ordinance
23 providing for the issuance and sale of Anderson
24 County, South Carolina Solid Waste System Revenue
25 Bonds, Series 2018, in the Aggregate Principal amount
26 not exceeding \$2,800,000 fixing the form and certain
27 details of the bonds; authorizing the Chairman of the
28 County Council, the County Administrator and the
29 Finance Director to determine certain matters
30 relating to the bonds; providing certain payment of
31 the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds
32 thereof. Ms. Davis, would you mind just tweaking
33 this a little bit before we go into a public hearing.
34 Just speaking on this just for a little bit, just for
35 the folks.

36 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. This came from
37 the Planning and Public Works Committee with a
38 unanimous vote. It's for two million three hundred
39 fifty thousand to expand the Starr C&D Landfill,
40 three hundred seventy-five thousand for the bailer.

41 TOMMY DUNN: And I stand corrected. I
42 said twenty-eight million. But it's two point eight
43 million. I'd correct that.

44 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else?

46 RITA DAVIS: Well, yes, just wanted to
47 remind you Mr. Smith is the solid waste fund, they're
48 currently at this moment just rolling off 4/1/2019
49 and this is coming on the books. It's a little bit
50 less. So, of course, we're look at the debt coverage

1 and we feel confident that his fund will be paying
2 this back.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Davis. Now
4 we'll go into a public hearing. Anyone wishing to
5 speak to this matter, please step forward, state your
6 name and district and address the Chair.

7 FRANK PRESSLY: Frank Pressly, District 4.
8 Mr. Chairman, I have serious concerns about this
9 supplemental ordinance, particularly when the power
10 of the County Council as a whole is usurped by the
11 authorization of certain details, certain matters,
12 certain payments, and distribution -- disposition of
13 the proceeds thereof fall on yourself, Mr. Burns, and
14 Mr. Carroll. I'm not sure that taking the power of
15 the Council and reducing it down to three people is a
16 good public policy. But I have serious concerns
17 about this and other items in the agenda that don't
18 exactly reflect what the back story is. They ask
19 Council to approve something, but they're not really
20 disapproving or approving that item. They are
21 approving or disapproving somebody to negotiate for
22 the item or some other variance of that. So I think
23 the agenda should probably reflect what the actual
24 back story is on this. And as I said, my concerns
25 are that we are usurping the power of the County
26 Council and reducing it down to the decision made by
27 three people.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Seeing and
29 hearing none, public hearing will be closed. We have
30 a motion to move this forward?

31 RAY GRAHAM: So moved.

32 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham, second
34 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. What I want to know
38 and we've got to spend two million -- well, we're
39 going to float a bond for two million eight hundred
40 thousand dollars for the solid waste system. But in
41 next year, next year, we're going to pay off a bond,
42 Ms. Davis, am I correct?

43 RITA DAVIS: That is correct.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: We're going to pay off a
45 bond?

46 RITA DAVIS: That is correct.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. If we're going to
48 -- if we have already had one, and we get that paid
49 off next year, why are we doing another one now?

50 RITA DAVIS: To expand the Starr C&D

1 Landfill. Its life is limited. And also to get a
2 new baler for the MRF. It's on its last leg, it's
3 about a hundred and sixty thousand, I believe, to
4 repair. It's like fifteen years old, so he needs to
5 replace that. So we're borrowing money so he can
6 accomplish those two goals.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now how long will
8 this one last us? This bond?

9 RITA DAVIS: Fifteen.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Fifteen years?

11 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. Oh, I beg
12 your pardon. I'm thinking about the SSRC. This is
13 ten years. And I put an amortization schedule in the
14 folder for you regarding this new debt. It's on top
15 there, yes, ma'am.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. We haven't had
17 time to -- I haven't had time to look at that. That
18 just got here.

19 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.

21 RITA DAVIS: It's about three hundred
22 thirty-seven thousand annual debt service.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

24 RITA DAVIS: And that's a project that
25 is needed.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: And it's going to be for
27 ten years, right?

28 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you.

30 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Call for the
32 vote. All in favor of the motion show of hands.
33 Show the motion carries unanimously.

34 Moving on to Item number 6(c) 2018-033 an
35 ordinance authorizing the execution of an
36 Infrastructure Credit Agreement among Anderson
37 County, South Carolina, the City of Anderson, South
38 Carolina, J.B. Ferguson Properties, LLC and Estate
39 Planning Consultants, Inc. This is the same project
40 we just voted on a few minutes ago, if I'm not
41 mistaken.

42 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir.

43 TOMMY DUNN: And this will be going
44 into a public hearing. Put the thing in motion.
45 Anyone want to speak to this, please step forward and
46 state your name and district and address the Chair,
47 please.

48 ELIZABETH FANT: Okay. I just spoke with
49 Burriss Nelson and I understand that 6(a) and 6(c)
50 are connected. From what I understand, 6(c), the

1 Ferguson property is what this is encompassing, is
2 the area which is already the Palmetto Building --
3 you know that was an old mill at one time and it was
4 an office building. Most of the windows got broken
5 out. They didn't have much of a residency when they
6 had renovated it. And also the properties down the
7 road there, the beer place, I guess that's the
8 building where they used to -- can't think of the
9 name of it, it's still one there -- and also the
10 glass place. If that's true, then I really don't
11 understand how you can have a business park. I
12 thought a business park was somewhere else. I'm just
13 really confused about that. That's the first thing.

14 And the second thing is, something is going on in
15 Anderson downtown and I really haven't gotten my
16 finger on what it is. But we got all this stuff
17 that's going on, development down there. You got
18 people wanting to put up office buildings. I
19 understand we want to do something with the old
20 Bailes place. They say it could be mixed use,
21 commercial, office space, maybe condos, whatever.
22 Then we've got this hotel.

23 There's not enough downtown to support all this.
24 The one place that I know of that kind of has office
25 space available is almost across from the hamburger
26 place -- Uptown Lounge. Almost catty-corner from
27 that is a building that has two stories, up top and
28 then a basement where people can rent a room,
29 basically, for office space. And it's not on a high
30 demand. You have multiple empty spaces downtown.
31 You have where the Avenue of Oaks Antique place was
32 and then the building right next door to it that was
33 renovated probably five or six years ago, like three
34 or four stories and it's a nice building and we've
35 had no grabbers.

36 Basically downtown Anderson is the County
37 functions, the old courthouse, the new courthouse,
38 the jail, the city management place, the police
39 department, probably twelve lawyers, four or five
40 eating places -- three that are pretty good -- ???,
41 Meeting Place, J Peters. And we've got umpteen other
42 ones that have tried to go in that have failed.
43 There's not enough parking places already for just
44 the eating places. And when people have to go to
45 court and they've got to have a place to park. And
46 most people do not want to park in the high rise
47 parking thing. So I don't know what it is that's --
48 somebody knows something -- if they know something
49 that I don't know, I wish that they would convey it
50 to me, because I don't see the need for all this new

1 stuff. I know what it does. If you change a
2 building that's not paying any taxes and they
3 renovate it, even if you give them a fee in lieu of
4 or you give them time enough, you know, to do that,
5 and then eventually it does produce tax money. But
6 you look around town and you see all these strip
7 shopping malls that once people thought, yeah, we
8 needed them, we needed them; and half of those are
9 empty. So I just don't know what the need is here
10 and I just can't fathom -- again that's on another
11 item -- but a hotel downtown. Unless you're getting
12 married and you're going to go to the Bleckley event
13 place across the street to have your rehearsal dinner
14 or your thing and then your family members in town
15 want a place to stay without driving somewhere else.
16 You go up Clemson Boulevard and you've got all these
17 hotels that are nice there near the Cookout place.
18 You've got two or three that are really nice hotels
19 there. Then you go up to the interchange, 40 and 41
20 -- what is that interchange there? Can't think of
21 that number, anyway the one going up to Clemson and
22 you've got five or six really nice hotels there. If
23 anybody's coming to Anderson County, they're
24 basically going to the game. They're not coming
25 downtown. I don't see the need and I think you're
26 going to double up on the transportation problem and
27 on the parking problem and that's what killed
28 Anderson from the get-go. When we had Burners and we
29 had Looking Glass and we had Vogue and we had McCalls
30 and we had the ?? House. The only thing left
31 downtown that is at all commercial is Phil's Jewelers
32 and it's going to do business no matter what when
33 people want to buy a diamond ring. And the Kitchen
34 Emporium which is down on the other end and
35 Ionosphere. There's no place to park. I don't
36 understand.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Hearing
38 none, public hearing will be closed. We have a
39 motion to move this forward?

40 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

41 RAY GRAHAM: So moved.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second
43 Mr. Graham. Any discussion?

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

45 CINDY WILSON: May I?

46 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Ms. Davis,
48 would you come back up, please.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Davis.

50 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Davis, now, this one
2 goes along with 6(a) and 6(c), right?
3 RITA DAVIS: 6(a) is Mr. Burriss's ---
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, maybe I should have
5 called Mr. Burriss. Mr. Burriss, please excuse me.
6 Ms. Davis, I apologize. Mr. Burriss, this is 6(a)
7 and 6(c), right?
8 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am.
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Now, what's the difference
10 between the two, in laymen's language.
11 BURRISS NELSON: Well, 6(c) is the
12 incentive ordinance that we have to pass for them to
13 be able to receive the discounted county property
14 over a period of time. It's a type of fee in lieu of
15 taxes. An incentive. And we reduce the property tax
16 until they get it up and running and operational.
17 Taxes generate business there that will generate
18 income and subsequently generate property tax.
19 The first one, (a) puts it in (BREAK IN TAPE)
20 referred to and it's basically a legal fiction but it
21 puts it into a county industrial park. It's a multi-
22 county industrial park and it's a state statute. This
23 state statute allows for a number of state centers,
24 but the county has to give permission for that to be
25 included in this particular statute and that's an
26 ordinance also. So we include that so we can receive
27 any additional state benefits that might be available
28 to it. This really is a courtesy.
29 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay now. The hotel has
30 nothing to do with (a) nor (c). Am I correct?
31 BURRISS NELSON: That's correct.
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Nothing to do with it.
33 BURRISS NELSON: That's correct.
34 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Good.
35 I thank you.
36 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am.
37 TOMMY DUNN: Anymore discussion?
38 CINDY WILSON: May I?
39 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
40 CINDY WILSON: Just quickly pointing out
41 that in the last few weeks there have been a number
42 of announcements downtown. One was 201 North Main
43 Street, the big bank building, West Point Pepperell
44 Corporate office is moving there with fifteen
45 employees from Clemson, so that's really a nice
46 addition to downtown. And there's a lot of other
47 activities going on. So when people come downtown
48 and take risks and put their money up, I think it's
49 very important to track it close, but it looks like
50 things are starting to turn around downtown.

1 Thank you.

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

6 Moving on to Item 6(d) 2018-034 an ordinance
7 authorizing the extension of the term under that
8 certain lease agreement by and between Anderson
9 County, South Carolina and BMW Manufacturing Co. LLC
10 dated as of September 1, 1998; the amendment of such
11 lease agreement to reflect such extension. Mr.
12 Nelson, you mind speaking to this before we go into
13 public hearing?

14 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Be happy to.
15 These are properties, particular piece of equipment,
16 really tools, that BMW has placed in companies like
17 Mergon, Plastic Omnium, and several others across the
18 county. There are millions of dollars worth of tools
19 and we collect property tax on those. They are
20 covered by a statewide BMW multi-county BMW fee in
21 lieu of taxes agreement. And so each county charges
22 its own millage, and there's an agreement that is
23 statewide with BMW. And we're merely extending that
24 agreement for the equipment that they have in
25 Anderson County and we're collecting the property tax
26 on it.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.
28 Appreciate it. At this time we'll go into a public
29 hearing on that. Anyone wishing to speak to this,
30 please step forward and state your name and district
31 and address the Chair, please. Anyone at all?
32 Seeing and hearing none, public hearing will be
33 closed. We have a motion to move this forward?

34 KEN WATERS: So moved.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham. Second
36 Mr. Allen. Any discussion? Hearing none, motion --
37 vote on the motion. All in favor, opposed like sign.
38 Show the motion carries unanimously.

39 Moving on now to item 6(e) 2018-037 an ordinance
40 authorizing the execution of an Infrastructure Credit
41 Agreement among Anderson County, Project
42 Accommodation, and the City of Anderson, South
43 Carolina. Mr. Nelson, again, would you like to speak
44 on this?

45 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr.
46 Chairman, members of Council. This is another
47 project where we are in collaboration with the city.
48 This is a hotel project. And this particular project
49 will be generating an investment of approximately
50 twelve million dollars. That investment will supply

1 a property tax in the first year to the county, as it
2 proceeds through the certificate of occupancy, of
3 approximately fifty-two thousand in tax dollars.
4 That would include schools. And then the city would
5 receive approximately seventeen thousand. Over a
6 thirty year period the county would receive -- now
7 this is property that is not taxable today. It's in
8 the TIF. It's also parking lot that belongs to the
9 city. We have no taxing authority over that. But
10 after thirty years the county will receive three
11 point four six eight million in taxes and the city
12 would receive one point one five six million in
13 taxes.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.
15 We're going into a public hearing now. Anyone
16 wishing to speak to this, please step forward and
17 state your name and district and address the Chair,
18 please. Anyone at all?

19 ELIZABETH FANT: I guess basically
20 everything I have to say tonight is really an
21 extension of the same problem. I laminated something
22 out of the Anderson magazine that had Anderson County
23 Economic Development announcements from January 2009
24 to 2017. You may have read that at some point.
25 That's great. Because all of those things brought in
26 jobs and each one of them lists how many jobs
27 supposedly and how much money development,
28 supposedly. You know we never know about that fee in
29 lieu of whether we really are getting what we say
30 we're getting. But on the map so many of them are
31 like Orion Rug and on 81, up that stretch, a few
32 others are clustered together. But basically we
33 don't ever see anything going on down in the Starr-
34 Iva area except for the toilet paper people. And
35 also on the Belton Anderson Highway and in Belton
36 going out towards Honea Path. It's all kind of
37 conglomerated in the same area. We need to be
38 looking out for infrastructure on 85. We're not
39 using it. I think years ago when Ms. Cindy was on
40 she tried to get them to put in sewer and support on
41 85 and that fell on deaf ears. But we got that whole
42 area there that's virgin territory that if we had
43 sewer and water and power close enough to get it, we
44 could really be adding. And that's all Anderson
45 County.

46 But I guess my concern is that when we keep
47 adding so much downtown, I don't know how the
48 infrastructure can handle it. I mean, we've got Wren
49 Park because the Belk building was downtown. There
50 was a store next to it. The walls of that store fell

1 in. Do you remember that? Nobody remembers that?
2 Okay. And Belk, likewise closed because the area was
3 not strong enough structural-wise to put up a new
4 building there. And that's how we got Wren Park. So
5 if you're talking about adding a whole bunch of
6 buildings, including a hotel downtown, that's got to
7 have some pretty strong steel roots into the ground
8 to hold it up. I hope it's not going to be one of
9 these -- and I don't mean this to sound bad, but it
10 is what it is -- a podunk Motel 6 type of
11 construction. You're going to put that hotel right
12 down there next to already some old buildings on that
13 street. The rest of it is going in the back on our
14 nice historical cobblestones that will be torn up.
15 And that hotel, the swimming pool and parking thing
16 is going to be right smack dab almost on top of the
17 Church Street park that we just got finished.

18 I'm worried about the infrastructure. I'm
19 worried about having enough sewer and water
20 facilities. I'm worried about what that's already
21 going to do to downtown. When we had a development
22 downtown a few years back, maybe ten years, maybe
23 before that even, where they put in the yellow ramp
24 stuff, where you come up a corner, you know, so
25 handicap people like myself can get up. And they did
26 an awful lot to downtown Anderson because Anderson
27 was so torn up for so long, there were good
28 businesses there that closed. One that I used to go
29 to a lot was the Town House Restaurant that had been
30 there for years and had some of the best food in
31 Anderson and the best service and best decor and the
32 best everything. They couldn't handle it. All that
33 construction was killing their business. And I also
34 understand that businesses downtown are struggling
35 because the city taxes are so high. That's one
36 reason the Town House went out.

37 So I'm for open air spaces and I know that once
38 you take up a piece of land and you put something on
39 it, you just about never get it back to a piece of
40 land. And you're stuck with whatever you get,
41 whether it be a strip -- parking strip malls or a
42 venture that folds and then it's an eyesore. I just
43 have real concerns about all this together. And I
44 know it's economic development. And I know economic
45 development brings in money. And if you have more
46 money, you spend more money.

47 But I had Ms. Davis hunt up some time back, and I
48 don't have it with me so I can't quote it exactly,
49 but I had her hunt up how many employees we had in
50 2008 and what the county budget was in 2008. And

1 then what it was last year, the county employees
2 number and what the budget is now. And I mean to
3 tell you that we've added a whole lot of people. And
4 the budget, the amount that we're spending has
5 skyrocketed. So what that's telling me is the stuff
6 that we're doing -- what we're doing is we turn
7 around and we're hiring other employees, adding to
8 our budget, so the taxpayers never get a break
9 because we keep just adding stuff. But we're not
10 looking out for the infrastructure. I don't see
11 anything in our budget really that's planning for
12 replacement of pipes, replacement of sewer, and the
13 additional infrastructure that's needed when you
14 start having these developments where you add a
15 hundred and forty houses within two miles. That's
16 not good.

17 And Anderson, to me, is just such a quaint,
18 wonderful town that has an ambiance, has friendly
19 people, has old buildings, has charm. I hope y'all
20 are not trying to recreate us to something like a
21 Greenville, which we're not. But Council needs to
22 make a trip to Greer and they need to go and see what
23 Greer is doing and how they are funding and how the
24 little shops and stuff that they're doing downtown.
25 That's what we need more of in Anderson. We don't
26 need all this other stuff.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

28 STAN WELCH: Yes, please. My name is
29 Stan Welch. I'm from District 6 or 7. We're never
30 sure. I vote at White Plains if that tells you
31 anything. And I do vote ---

32 TOMMY DUNN: Once or twice?

33 STAN WELCH: I like to go early and I
34 like to go vote. It's hot in that building. When I
35 was a much younger man, my father had a job in
36 Greenville. And during my Christmas leave from the
37 Citadel I came up and worked with him. He was
38 training in motel management and it was in
39 Greenville. At 7:30 at night you could lay down in
40 the streets in Greenville and not worry about getting
41 run over. That town went down with the sun. It was
42 dead. It was a ghost town. Now, because people with
43 vision took chances and attracted investment,
44 Greenville is one of the premier destinations in the
45 Southeast. I'm not saying Anderson is never going to
46 be that. I don't want it to be. But it could be a
47 lot more than it is now. If you're traveling through
48 downtown Anderson, you're seeing abandoned buildings
49 and boarded up windows, you're really not thinking,
50 you know, I'd like to bring my family here. I'd like

1 to put my -- I'd like to invest my money here. If
2 you are, you're a fool. If boarded up windows make
3 you think I need to invest in this town, you're
4 crazy.

5 If we've got some people who are willing to
6 invest in this town and who require a little
7 incentive help from the city and the county
8 government, I'm all in favor of it. As to the
9 infrastructure issue, I live in the White Plains
10 area. We do not consider ourselves downtown
11 Anderson. But to get to downtown Anderson, I have to
12 drive past between two and three billion dollars in
13 capital investment and industrial development. And
14 the infrastructure is there for that. TTI employs
15 about eight hundred people. I'm pretty sure they're
16 not running on septic tanks. So infrastructure is
17 being built where it's needed. Yes, there's more
18 that needs to be done. And I hope that this Council
19 and future Councils will find ways to do those
20 things. The money that was squandered on
21 infrastructure ten years ago is not being squandered
22 now and you can see the difference in Anderson
23 County. Thank you for your time.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Hearing
25 none, public hearing will be closed. At this time we
26 have a motion to move this forward?

27 TOM ALLEN: So moved.

28 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen, second
30 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

32 CINDY WILSON: May I?

33 CRAIG WOOTEN: Mr. Chairman.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.

35 CRAIG WOOTEN: I wanted to speak to this
36 because I was the Chairman of the Sewer Ad Hoc
37 Committee last year and we came with a unanimous
38 recommendation to full Council. Full Council then
39 actually adopted that recommendation. And I talked
40 to Derrick Singleton this morning. We have
41 implemented a comprehensive sewer expansion to every
42 exit on I-85. And it's being implemented right now
43 and so it will be a total overhaul. There will not
44 be an exit that will not have any sewer service. So
45 we've taken the lead on that. I think they'll pay
46 dividends in the long run.

47 As for some of the Economic Development comments,
48 there's a couple things that confuse me. People say
49 well you don't need to approve anything like that
50 because it's going to fail. Or people say well we

1 already have too many things like that; you shouldn't
2 have approved another. That troubles me from a
3 political philosophy standpoint because I don't look
4 at what the business is and decide whether or not I
5 think it's going to succeed or fail. That's not our
6 job. Our job is to say is it legal? Is this person
7 entitled to do it? Does it put any kind of strain --
8 an infrastructure strain which I think is legit. But
9 I mean, I don't say we're not going to approve a
10 McDonalds because there's already two more McDonalds
11 in town. Well, that's that business person's risk
12 that they're going to take and they may succeed or
13 they may fail. If we get to the topics of trying to
14 decide who succeeds and who fails, we'll go down a
15 very slippery sloop. I don't do a world economic
16 outlook on power tools when I look at whether or not
17 TTI wants to invest. I would assume that they're
18 experts in that.

19 And I'll be quite honest in my personal life, I
20 see things being built all the time I don't think
21 will work out. And a lot of times I'm corrected and
22 they work out wonderfully. And things that I think
23 would succeed end up failing. I think from our
24 standpoint, you know, this is -- the city project
25 brought a lot of animosity; some of it I think is
26 confusion. It's the city's property. It's not ours.
27 The only thing that they have proposed to us is a way
28 to take a non-taxable property and allow us to gain
29 tax revenue. And I feel like it's incumbent upon us
30 as County Council to make the best deal that we can
31 for county citizens as the county. I see things
32 going on at the State House all the time I would do
33 differently, but I wasn't elected to the State House.
34 I would like to go tell the city to do things
35 differently sometimes. But I'm not elected to the
36 city. We can only negotiate what is in our purview
37 and I feel like what's in our purview is reasonable.
38 Would I do these projects personally? I don't know,
39 I don't have the money nor the expertise to do them.
40 But I feel like we're stepping over into other areas
41 that we don't have control over. And we shouldn't be
42 in the job of selecting who we think would succeed or
43 fail, as much as just trying to provide an economic
44 environment where people are willing to take risks.
45 Those are my comments.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.
47 Ms. Floyd.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: The -- I have been wary
49 about this property for the longest. No, I'm not --
50 I have never said anything about who's going to fail

1 and who's going to be successful. I don't think
2 that's the problem. Who's failing and who's
3 successful. Okay? The problem is, what are we doing
4 to our citizens? Let's not forget, we are a small
5 town. We are not one of the largest towns where we
6 have space. Downtown Anderson is really landlocked
7 and we keep building there. Yes, I am worried about
8 the infrastructure. Especially with that old hotel
9 going to be revised. You know, how is the sewer
10 system in that site? We don't know. It has been
11 empty for so long I don't think anybody has turned on
12 any water or flushed anything. But when we do, will
13 that infrastructure lend itself to being something
14 that we can continue to use without digging holes and
15 putting down more.

16 I'm worried about the parking. When you go
17 downtown, if you eat at J Peters, and I do, because I
18 love their salads, do you know you don't have any
19 place to park as it is? And that's going to take up
20 some of the parking space that you can park in the
21 back of the place. But that's another story. I
22 worried about the other businesses there. We've got
23 a hotel there already. Did we give the other hotel
24 fee in lieu of? Did we -- not we, but the people who
25 are responsible -- did they give him the same kind of
26 money, the same kind of exceptions like they're going
27 to give this hotel people? I'm worried about Mellow
28 Mushroom. They use that property behind them a lot
29 for overflow customers. Where are they going to go?
30 I worry about the people on Benson Street. We just
31 had a new business go in there. Now what's going to
32 happen to them? They have a back door that can be
33 used. But if we're going to put a parking space back
34 there, then what?

35 This hotel is supposed to have a parking deck, a
36 swimming pool and a car deck. Oh, I said that twice.
37 A parking deck, a swimming pool, plus the hotel. How
38 are they going to squeeze all of that into that
39 little thing. And how much has the city wasted
40 putting that little park in the back of that, if
41 that's going to be demolished or moved over, too. I
42 was told by people who know that it's going to take
43 at least fifty guests a night to keep that place
44 going. That hotel going. What's happening downtown
45 where we have fifty people needing to spend the night
46 down there or anywhere else in Anderson. The -- I
47 worry about the crowdedness. I worry about the
48 packing and everything else.

49 Now I have heard many times since this thing came
50 up that, oh, no, it's not us; it's the city. No,

1 it's us. It's us. The city asked us to come in
2 because they needed us. So we will have to accept
3 some of the responsibility. You can't just say, oh,
4 I don't work for the city, I don't do -- you -- when
5 we sit up here and vote to let this thing happen,
6 each one of us is going to have to be responsible for
7 accepting some of the mess that's going to happen
8 downtown.

9 Remember when they were fixing the room upstairs,
10 across the street it used to be a hamburger place
11 right there one time. And the Cigar Bar came in and
12 they were fixing the Cigar Bar and Chiquola Club
13 above the Cigar Bar. Y'all remember that? We had
14 people complaining like crazy. The place was called
15 Maggie's. I think it was Maggie's Hamburger Place.
16 They were complaining. Town House was complaining.
17 Everybody was complaining that the businesses were
18 going down because they had no parking space and all
19 that stuff from the other side of the street. Well,
20 that's the cost of progress. But if you think they
21 complained about that little space, what do you think
22 they're going to do when the hotel -- it is going to
23 disrupt everything. We will be just as responsible.
24 The County will be just as responsible. I advise you
25 -- I hope that you will kind of think thirty years
26 from now we will be getting three point four million
27 dollars. Is that why we're doing this? For thirty
28 years from now? Thirty years from now some of us
29 might not even be here. They're going to get the
30 bulk of the money, but we'll have to wait for thirty
31 years. Thirty years it won't even be there because
32 we will have more people in Anderson. Do you know
33 that we're already at two hundred thousand people in
34 Anderson County? Do you know that? It's going to be
35 more. It's going to be more.

36 I disagree with the whole thing. I don't think
37 it was well thought out. I think that we are looking
38 at money rather than looking out for our people.

39 Now, it was said that it could have gone on
40 Belton Highway. Lord, God, we need a hotel there.
41 You know we need a hotel on Belton Highway. These
42 people go all the way to Greenville for the tennis
43 tournaments when they come. We need one there. But
44 no, we're going to stick it downtown. Why?

45 Thank you.

46 TOMMY DUNN: I make a motion to extend
47 the time five more minutes. Second Ms. Wilson. All
48 in favor of extending the time five minutes show of
49 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
50 carries. Ms. Wilson.

1 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. It's
2 instructive to realize what is the county's
3 jurisdiction and what is the city's jurisdiction and
4 where we go with our questions. Tonight, I'm not
5 particularly impressed with the location of the
6 hotel, but our job is the incentive package. And the
7 infrastructure bonds that are on our agenda tonight
8 are I guess around twenty-eight -- well more than
9 thirty million dollars for infrastructure. Two point
10 eight for solid waste for the C&D landfill down in
11 Starr and a piece of equipment for the MRF. And then
12 we have twenty-eight point three or four million that
13 we're voting on in bond form tonight for our sewer
14 infrastructure. And as Mr. Wooten pointed out it
15 should put the county in good order, particularly
16 along the interstate and some of the really bad
17 messes that were put in before. So that's my two
18 cents worth tonight.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
20 Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of
21 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
22 carries with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr.
23 Graham, Mr. Wooten, Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd
24 opposes.

25 Moving on to Item number 6(f) 2018-038 an
26 ordinance to amend an agreement for the development
27 of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2010
28 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as
29 enlarge the park. Mr. Nelson, would you mind
30 speaking to this just before we go into public
31 hearing?

32 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr.
33 Chairman and members of Council. This is adding that
34 particular property that we just discussed for the
35 hotel project, Project Accommodation, to the multi-
36 county industrial park agreement that we have in ???
37 (someone coughing). We bring recommendation from
38 staff and from the Economic Development Advisory
39 Board for your consideration.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.
41 We'll be going into a public hearing. Anyone wishing
42 to speak to this please step forward, state your name
43 and district and address the Chair, please. Anyone
44 at all? Seeing and hearing none, public hearing will
45 be closed. We have a motion to move this forward?

46 KEN WATERS: So moved.

47 CINDY WILSON: Second.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second
49 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burriss, can you come
3 back up? Now, you mentioned something about -- if
4 I'm on the right one, 2018-038?
5 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now you mentioned
7 something about this part of the hotel downtown as
8 well.
9 BURRISS NELSON: This is the hotel project
10 that we're collaborating with the city and the
11 parking lot that is adjacent to or near the Mellow
12 Mushroom that you just discussed.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, you know
14 something is wrong because when I talked to somebody
15 -- was it you yesterday -- and I asked about this.
16 And you told me it was -- I asked what type
17 businesses would be going in this park and you told
18 me metal testing, MTS services, ?? company.
19 BURRISS NELSON: That's later in the
20 project. That's a different -- that's a different
21 project. This is -- Accommodations is the hotel.
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, all right. So when
23 you told me yesterday that when I asked the question
24 what type of business would be going in the joint
25 county industrial and business park, you told me
26 metal testings. That's not right; right?
27 BURRISS NELSON: It's later in -- it's down
28 in ---
29 LEON HARMON: It's section 7, Mr.
30 Nelson.
31 BURRISS NELSON: 7(a)? 7(c) is that
32 particular project.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burriss? I'm sure you
34 told me (BREAK IN TAPE) metal testing, MPF, and I
35 wrote it right at the top of each one of the things
36 we talked about. I wrote it right there.
37 BURRISS NELSON: Well, I apologize at this
38 point if I made an error, and I do apologize.
39 GRACIE FLOYD: So this is for the
40 business park. I mean this is for the hotel thing as
41 well.
42 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am. Every project
43 that we have that has any incentive will go in, as
44 well as having an ordinance will also have an
45 additional ordinance to place it in the park so it
46 can receive the state incentives that are available
47 to them. So usually we'll have at least two
48 ordinances with every economic development project.
49 One is for the company's incentive. The other one is
50 for the multi-county park agreement. And it's just

1 adding an amendment to the current agreement. It has
2 many amendments to it with many projects going into
3 that one ordinance that we did in 2010.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: All right.
5 BURRISS NELSON: With your permission and
6 the Chairman's permission, when we were talking about
7 tax dollars that will be generated by the hotel
8 project, the three point four million to the county,
9 that's over a thirty year period.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Over a thirty year period.
11 BURRISS NELSON: So that tax is every year,
12 seventy-fifty to us, fifty or sixty thousand dollars
13 a year. In later years it gets to be an even higher
14 amount because of the ---
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, it was presented as
16 in thirty years we would be at three point four
17 million dollars. There was no explanation that it
18 was going to be in increments.
19 BURRISS NELSON: That's right. Over a
20 thirty year period.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But still this
22 project here. All right. I don't have the -- I have
23 the correct information now, but all right. I thank
24 you.
25 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am. Thank you.
26 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Hearing
27 none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. All
28 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries with Mr.
29 Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten,
30 and Ms. Wilson in favor. Ms. Floyd opposes.
31 Moving on to Second Reading Item number 7(a)
32 2018-036 an ordinance authorizing the execution and
33 delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax and Special Source
34 Revenue Credit Agreement by and between Anderson,
35 South Carolina and a Company or Companies known to
36 the County at this time as Project 20180430 with
37 respect to certain economic development property in
38 the County, whereby such property will be subject to
39 certain payments in lieu of Certain Special Source
40 Credits. Mr. Nelson, you mind speaking to this
41 again? I know you done it last week.
42 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
43 Members of Council, this is a metal testing company
44 that will be investing six point two million dollars
45 and creating thirty-one jobs with an average pay of
46 twenty-three eighty-one. Total annual payroll of one
47 point four million dollars. They will pay --
48 currently the property where this -- and they're
49 building a new building -- they pay, property tax was
50 thirty-four hundred dollars last year. And the

1 projected taxes first year when the project is up and
2 running is sixty-nine thousand five hundred eighty-
3 one, almost seventy thousand. Over twenty years, the
4 projected taxes will -- which will be paid
5 incrementally -- but over the twenty years, one point
6 two million. First year community total impact, a
7 little over fifteen million dollars and twenty year
8 community impact two hundred and sixty-one million
9 dollars. This project is brought to you with
10 recommendation from the Economic Development Advisory
11 Board and the Economic Development staff.

12 Thank you, sir.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson. We
14 have a motion to move this forward?

15 KEN WATERS: So moved.

16 TOM ALLEN: Second.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second
18 Mr. Allen. Any discussion? All in favor of the
19 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
20 the motion carries.

21 Moving on to Item 7(b) 2018-039 an ordinance to
22 amend the zoning map to rezone +/- 72.28 acres from
23 PD (Planned Development) to IZOD (Innovative Zoning
24 District) at Crestview Road, Harriett Circle and
25 Midway Road. Dr. Parkey, you want to speak to this
26 at all? This will be second reading.

27 JEFF PARKEY: Mr. Chair, just quickly,
28 two things to point out. The applicant has included
29 in their statement of intent that additional right-
30 of-way that they had previously proposed. And
31 secondly the applicant indicated to us that a name
32 change is underway for the project and revised
33 statement of intent will be -- will include that
34 before third reading. Thank you.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Dr. Parkey. We
36 have a motion to move this forward?

37 KEN WATERS: So moved.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters. We
39 have a second?

40 CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Wooten. Any
42 discussion?

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.

45 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, I do want to clarify
46 because I know it was a citizen's question before.
47 The developer is changing the name to this
48 development. I don't know that they publicly
49 released that yet but it will not the original name
50 that was proposed.

1 Also, they came through with their guarantee on
2 the right-of-way that they've offered to the county
3 to allow for better traffic. One of the things I
4 said to Dr. Parkey personally and his staff, Mr.
5 Burns and Mr. Hopkins, is I would like to go to the
6 county to the ANATS committee. I would hopefully
7 like try to get a letter of recommendation from this
8 Council to Chairman Brian White that any means
9 possible that we can prioritize spending at that
10 intersection on that road, we know a quality
11 development is coming. We know there are a lot of
12 people there. We know that intersection is
13 troublesome. We know that the owners and the
14 developer have given us land to expand. Anything
15 that we can do to try to prioritize that I'd be in
16 total support of and I'd appreciate any help on that.
17 But that would be our challenge moving forward. And
18 there are concerns that myself and Ms. Wilson have
19 expressed in trying to make that happen.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.
21 Ms. Floyd.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Wooten, I -- Mr.
23 Wooten?

24 CRAIG WOOTEN: Wait a minute, please.
25 Mr. Wooten, did you receive some phone calls from
26 folks about this same thing ---

27 ?????: Can't hear you.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I can't get to the
29 mike because I can't see it.

30 CRAIG WOOTEN: Well, she's asking whether
31 or not I received phone calls. I haven't.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: You received not a one?

33 CRAIG WOOTEN: No, ma'am. Not since last
34 meeting.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Okay. All
36 right. Because I received three. One of them I gave
37 them your phone number. One of them I gave them your
38 phone number.

39 CRAIG WOOTEN: One gentleman referenced
40 the project in conjunction with two other projects.
41 But I guess I was thinking that you were saying about
42 the name change.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: No.

44 CRAIG WOOTEN: Not the name change.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: The name change is a new
46 thing. That just came up tonight. But the other
47 one, you know, at the last meeting we talked about it
48 and I told you that some of the things that the
49 people said they're going to do that we had the same
50 kinds of things and that community out there turned

1 it down; they didn't want it. And I asked you did
2 you talk to the people out there and you told me you
3 had. And I told you I would yield to you. But that
4 doesn't seem to be the case in a lot of them; the
5 ones that have called. And I just think that maybe
6 you being the County Council person up there, maybe
7 you need to go back and talk and see what the issues
8 are because that was your district. And I would not
9 accept the question and the why and the what for
10 about the whole thing. Okay?

11 CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. So you might want
13 to go back and revisit that because I don't think
14 they like it so much. Thank you.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Then all in
16 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
17 sign. Show the motion carries with Mr. Waters, Mr.
18 Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten, and Ms.
19 Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd opposes.

20 Moving on to Item number 8(b) 2018-040 -- I'm
21 sorry 7(b). I'm on 7(c). I'm sorry. I'll get it
22 right. Work with me. 7(c) 2018-040 an ordinance to
23 amend an agreement for the development of a Joint
24 County Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park) of
25 Anderson and Greenville Counties as to enlarge the
26 park. Mr. Nelson, would you like to speak to this?
27 The previous ---

28 BURRISS NELSON: It's just that. We're
29 just adding them to the multi-county park agreement
30 for the state incentives that they might be able to
31 receive.

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

34 CRAIG WOOTEN: So moved.

35 CINDY WILSON: Second.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Wooten, second
37 Mr. Graham. Any discussion? All in favor of the
38 motion show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion
39 carries with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr.
40 Graham, Mr. Wooten and Ms. Wilson in favor. Ms.
41 Floyd opposes.

42 Now moving on to 8(a).

43 KEN WATERS: Mr. Chairman, I would like
44 to recuse myself from this next one because I have a
45 conflict of interest.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thank you, Mr.
47 Waters.

48 Moving on to 8(a) Ordinance First Reading, 8(a)
49 2018-035 an ordinance authorizing the lease of a
50 portion of the Anderson Sports and Entertainment

1 Center consisting of approximately .75 acres of Tax
2 Parcel No. 122-00-01-001 to Duke Energy Carolina, LLC
3 for location of an energy storage system. Mr. Burns,
4 you like to speak to this matter?

5 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Dunn, we've been
6 working with Duke Energy and as you know this is a
7 shelter, designator emergency shelter. They will be
8 placing an emergency battery supply in the rear of
9 this building which can be used in case of an
10 electrical failure in our area. Ms. Emily DeRoberts
11 with Duke Energy is here tonight if you would like to
12 ask her any questions. This will not cost us
13 anything. I think it is a win for our Civic Center
14 and for our county.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Burns. We
16 have a motion to move this forward?

17 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

18 TOM ALLEN: Second.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second
20 Mr. Graham. Any discussion?

21 CRAIG WOOTEN: Real quick, I remember ---

22 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.

23 CRAIG WOOTEN: --- sitting on this
24 committee. I had a lot of questions about this
25 coming into it, but the thing I was impressed by was
26 we're giving up county land for a project of Duke
27 Energy. What are we getting in return? We're trying
28 to advocate for the taxpayers. And this solar and
29 energy pack they want to put here, I mean it's a
30 value of like eight million dollars, which far
31 exceeds anything that we're putting into it. But I
32 just wanted to clarify that because when you see us
33 go into partnerships you want to make sure that we're
34 advocating for who we're supposed to. And it's an
35 overwhelming benefit. If we were to try to go do
36 this ourselves, we wouldn't be able to do it. And
37 because they are doing this with us, we'll be able to
38 give an emergency response center at a higher level.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.
40 Mr. Graham.

41 RAY GRAHAM: I just want to comment on
42 that as well. Definitely want to commend Duke Energy
43 with their investment and partnership with us on
44 this. This will be a tremendous benefit when it
45 comes to public safety. We were very fortunate and
46 blessed this past week with the storm coming through.
47 We had a lot of planning in place. Duke Energy was
48 definitely at every meeting with us as a partner to
49 ensure our citizens was going to be taken care in a
50 safe environment. And in the event we would have

1 needed a shelter, naturally the Civic Center would
2 have been the place for that. And then this exact
3 project here is going to be a tremendous benefit
4 further down the road. So we definitely want to
5 thank Duke Energy for their investment in Anderson
6 County. And again, I think it will definitely be an
7 excellent opportunity for Anderson moving forward.
8 Thank you.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
10 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
11 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
12 unanimously. Mr. Carroll brings a -- let the record
13 show Mr. Waters recused himself. Ms. DeRoberts,
14 appreciate you coming out. I know you've had a busy
15 week. We appreciate all y'all do for us. Thank you.

16 EMILY DEROBERTS: Thank you.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now to Item
18 number 8(b) 2018-041 an ordinance approving the sale
19 of approximately 4.04 acres of property owned by
20 Anderson County, South Carolina and located near the
21 Southwest corner of Orange Way and Martin Road to One
22 World Technologies, Inc. You want Mr. Burriss to
23 take this?

24 RUSTY BURNS: I've got it, Mr. Dunn.
25 Mr. Dunn, this is property the county acquired while
26 we were doing the TTI project primarily for road
27 construction. We purchased that property. Now TTI
28 is requesting to purchase that property. We've had
29 that property appraised. Off the top of my head I
30 believe it's a hundred and fifty-five thousand
31 dollars. That money would go back to Anderson
32 County. What they intend to do there is to put
33 another facility which I think will be a great
34 benefit to Anderson County. It will be on the tax
35 books and it will not receive any incentive.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Burns. We
37 have a motion to move this forward?

38 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

39 KEN WATERS: So moved.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second
41 Mr. Waters. Any discussion?

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Dunn.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm sorry, not Mr. Dunn,

45 Mr. ---

46 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: You said a hundred and
48 fifty-five thousand?

49 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Yesterday you told me it

1 was a hundred a sixty-five thousand.
2 RUSTY BURNS: I misspoke. It's a
3 hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars off the top
4 of my head. And that's the appraisal price that we
5 had done by an outside appraiser.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: So it's not a hundred and
7 sixty?
8 RUSTY BURNS: A hundred and fifty-five.
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Hundred and fifty-five.
10 Okay.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor
12 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
13 Show the motion carries unanimously.
14 Moving on to Item number 8(c) 2018-042 a Master
15 Bond Ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale
16 of Special Resource Revenue Bonds of Anderson County,
17 South Carolina. Ms. Rita, would you mind speaking to
18 this?
19 RITA DAVIS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'd be
20 happy to. As you see, the one that you just
21 discussed, 042 and 043 kind of go in tandem. They
22 work together. The one that's under discussion now
23 042 is the master bond ordinance. It controls the
24 documents and the sale of the bonds that 043 is
25 talking about specifically. In addition it covers
26 future bond documents, any other financing, any
27 refunding. It talks about the covenants of the bond.
28 So it basically is the umbrella, the master bond
29 ordinance that covers any SSR ?? that we do in the
30 future, including the refunding of the four that are
31 currently outstanding.
32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Davis. We
33 have a motion to move this forward?
34 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
35 KEN WATERS: So moved.
36 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second
37 Mr. Waters. Any discussion?
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
39 CINDY WILSON: May I quickly?
40 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson. I mean, Ms.
41 Floyd and then Ms. Wilson.
42 GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Davis.
43 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.
44 GRACIE FLOYD: Could you please tell the
45 taxpayers what this bond ordinance will do? Why are
46 we floating this bond? And what will the money go
47 toward. I think they would like to know that.
48 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. As we stated
49 this master is covering the securing of the bonds and
50 so forth. Now, when we talk about 2018-043, which is

1 the actual ordinance itself, we're talking about the
2 projects that Mr. Wooten's Sewer Ad Hoc Committee --
3 he was Chairman of that Ad Hoc committee -- that's
4 the three projects that was approved. It's Well
5 Pine, that was two million four hundred twenty-eight
6 thousand five hundred, we're estimating. You have
7 the Six and Twenty. Moth balling that plant and
8 diverting the flow to Rocky River is about six point
9 one million. And of course, the development of Exit
10 14, which is about fourteen million. And basically
11 it's an economic development adventure. It will
12 provide for future growth. Mr. Singleton's getting
13 constant requests for residential housing. Mr.
14 Nelson, as you know, is getting a residential -- I
15 mean commercial and industrial requests. So this
16 will provide for the future growth of Anderson County
17 as directed by Council.

18 Recall, last Council meeting you approved a
19 petition to the State Fiscal Accountability Authority
20 for these bonds. So this is just a further legal
21 paperwork, if you will, Ordinances to pass, so that
22 we can issue those bonds from those three projects
23 that we talked about.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: What's out at Exit 14? I
25 intended to ask that yesterday and forgot. Exit 14?
26 What's going to happen out there? Tell us first
27 where is exit 14?

28 RITA DAVIS: We hope that hotels will
29 be developed. That -- Clemson Research Park, that
30 will help further develop that. Mr. Nelson can tell
31 you what.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Tell her where Exit 14 is.

33 BURRISS NELSON: Well, you know where the
34 Huddle House is on the Interstate going South?
35 That's Exit 14.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

37 BURRISS NELSON: For a while run right
38 across to 187.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

40 BURRISS NELSON: And right now J. Davis
41 Construction is building their corporate offices out
42 there at that intersection. There has been a request
43 to our office about a hotel facilities on a track of
44 land there. Put us out at Exit 14 on the Interstate.
45 It makes some sense to go -- it's only -- from that
46 point it's only three miles to Clemson Research Park
47 and they have a lot of business, a lot of
48 international business and that business comes to
49 Clemson Research Park because the Research Park has
50 two of this country's largest and most powerful

1 scanning electron microscopes. And a lot of
2 industries come there to have their electrical
3 property materials reviewed and tested.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
5 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. This funding
6 measure corrects oversights from thirty-four years
7 ago. Exit 14 was supposed to have had sewer back in
8 the '80's in anticipation of 1996 Olympics. It was
9 one of the top priorities. We had some serious
10 mismanagement in our county going on for a while.
11 But I've got some questions that I tried to get to
12 earlier today. It's a different document than I've
13 ever looked at before, so I'm trying to educate
14 myself. The first question is who is going to be our
15 authorized officer as provided for in this document?
16 RITA DAVIS: That would be Mr. Burns.
17 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Burns?
18 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.
19 CINDY WILSON: And who is going to be our
20 trustee or what entity? That person has to -- or
21 entity has to in the Federal Reserve bank system.
22 RITA DAVIS: That has yet to be
23 determined, ma'am. That will be bid out and before
24 third reading that will be filled in. We're not
25 certain at this point in time.
26 CINDY WILSON: And just refresh my
27 memory, please. What are the estimated fee in lieu
28 of taxes in multi-county park revenues annually that
29 we anticipate in this budget year that we have before
30 us?
31 RITA DAVIS: To be available at
32 services debt? About two point five million.
33 CINDY WILSON: Okay. And from what I was
34 reading the funding is strictly as it is a Special
35 Source Revenue bond, strictly from those funds.
36 RITA DAVIS: That's correct, ma'am.
37 This is not pledged in full faith and credit of the
38 county at all.
39 CINDY WILSON: It's an enterprise fund.
40 And unlike our predecessors who spent money out of
41 the general fund to pay to run a lot of our sewer
42 enterprise fund, we had had bonds before that we were
43 violating the requirements of. So we're kosher now.
44 Do we know approximately what our principal and
45 interest annually will be and what the going interest
46 rate is for a ?? of this size?
47 RITA DAVIS: About one point six
48 million will be the annual debt service payment. We
49 won't know the interest -- we're looking to do this
50 in two different bonds. It was eight point eight

1 million first and that will be a private sale. That
2 will help with Well Pine and Six and Twenty. And
3 then in the spring we'll be looking at the remainder
4 fourteen million for the Exit 14. That will be a
5 public sale. That will probably have a lower
6 interest rate.

7 CINDY WILSON: The last question. Are we
8 anticipating to do a borrowing in anticipation of
9 bonds measure bands?

10 RITA DAVIS: No, ma'am.

11 CINDY WILSON: Okay.

12 RITA DAVIS: That's why we're going to
13 go ahead and issue a bond to lock in the rate. If we
14 issue a band, a nine month band and interest of point
15 two five bases point, we could pay over the life of
16 that about seven hundred fifty thousand dollars. So
17 we're going to go ahead and lock the rate in now,
18 because as you know they are increasing.

19 CINDY WILSON: And will we have a
20 prepayment penalty that we would have to -- if we
21 paid the bonds off earlier?

22 RITA DAVIS: The ones that we'll pay
23 off? No, ma'am. We're not going to pay that one off
24 earlier. The first one would have a fifteen year
25 life, the second one will have a twenty-five year
26 life. We are paying those four that are currently on
27 the books. One of them will have a small prepayment
28 penalty and the other three do not.

29 CINDY WILSON: And going forward with
30 this twenty-eight million seven hundred fifty
31 thousand dollars bond, will we have prepayment
32 penalties if we choose to pay off some of that
33 earlier?

34 RITA DAVIS: No, ma'am.

35 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you. I
36 appreciate it.

37 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

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

41 Moving on to Item number 8(e) -- I'm sorry (d).
42 It's the same one we just done, we talked about the
43 ordinance. 2018-043 a Series Ordinance providing for
44 the issuance and sale of Special Source Revenue Bonds
45 of Anderson County, South Carolina in the principal
46 amount of not exceeding twenty-eight million seven-
47 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$28,750,000). We
48 have a motion to move this forward?

49 KEN WATERS: So moved.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters. Second

1 Mr. Allen. This is the one we just discussed. Any
2 more discussion?
3 GRACIE FLOYD: You know I had something
4 that I was told, something about this. Mr. Burns,
5 may I direct my question to you?
6 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. This is for the
8 sewer project, right?
9 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now, I was told
11 that a couple of years ago, it was a long time ago,
12 when the sewer project was passed, that we had
13 another bond back then and they passed it so that we
14 could money for the sewer. Right? But since then,
15 money has been taken out of that bond for storm
16 water.
17 RUSTY BURNS: Correct.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. There
19 was some problems with that. Why was storm water
20 taken out of the sewer?
21 RUSTY BURNS: The alternative to fund
22 storm water is to add it to the taxes, general
23 ordinary taxes or you can impose a storm water fee on
24 every resident in the unincorporated areas of
25 Anderson County. The practice in the county has been
26 to take that from the sewer fund.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And it was the --
28 well, maybe I -- so we're going to do a bond here of
29 twenty-eight million dollars.
30 RUSTY BURNS: Correct. Yes, ma'am
31 GRACIE FLOYD: And it's going to go to
32 the sewer fund again. Right?
33 RUSTY BURNS: It's going to be used
34 exclusively for sewer. Yes, ma'am.
35 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, now that's what the
36 last one said. Exclusively for sewer.
37 RUSTY BURNS: This is one and the same.
38 This is one and the same. The one we previously
39 discussed just a second ago, this is the very same
40 thing.
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I know that.
42 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
43 GRACIE FLOYD: I know that. But what I'm
44 trying to find out now is that here we are again,
45 after this has been done one time before to have a
46 sewer fund thing. We did it once before so we
47 wouldn't have to float any more bonds for sewer.
48 Here we are doing it again because some of the money
49 was taken out for something else.
50 RUSTY BURNS: I'm not aware of sewer

1 bonds that have been floated. I'm sure there have
2 been some in the past. I would be guarantee that
3 there have been some sewer funds ---

4 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, yeah, there were some
5 in the past, uh-huh (affirmative).

6 RUSTY BURNS: The practice since I've
7 been with the county is to fund the storm water out
8 of the sewer fund. And the alternative of that is to
9 add it to the general tax bill, or you can impose a
10 storm water fee on all the residents in the
11 unincorporated areas of Anderson County just like the
12 city of Anderson. If you look at your bill if you
13 live in the city of Anderson, you see storm water fee
14 on that bill. This money will not be used for storm
15 water in any fashion.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

17 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
18 show of hands. All opposed. Abstentions. Show the
19 motion carries with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn,
20 Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten, Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms.
21 Floyd abstains.

22 Moving on to Item number (e) 2018-044 an
23 ordinance to amend an agreement for the development
24 of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2010
25 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to
26 enlarge the park. Mr. Nelson, would you speak to
27 this?

28 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
29 members of Council. If you'll remember, about two
30 months ago we finished an ordinance and passed an
31 ordinance for a company called Southern Current. It
32 was a solar project that incorporated five or six
33 properties in a park in the northeastern part of the
34 county and they will become solar -- solar project
35 producing electricity and going on to Duke Energy's
36 grid. This is to add that to the multi-county park
37 agreement and ordinance so that they may be able to
38 collect any state incentives that might be available
39 to them. This comes as a recommendation from
40 Economic Development Advisory staff and from our
41 Economic Development Advisory board.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson. We
43 have a motion to move this forward?

44 KEN WATERS: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
45 ask Mr. Harmon, do I need to recuse myself from this
46 one, or is it -- this is a different one, right?

47 LEON HARMON: It's going on the Duke
48 grid. To be safe you probably should.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Let the record show Mr.
50 Waters is going to recuse himself. Have a motion to

1 move this forward?

2 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

3 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second
5 Mr. Graham. Any discussion? All in favor of the
6 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Let
7 the record show the motion carries unanimously.

8 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, I need to
9 make a correction. I had mentioned Duke. There's
10 not an agreement yet for that company and the
11 electric utility between them as of this time.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thank you.

13 Number 9(a) Resolution 2018-051 a resolution
14 approving the development agreement with Peach
15 Properties, Inc. for the County Square Project. Mr.
16 Burns.

17 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, as you know,
18 the county embarked on a project I guess probably
19 over a year ago where we put together around twenty-
20 five people with recommendations from the community.
21 We interviewed I believed five developers who
22 responded to a request from a proposal. After that
23 process they were all brought in by that group and
24 there were interviewed (BREAK IN TAPE) and they were
25 ranked numerically one, two, three, four, five. The
26 first group that came out on top, we talked with
27 them. We had discussions with them. It didn't
28 appear to be moving in a satisfactory way, so we
29 parted amicably between that group and this group.
30 The group that scored second on this was Peach
31 Properties. Peach Properties has a proposal for us
32 to examine to develop the Court Square property, what
33 we call the property behind the old Courthouse. And
34 what you have before you tonight will allow us to
35 begin that process. This does not guarantee you a
36 building, this does not guarantee you anything. It
37 just gives that developer the right to begin to move
38 forward with a market study to look at parking and
39 examine those ideas on what they have. This does not
40 involve the sale of the property. The property would
41 be leased. After the market study is completed and
42 the developers have done their due diligence to see
43 if there is a market and if there is enough demand
44 for that area, then we come back to Council and
45 examine that situation. If Council is not happy, the
46 Council walks away. If they've spent any money on
47 things that we find valuable; i.e. a market study,
48 then we would reimburse them for that. We're looking
49 at the cost of twenty to twenty-five thousand
50 dollars. That's what this is.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Burns. We
2 have a motion to move this forward?
3 KEN WATERS: So moved.
4 CINDY WILSON: Second.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second
6 Mr. Graham. Any discussion?
7 CINDY WILSON: May I?
8 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
9 CINDY WILSON: Just a few questions.
10 First of all I was real glad to see the developer's
11 responsible for rollback taxes. So that's really
12 good. There's several things to commend this
13 proposal. But the one question I have that I
14 couldn't find in the body of the agreement, is what
15 is our county share of financial cost of the project?
16 Is that ---
17 RUSTY BURNS: We would not participate
18 in the construction of the building. If the project
19 came to fruition we might want to obtain space in
20 that building, but we would do so with the fact that
21 we have contributed land to that and would not expect
22 to pay a fair market rate. But again, we are not
23 there yet. We are in the process of the market
24 study. And, again, to be clear, Mr. Harmon, correct
25 me if I'm wrong, we will come back before this
26 Council with all those details ironed out before we
27 proceed in that fashion.
28 TOMMY DUNN: Council has to vote on
29 that.
30 CINDY WILSON: Well, this gentleman has a
31 very good reputation so we can be much encouraged.
32 Thank you.
33 RUSTY BURNS: Just as a -- just as an
34 aside, he developed that main arcade square on Main
35 Street in Columbia, which is won national awards.
36 And he's also the gentleman who's doing the
37 Groucho's. He followed that building right across
38 from our parking lot right there in Wren Park. So he
39 already has an investment and an interest in
40 Anderson.
41 CINDY WILSON: It's also good to note
42 that the old theater is now -- it's being converted
43 to a very large church.
44 RUSTY BURNS: It's going to be a large
45 church and the top floor of the Groucho's building,
46 they're going to -- the church is going to access
47 that property. And behind that Groucho's operation
48 they already have another tenant behind there and you
49 still have a small space for somebody to come there.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

1 CRAIG WOOTEN: I guess just to clarify,
2 so -- sorry, Mr. Chairman -- just to clarify that,
3 you know, if people have parking concerns, if people
4 have green space concerns, if people have, you know,
5 concerns about what might or might not work there,
6 all this is is letting the developer move forward and
7 do a market study and come back and tell us, hey
8 these are the best things that can happen. And even
9 at that point, we're not obligated to anything, other
10 than just to see what he comes back with. And then
11 make a decision at that point.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.
13 Anyone else?

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Ah.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns.

17 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Thanks to Mr. Wooten, what
19 he just said, I understand now, because I was
20 wondering if we don't have an idea for it at this
21 time, if we have to go to somebody else so they can
22 tell us what they think it ought to be, why don't we
23 just leave it alone until we know what we want there?
24 Until we know without somebody having to tell us what
25 should be there. Why don't we just leave it alone?

26 RUSTY BURNS: The idea, especially from
27 that counsel of those people and other people
28 involved was that a building, a significant building
29 should be located on that site. It should not be a
30 pure government building. It should be a building
31 that would be of benefit to all of Anderson County.
32 And so what they want to go in there, we would like
33 to have economic development in there. We know that.
34 We would like to have a CVB in there. But we would
35 also hope that there would be space for commercial
36 activity. We already know that some educational
37 institutions have expressed an interest in that. But
38 until we put this together, that's where we are. We
39 are not embarking on a path without any directions or
40 any guidance or the destination will be unknown to
41 Council. That's not what this is. This is a process
42 and for this person to begin the process we would
43 need to authorize this.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. And we
45 haven't thought at all about the building we had down
46 the street from that, the old McCants building. The
47 building's just sitting there rotting away.

48 RUSTY BURNS: That building right now
49 School District 5 is doing the demolition on that
50 part.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: I can't hear. I'm sorry.
2 RUSTY BURNS: School District 5 is in
3 the process of doing the demolition on that part of
4 the building. In the capital improvement plan we put
5 provisions in there to take that down. In this
6 year's budget we put money in there for demolition.
7 Due to budget constraints Council said let's look at
8 doing something to the McCants building next year.
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Did you just say --
10 I know the School District 5 was going to demolish.
11 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: But that was just one
13 little part of it. Are you saying now that -- the
14 acoustics in here is not good.
15 RUSTY BURNS: Correct.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: But are you saying now
17 that they're going to demolish the entire ---
18 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. I'm not saying
19 that at all.
20 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
21 RUSTY BURNS: What I'm talking about is
22 what School District 5 is the only thing that's going
23 to be involved in that. What we have is a gym out
24 there when it's raining in that gymnasium. We made
25 proposals during the budget process and we did the
26 year before of what we could do with that gym. We're
27 either going to have to put a roof and we're going to
28 have to fix it up or we're going to have to demolish
29 it because it is unsafe and it's unsightly. But due
30 to budget constraints this year, we agreed to look at
31 that in the upcoming budget. I think that was the
32 feeling that Council expressed to staff.
33 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor
34 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
35 Show the motion carries with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen,
36 Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten, Ms. Wilson in favor
37 and Ms. Floyd opposes.
38 Now moving on to Item number 9(b) 2018-052 a
39 resolution regarding the potential implementation of
40 a Hospitality Tax in the unincorporated areas of
41 Anderson County. Mr. Wooten.
42 CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
43 Just going back a couple of months, what had
44 happened, I was hearing from two different groups of
45 constituents. One of them said that they wanted the
46 hospitality tax, they saw the benefit in it and
47 wanted us to consider it. I had another group that
48 said they definitely do not want the hospitality tax
49 and did not want us to consider it under any means.
50 Both groups were very adamant that their group was in

1 the majority. And it's hard to tell sometimes as a
2 Council person, you can only talk to so many people
3 during the week, but you know, we're mandated to
4 represent all the people, which can be thousands.
5 And so the agreement we came to was to put a non-
6 binding referendum on the ballot. By non-binding
7 means it's going to be for informational purposes.
8 So it will allow people at the polls to vote whether
9 or not they want a hospitality tax. And then we can
10 take that as advice. It doesn't bind the Council to
11 pursue it. It doesn't the bind the Council not to
12 pursue it. But it would be a non-binding referendum
13 that will provide us information.

14 Well, subsequent to that, these different groups
15 came back and said, well, we're interested in what
16 would happen if it did pass. But we're concerned
17 that if it did pass, that you all may spend it on
18 things that we don't think are worthy. And so, we
19 can't make a decision whether or not we want it
20 passed or not because we don't know what you're going
21 to spend it on and we can't deem whether or not it's
22 worthy.

23 Now, the opinion as to what a worthy project is
24 differs across the county greatly. And so in
25 fairness we said well one of the things we could look
26 at is passing a resolution before the election that
27 simply says if the hospitality tax were to pass, that
28 we would pursue an independent feasibility study from
29 an outside contractor who would tell us the best uses
30 of the hospitality tax money based on the mandate
31 from the state that it provide tourism. So basically
32 we'd have an independent body say, if you did project
33 A, B, C, D, or E, this would provide the greatest
34 impact. They may come back and say it's kids
35 recreation. They may come back and say it's seniors
36 recreation. They may come back and say it's
37 concerts. I don't know what they would come back
38 with. But folks in the community said we would like
39 to see you commit to that resolution so that we know
40 if it were to pass that you would go get an
41 independent study as to what would be of maximum
42 benefit.

43 Now, even in doing that study, that doesn't
44 mandate that the County Council has to adopt it.
45 That, too, would be informational to us so that we
46 could make a decision. But it would hold us
47 accountable because if we made a decision opposite of
48 the recommendation of the independent council,
49 obviously we would be subject to justify that
50 decision and that would involve greater scrutiny from

1 the public. And I think the whole intent is to hold
2 accountable.

3 So what this resolution is, is we already have
4 hospitality tax informational referendum on the
5 ballot. This resolution would say that Council would
6 agree that if it were to pass that we would seek an
7 independent study as to the best uses of this
8 hospitality tax as mandated by state law.

9 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

12 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Wooten, second
14 Mr. Graham. Any discussion?

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I'm very, very much
18 into this hospitality tax because I think I was the
19 first person on Council to ask that we look into it.
20 They have hospitality taxes all over South Carolina.
21 We would be the only county who could not make the
22 decision. The other counties made the decision to
23 have it and they voted on it. You don't have to have
24 a referendum to do this. County Council can make the
25 decision. We had a couple of votes on it, but none
26 of them passed because nobody -- some of the Council
27 members didn't want it and da-da-da-da. Then, all of
28 a sudden a Council member wanted it.

29 But Mr. Burns and somebody else came up with how
30 it was going to be divided. And that's when I didn't
31 even want it because the way it was divided was
32 unreal. It was unfair. Okay. So we let it alone
33 for a little while.

34 Going into -- if we have this referendum and
35 everybody goes to the polls and you have some folks
36 that say no they don't want it, then we can still do
37 it. If we have some folks that say yes they do want
38 it, then we can still do it. All right. But the
39 thing is, it was so easy. All you had to do was to
40 have the hospitality tax and you needed to pick a
41 date that we were all going to sit down and divide up
42 the money. The money could have been divided
43 whatever else by seven. And each district could have
44 the same amount of money for their hospitality -- I
45 mean for their recreational activity within their
46 county. But I think what happened -- I think greed
47 stepped in. I think greed stepped in. And when
48 folks started pulling for the money, when they
49 figured out how much they could get to build
50 whatever, I didn't even want a part of it.

1 Now, we're going to do this thing because we have
2 a habit up here, I'm the only person ever votes no on
3 anything, but anyway we need to think about this
4 again because if the folks voted no, they don't want
5 a hospitality tax, does that mean that we won't ever
6 have one? Or does that mean that we're going to have
7 one anyway? Thank you.

8 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.
9 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

10 RAY GRAHAM: Just one comment briefly
11 on this. First of all, it's good to hear that Ms.
12 Floyd does support the hospitality tax. I know
13 Councilman Wooten has put a tremendous amount of work
14 in getting this as far as it has. And one thing that
15 truly impresses me the most, kind of like the town
16 square back behind the courthouse. The whole purpose
17 of this resolution here is to truly do a study. If
18 you take and look at the seven Council members that
19 the citizens has elected to represent them, you know,
20 basically we're nothing more than a voice and when it
21 comes to determining what kind of building needs to
22 be built back there, if any building needs to be
23 built back there, we don't know; it's pure
24 speculation. Same thing with the hospitality. We
25 all know there's a need in Anderson County for rec
26 programs. And when I say rec programs, it's not just
27 for youth ball and that is purely just a
28 misconception on a regular basis. Because not only
29 does it help the youth, it helps the disadvantaged,
30 it helps the elderly, I mean it's just across the
31 board. Truly speaking the rec program, if people
32 utilizes it, it benefits every citizen in Anderson
33 County in some way, some how. So it's a true benefit
34 there. And the purpose that I -- I mean the main
35 reason that I'm supporting this is what it's doing is
36 it's taking it out of our hands and determine what
37 the true need is. This hospitality is not to divide
38 the monies up between the seven districts equally.
39 The hospitality is designed to move Anderson County
40 forward in the -- whether it's the recreational
41 programs or the programs that can be supported by
42 hospitality. This study is going to determine what
43 those needs are. And that's what we as Council
44 members need. That's what citizens need to see, that
45 we're being fiscally responsible on our decisions.
46 And when this, providing the hospitality does pass,
47 which I hope it does, providing it does pass and we
48 do this, and it's going to come back with some
49 information that can guide us on what direction we
50 need to go. And that's the purpose of this. And

1 again I just want to commend Councilman Wooten on his
2 hard work on this. Thank you.

3 CINDY WILSON: May I?
4 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

5 CINDY WILSON: Maybe it would suffice to
6 read the sentence that is most pertinent here. If
7 the voters in the unincorporated areas of Anderson
8 County vote in favor of the hospitality tax, and the
9 County Council subsequently passes an ordinance
10 imposing a hospitality tax, in the unincorporated
11 area of Anderson County, the County Administrator is
12 directed to identify and obtain the services of a
13 consultant to ascertain the highest and best use of
14 the funds consistent with South Carolina law
15 generated by the hospitality tax. And it does need
16 to be noted that this current Council is not of the
17 mind, as demonstrated over numerous years and votes,
18 to railroad or shove things down our citizens'
19 throats without citizens wanting that. So I just
20 wanted to make that comment. Thank you.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. All in favor
22 of the motion show of hands. All opposed.
23 Abstentions. Show the motion carries with Mr.
24 Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten
25 and Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd abstains.

26 Moving on to Item number 10 (a) bid approvals.
27 Green Pond Landing Restroom Construction. Mr.
28 Carroll, you mind stepping forward.

29 ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
30 We received four bids for the Green Pond Landing
31 restroom construction and staff has evaluated these
32 and recommended award to Glenn Constructors of
33 Anderson for three hundred ninety-nine thousand eight
34 hundred and seventy-nine dollars.

35 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.
36 TOMMY DUNN: Motion to move this
37 forward.

38 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a
40 second?

41 KEN WATERS: Second.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters.
43 Now Ms. Wilson.

44 CINDY WILSON: Well, we have a problem in
45 our backup paper and I left my backup on the kitchen
46 table. Is that the missing one? Okay. Because I
47 was going to say we've got a missing page that
48 details the bids for the restroom construction. And
49 there were four bids according to this, with Glenn
50 being the lowest one. And that was dated -- the

1 restroom project was dated on the 6th and the water
2 line and septic system bid dated on the 5th. Is that
3 correct?

4 ROBERT CARROLL: No, ma'am. They were
5 opened the same day; the 6th. They were opened the
6 same day, September the 6th.

7 CINDY WILSON: One says the 6th and one
8 says the 5th. I think the most confusing part of
9 this is it normally goes through the Finance
10 Committee and somehow it got overlooked. It wouldn't
11 have taken five or ten minutes to put it through and
12 there wouldn't be so much confusion. But just -- I'm
13 glad we got the missing page now. Thank you.

14 TOMMY DUNN: For the record, we didn't
15 have a Finance Committee meeting when this come on we
16 had some conflicted in time and this just needed to
17 get moved on the reason it didn't get to the Finance
18 Committee. Problem getting people together. Any
19 more discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
20 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
21 carries unanimously.

22 Moving on now to Item number 10(b) bid number 19-
23 013 Green Pond Landing Waterline and Septic System.
24 Mr. Carroll.

25 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. We received
26 three bids from this and staff has evaluated those
27 bids and recommends award to Glenn Constructors also
28 of Anderson. One hundred fourteen thousand one
29 hundred and fifty dollars.

30 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to put
31 this on the table?

32 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

33 TOM ALLEN: Second.

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

38 Moving on Item number 11, Report from
39 Administration Policy/Rules Committee meeting.
40 Chairman Allen. Mr. Allen.

41 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
42 was wondering if on Item 11 and I think there was
43 another one in here, didn't have it marked. Yeah, on
44 item 13, are approximately the same thing so I'm
45 probably going to be saying very similar things here.
46 But what we've been doing ---

47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen, you want to
48 handle them both now? That'll be fine.

49 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Yeah, what we've
50 been doing here is working on health insurance

1 programs, benefits programs for the county employees.
2 Over the past many, many years the county has fallen
3 under the PEBA program, which is a public employees
4 health program. And that's who everybody working for
5 the county has their insurance through. And that
6 thing has become extremely costly. It's been jumping
7 up by leaps and bounds over the past few years and
8 next year it's projected it will cost us around nine
9 point two million dollars I think it was for that
10 program. So we've been looking at this for about the
11 past six months, this committee. And we've also
12 visited some other municipalities around such as Rock
13 Hill and over at Lexington. Because what they've
14 done is gone to a self-insurance program. They
15 pulled out of PEBA, they've gone with a self
16 insurance program. The employees over there love the
17 program and it's saving them a lot of money, bottom
18 line. So that's what we're looking at doing here.
19 And we passed a resolution at a special called
20 meeting the other day to allow the Administrator --
21 the County Administrator -- to go ahead and pursue
22 this and see what we can come up with. And we've
23 already got some projections showing some pretty nice
24 savings through a new health program, a self insured
25 program. And a lot of this comes from the fact that
26 when you deal with PEBA and you're working with Blue
27 Cross Blue Shield, they have a lot of fixed costs in
28 there that we can't do anything about. We have to
29 pay them. If we go to a self insured program, we
30 have a lot more flexibility, a lot more ways that we
31 can save money and work with different entities to
32 provide the health care for the employees and also
33 save us money at the same time.

34 So that's what we want to look at doing because
35 the way these costs have been going up, before long
36 we're just not going to be able to afford it. We
37 hate to turn around to the employees. We gave them a
38 small raise the past couple of years. We hate to
39 turn around to the employees, and say hey, you know,
40 we're not going to help you with health insurance any
41 more so basically you lost any raise we might have
42 given you. So we're trying to find a way to do this.
43 We're very, very concerned about it. We do not want
44 to degrade the current health program. Whatever we
45 come up with will be just as good and probably better
46 than what we're under right now. But this is what we
47 are giving the County Administrator permission to go
48 ahead and pursue this and see what we can work out
49 and come up with the very best program possible for
50 employees so we can put it into place by the first of

1 January.

2 There's going to be a big education component to
3 this. We have to talk to all the department heads
4 and get -- I'm sure we're going to get a lot of
5 questions. Any time you want to change something,
6 even if it's for the better, a lot of folks are going
7 to have questions and be leery of what you're trying
8 to do. But bottom line of this is, we hope to save
9 money for the county and also provide a better health
10 care package for all employees.

11 And I think maybe that sums it up, Mr. Chair. Is
12 there anything else?

13 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen.

14 Appreciate what y'all -- the work the committee's
15 done. Appreciate it very much.

16 TOM ALLEN: Thank you.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on Item number 12,
18 Report from the Planning and Public Works committee
19 meeting held September 10th. Chairman Wilson.

20 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
21 Our committee members and Dr. Parkey and our Planning
22 Department have been reviewing our county's current
23 ordinances with respect to the traffic study
24 requirements for development. The ordinance section
25 38-118 as it now exists states that the district
26 traffic engineer shall be the county engineer and the
27 developer shall be responsible for all costs of the
28 required traffic impact study, roadway improvements
29 and right-of-way acquisition. The traffic impact
30 study shall be included in the application of
31 compliance or preliminary plat approval. Preliminary
32 plat presented to our Planning Commission for their
33 approval. Is presented for their approval. The
34 traffic impact study is contracted out and paid for
35 by the developer. As there have been questions
36 regarding the accuracy of traffic counts, the timing
37 and duration of the study as it has now been
38 recommended that the developer pay a fee to the
39 county for the purpose of the traffic impact study
40 and the county will contract out to a third party
41 engineering firm with the county's specific criteria.
42 It was noted that most governmental jurisdictions
43 mandate the level of road improvements that the
44 developer must provide at the developer's expense, as
45 the developer's cost of doing business in order to
46 keep our roads safe and ensure better traffic
47 efficiency. Our language in section 38-118 is very
48 specific and therefore we should be on sound footing
49 in making these requirements. Please refer to your
50 backup in your package for further detailed

1 information.

2 Next, Dr. Parkey and our Administrator
3 recommended compensation for Planning Commissioners
4 and Zoning Appeals Board members at an annual cost of
5 approximately seventeen thousand dollars a year. It
6 is expected that the Commission and board members
7 maintain an acceptable meeting attendance record and
8 meet the continuing education requirement as mandated
9 by the state law.

10 In reference to our Zoning Advisory groups, we've
11 had questions about the quorum issues there. The
12 citizens advisory zoning boards were first
13 established when zoning first became implemented by
14 precinct in the county. And those were the people in
15 the neighborhoods and in the communities that had the
16 closest connection to the area and had connections to
17 the actual people living there. So it was always
18 very important to have their input. They have no
19 decision-making authority and they're not a state
20 mandated body and there's no continuing education
21 requirements for the members.

22 When the zoning advisory groups do not meet items
23 continue on to either the Planning Commission or on
24 up the chain. The committee suggested that our
25 Planning Director send letters to our current members
26 to enlist their input on the quorum problem. And
27 also their concerns as to relevance and so forth.

28 The fourth matter undertaken was the subdivision
29 decision criteria. The function of the Planning
30 Commission is to undertake a continuing planning
31 program for the physical, social and economic growth,
32 development and redevelopment of the jurisdiction.
33 Plans and programs must be designed to promote public
34 health, safety, morals, convenience, prosperity or
35 the general welfare as well as the efficiency and
36 economy of its area of jurisdiction. The Planning
37 Commission has the power as may be necessary to
38 enable it to perform its function and promote the
39 planning of its jurisdiction by way of the South
40 Carolina Planning Enabling Act of 1994. As a basis
41 for Planning Commission decisions regarding
42 preliminary subdivision proposals, the language, as
43 I'm going to read here and it's in your backup, is
44 suggested for inclusion in Chapter 38 of County Code,
45 38-311 (c) (3). In addition to the standards set
46 forth in this section and the recommendations of
47 staff, Planning Commission may also consider the
48 follow criteria when making its decision to reject or
49 approve a preliminary subdivision class. (A) Public
50 health, safety, morals, convenience and prosperity,

1 the general welfare and the efficiency and economy of
2 the area. (B) The interest of sub-dividers,
3 homeowners, and the general public. (C) Effects on
4 the local tax base. (D) Proposed development
5 compatibility with surrounding uses. (E) The (BREAK
6 IN THE TAPE) ability of existing or planned
7 infrastructure and transportation systems to serve
8 the proposed development. (F) Environmental
9 conditions on the site. (G) Character of the
10 community. (H) The adopted Comprehensive Use Plan.

11 Our committee voted three and zero to send these
12 recommendations on to our Planning Commission. With
13 their approval this proposed addition to our code
14 will come back to County Council for our adoption.

15 We had two guests from Mr. Waters district who
16 have been attending our committee meetings to
17 encourage that the county adopt measures dealing with
18 traffic from proposed developments that would take
19 into consideration conditions, locations and context.
20 They inquired as to the potential application of
21 traffic tax special districts, limited service
22 municipalities, school impact fees, possibly imposing
23 a moratorium and other means to deal with the
24 explosive growth around Powdersville.

25 So that concludes what we discussed and we only
26 had the one measure to bring back for Council to vote
27 to send on to the Planning Commission.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Is there something to vote
29 on?

30 CINDY WILSON: I guess we'd vote to sent
31 this measure on to the Planning Commission and then
32 it comes back to us to vote for the actual measure.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Ms. Floyd's got a
34 question.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Wilson, would you
36 please go back over the seventeen thousand dollars?
37 I didn't quite understand that. I know you were
38 talking about paying or providing them with a stipend
39 or whatever, but didn't you say something about
40 seventeen thousand? That's when I lost you. Could
41 you please explain that again?

42 CINDY WILSON: The previous meeting to
43 this one, our Administrator and Dr. Parkey brought
44 forward the idea of providing some minimum funding
45 for our Planning Commissioners and for the Zoning
46 Board members. And it was suggested fifty dollars
47 per Planning Commissioner per meeting that they would
48 attend. They have, as you well know, taken a lot of
49 grief lately. And they are required to take
50 continuing education, so it was thought that maybe

1 that small amount of compensation might be helpful to
2 getting a quorum to those meetings.
3 The first projected estimate was around thirty-
4 two thousand a year. But on further review Ms. Rita
5 Davis determined it was closer to seventeen thousand
6 a year for that.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: One minute.
8 TOMMY DUNN: This is just bringing the
9 dollar -- sorry -- this is just bringing the dollar
10 figure back because Council has already voted on this
11 the last Council meeting, is that not correct? Okay,
12 Ms. Floyd.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Seventeen thousand dollars
14 to repay -- to be split among the two groups? Is
15 that what you're saying?
16 TOMMY DUNN: That's what the budget
17 would be projected to be. Yes, ma'am.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Are
19 we going to go -- now the ordinance says in there
20 that we should have been paying them all along. Oh,
21 yes, you might want to go ahead and do that. Are we
22 going to go back and do back pay?
23 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. That's in
24 this -- wasn't in the motion.
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I know it wasn't in
26 the motion, that's why I'm bringing it up.
27 TOMMY DUNN: Make a motion to go back
28 and give them back pay.
29 GRACIE FLOYD: That's why I was bringing
30 it up. Because it's not in the motion. So what
31 you're saying that they're going put aside seventeen
32 thousand dollars and split it among the two groups.
33 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.
34 GRACIE FLOYD: And, Ms. Davis, that
35 should come up to what a person?
36 RITA DAVIS: Sixteen thousand eight
37 hundred.
38 TOMMY DUNN: No, not a person. Not a
39 person.
40 RITA DAVIS: Oh, no, sir. Fifty
41 dollars per meeting.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Fifty dollars per meeting.
43 Like I said this was voted on last Council meeting.
44 RITA DAVIS: If they show up they'll
45 get fifty dollars.
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Now, coming from the
48 committee it doesn't need a second. Going to vote to
49 send this recommendation to the Planning Commission.
50 More than likely the Planning Commission either as a

1 subcommittee or whatnot will need to get back with
2 this committee to send something. I'm sure they're
3 going to have recommendations and changes what, come
4 back before Council votes on anything. So all in
5 favor of the motion to send this to the Planning
6 Commission show of hands. All opposed.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Are the Planning
8 Commission and these other people the same folks?
9 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. Two different
10 groups.
11 GRACIE FLOYD: Two different groups of
12 people; right?
13 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, two boards, two
14 different boards.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Two different boards, but
16 not the same people?
17 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. Fourteen
18 people. Can't serve on but one board at a time in
19 Anderson County.
20 GRACIE FLOYD: No, no. I'm not talking
21 about that.
22 TOMMY DUNN: What are you talking
23 about?
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Planning Committee.
25 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.
26 GRACIE FLOYD: That consists of three
27 people.
28 TOMMY DUNN: No, seven people. Each
29 Council member's got an appointment.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: No, no, no.
31 TOMMY DUNN: That's the Planning
32 Commission. The committee's three people.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Now, they have
34 voted to send this to -- they going to send what back
35 to ---
36 TOMMY DUNN: Just what Ms. Floyd -- I
37 mean just wait Ms. Wilson made the study. The
38 Upstate recommended a traffic study, compensation for
39 the Planning Commission Board of Appeals -- not
40 compensation. The Zoning Advisory groups, to send
41 them back. What this is, is the traffic thing we was
42 talking about. The recommendations for the
43 subdivision approval consideration and the updated
44 recommendation on the traffic study, send them to the
45 Planning Commission for them to put their input in
46 it, get back together and give Council something to
47 look at to vote on. This is to let them study on it.
48 GRACIE FLOYD: The only thing I'm asking,
49 I just want to make sure that these committees are
50 all intertwined with the same people on almost every

1 committee. What I am trying to make sure of is that
2 the same people are not -- that we're not sending
3 these -- the Planning Committee whatever it is to the
4 same people on another committee for approval.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Ma'am, this is being sent
6 to the Planning Commission. There are seven members
7 on that Planning Commission for individual citizens.
8 Each Council member appoints one. So no, it's not --
9 there will be nobody on the Planning Committee; this
10 is the Planning Commission as set forth by ordinance.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, may I ask you
12 the question after this meeting, please?

13 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Because that's got to be
15 straightened out. And I thank you.

16 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
17 show hands. All opposed. All abstentions.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: I abstain.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Show the motion carries
20 with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr.
21 Wooten, and Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd
22 abstains.

23 Moving on to ---

24 GRACIE FLOYD: I'd like the record to
25 show that Ms. Floyd abstains because of lack of
26 proper information. Thank you.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Item number -- going now
28 to Item number 14, Report from the Parks and
29 Recreation Adhoc Committee meeting. Mr. Wooten.

30 CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
31 I'd like to discuss (a) and (b) in conjunction with
32 each other. It's always very exciting to talk about
33 these potential projects we have moving forward, but
34 what a lot of citizens are coming back and saying,
35 well, we like these things you're talking about
36 doing, but you need to give us reassurance that
37 you're taking care of what you have, that you're
38 being efficient with what you have. We don't feel
39 comfortable giving you leeway with more until we know
40 that that's being managed properly. And in many
41 cases we are, but sometimes when we don't revisit it,
42 you don't know where you can make improvements.

43 So for Parks and Recreation, what we've been
44 discussing in the Adhoc committee is potential park
45 consolidation in conjunction with park maintenance.
46 And we have over thirty parks in the county. A lot
47 of parks I didn't even know that we had until we
48 started this process. We've attained them over time
49 through a bunch of different measures, whether it was
50 a county initiative, or a county partnership with the

1 local municipality or community. So in that, we've
2 gone to staff and we said, break down each park, tell
3 us what you're spending to keep up the park, you
4 know, cutting grass, trash, maintenance. Tell us
5 where -- what the good things are about that park.
6 Tell us what that park is lacking so that we can put
7 together individual budget numbers for each park and
8 decide is this park something we want to put more
9 money into, is this park something that we need to
10 take more money out of, is this park even being used
11 by certain people, but looking at it from a top level
12 approach to decide what works best. And in no way
13 would we ever make a decision on a park in somebody's
14 district without that County Council person's input
15 because at the end of the day the park that's most
16 important to people is usually the one that they
17 visit down the road from them. So this is an effort
18 to manage it as well as we can. And the timing of it
19 is, I asked staff, when is the next budget cycle?
20 Take a look at this, because if there does need to be
21 more resources, you'll be able to make a case and we
22 can try to debate that in the budget process.

23 Item C is a project update. Ms. Myers with the
24 county basically put out a questionnaire to the
25 people in the community and asked them their feelings
26 on Parks and Rec. We got four hundred and thirty-one
27 responses, which doesn't seem like a large number,
28 but when you're talking about engaging the community
29 from the county level, that is an overwhelming
30 response. So with those 431 responses, people said,
31 we want them to be safe, we want them to be clean, we
32 want the bathrooms to be functional and working
33 right, we want the track to be something that we can
34 access. So there was a lot of interest in it which
35 drives home the importance of us taking a look at it.

36 Also we got an update on KidVenture 2.0, which is
37 the large playground here at the Civic Center that's
38 been a wonderful playground throughout the years, but
39 this would totally overhaul this whole playground.
40 We have the potential to receive funding from a
41 partner and actually take it into a multi-year
42 agreement, where it would be a large ADA, American
43 with Disabilities Act, compliant playground that
44 would provide better line of sight for parents, that
45 would provide different age group breakdowns for kids
46 to play. And totally transform that, probably for
47 the next fifteen or twenty years. So we got an
48 update on that. They've had public meetings on this.
49 We've looked for an RFQ or Request for Proposal to
50 come out in the upcoming months. And should be a

1 positive thing for the county. But in light of new
2 issues coming on board, I probably don't see that
3 this committee meeting -- committee meeting until
4 first quarter of 2019 to look over staff
5 recommendations going into the budget year.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Would you give a -- I'm
9 sorry, I got distracted. Did you give an update on
10 KidVenture?

11 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, I have a
14 question.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Wooten.
17 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, ma'am.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Tried as I could, I could
19 not make your 8:30 meeting in the morning, but did --
20 was any discussion, discussions done on Broadway
21 Lake? The last meeting I attended we did discuss
22 Broadway Lake.

23 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, ma'am.
24 GRACIE FLOYD: But what's happening now?
25 CRAIG WOOTEN: We did not have any
26 discussion on Broadway Lake at this past meeting.
27 And that was purposeful because when I found out you
28 were not able to attend, I didn't want any of that to
29 take place until you were able to attend. As for the
30 update on the progress they've made on the two
31 projects that you had determined in the previous
32 meeting, I'd have to defer to Mr. Brill on where they
33 are in the process. I know that they were looking
34 at, I guess the seawall and then the dock area and
35 then the water quality. But I haven't received an
36 update from the county at this point.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: So, out of all these
38 parks, everything else you all discussed, we couldn't
39 -- you couldn't come up with anything about the parks
40 at Broadway Lake. We have so many of them, you
41 couldn't come up with anything?

42 CRAIG WOOTEN: Well, no, it's not that we
43 didn't come up with anything, but I guess we talked
44 in general about some of the common maintenance items
45 for parks. How the maintenance agreements for grass
46 cutting and trash were structured. And the goal was
47 for staff to get with each individual Council members
48 going into 2019 and determine which one of their
49 parks they felt were underfunded that needed more
50 funding, which is probably all of them. But then

1 it's a matter of degree of funding. I guess we can't
2 do all the funding requests. And then figure out the
3 best ways to move forward on the parks. And also, to
4 figure out ways that we can meet the communities'
5 expectations. You know, some communities are
6 concerned about falling trees or trash or whose
7 responsibility was that and figure out the best way
8 to communicate that.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Wooten, why was
10 that meeting held at 8:30 in the morning?

11 CRAIG WOOTEN: Typically when I hold
12 committee meetings, I either try to do it in morning,
13 at lunch time or in the evening, just because usually
14 that allows for the most people to attend. When I
15 float it around to the other folks, the morning
16 worked. That was the feedback we got from the Clerk
17 of Council. That was the reason we chose it.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, but you see, maybe
19 our Clerk of Council don't understand that we hold
20 the meetings in the evening so the public can come if
21 they chose to do so. But early in the morning, they
22 can't come because they're working. But even if they
23 still come, they should have the ability and choice
24 of coming. And it can't be done at 8:30. That early
25 meeting in the morning has gotten ??? and the 9:30
26 Planning meeting -- the meetings are being held too
27 early and the public can't come if they want to.
28 That's why I missed that one because that kind of got
29 hold to me that early in the morning.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it, Mr. Wooten.
31 Moving on now to the Report from Public Safety
32 meeting.

33 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
34 Mr. Chairman, fellow Council members, I bring this in
35 the form of a recommendation from Public Safety
36 Committee to approve the acceptance of several grants
37 from the JAG system. One of them is in reference to
38 twenty-five body cameras. The next one is in
39 reference to ten visual cameras. For forensics,
40 comprehensive finger print imaging system. And also
41 service storage. These grants again was recommended
42 for approval from Public Safety to be presented to
43 full Council for approval.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from Public Safety
45 doesn't need a second. Any discussion? All in favor
46 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
47 Show the motion carries unanimously.

48 Moving on.

49 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, this next
50 one is in reference to a victim advocate. It's

1 basically Public Safety Committee sends forth with
2 full recommendation to full Council for support of
3 this as well. And this will basically provide us
4 with another victim's advocate in Anderson County.
5 Right now we currently only have two. And the one
6 thing about this grant is I did look into some
7 research on this and it's a very well supported grant
8 that once -- basically once you get it, providing you
9 maintain documentation and show the needs of the
10 county, it will be an ongoing grant. Basically just
11 turning in another grant each year for renewal. So
12 again, we bring this in the form of support from
13 Public Safety, requesting full Council support it as
14 well.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.
16 Coming from Public Safety doesn't need a second. Any
17 discussion?

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Ms. Floyd.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Approve two appointments
21 for Upstate EMS Council.

22 TOMMY DUNN: We ain't there yet, Ms.
23 Floyd. We're on the one above that.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: I thought we just voted
25 for that.

26 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. We voted for
27 -- we voted part of it. We voted for the Justice
28 Assistance Grants. We didn't vote for the victim
29 advocate. That's what we're voting for now.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: All right.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All
32 in favor of that motion show of hands. All opposed
33 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

34 Now we're moving on.

35 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
36 This is nothing more than information purpose only.
37 The Upstate EMS Council and just kind of to give some
38 brief information as far as the purpose of that
39 committee. It's basically a committee throughout the
40 Upstate that basically kind of oversees and also
41 recommends different training and different
42 certifications throughout the EMS process in Anderson
43 -- excuse me, not in Anderson County -- in the
44 Upstate. In doing so, due to different staff changes
45 in Anderson County over the past couple of years, we
46 currently only have one representation on that
47 committee. Due to their policy, their policy is
48 basically the County Administrator is who recommends
49 filling the position. Mr. Burns basically
50 recommended that Steve Gelliott?? which is Director

1 of EMS. And also Craig Lollies??, which is basically
2 -- in a sense, he's director up in Pelzer with that
3 district up there. But the primary purpose of these
4 positions is basically someone that is affiliated
5 throughout the county that brings some value as far
6 as representing Anderson County on the Upstate EMS
7 Council with knowledge of EMS, knowledge of training
8 that's needed and basically with some education
9 behind themselves and in leadership position behind
10 themselves that basically has the desire and also the
11 knowledge to move Anderson County forward. At the
12 end of the day the representation we have would be
13 Greg Shore, Steve Gelliott?? and Craig Lollies?? and
14 basically they represent our entire EMS system to
15 ensure that we're getting the training we need. That
16 correct policy system are in place, anything that
17 comes down from legislation, we're represented on
18 that. So it brings a lot to the table. And again,
19 this is nothing more than information only based on
20 particular appointments for that. And Upstate EMS
21 will be advised of that.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.
23 Moving on to Item number 16, Waterside Drive. We
24 have a motion to move this forward with meeting all
25 the county specifications?

26 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

27 KEN WATERS: So moved.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson and
29 second Mr. Waters. Any discussion? All in favor of
30 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
31 Show the motion carries unanimously.

32 Now we have some appointments for Anderson
33 County. Mr. Waters, you have any?

34 KEN WATERS: I do. I'd like to
35 appoint Carol Green to the Museum Advisory Committee.
36 And I bring that in the form of a motion.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Waters.
38 Have a second?

39 CINDY WILSON: Second.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
41 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
42 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
43 carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Waters?

44 KEN WATERS: That's all.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?

46 TOM ALLEN: None at this time.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

48 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't have any at this
49 time.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?

1 RAY GRAHAM: I don't have any at this
2 time.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?
4 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'd
5 like to appoint Ms. Kathryn Smith to the District 1
6 Anderson County Museum Advisory Committee. This is a
7 lady who is very active in the community. Has her
8 own historical house with books in regard to Eleanor
9 Roosevelt. And I feel like she would be a true value
10 added to the Museum Advisory Council. And I put that
11 in a motion.
12 CINDY WILSON: Second.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Wooten
14 and second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in
15 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
16 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
17 Ms. Wilson?
18 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
19 have two for the Citizen Advisory Group for District
20 7. First is Mrs. Patricia Sea wright and second is
21 Mr. Phillip Clary. And I put that in the form of a
22 motion.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson.
24 Second by Mr. Waters. Any discussion? All in favor
25 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
26 Show the motion carries unanimously.
27 District 5 would like to appoint Ms. Reva Martin
28 to the Museum Advisory Board. Put that in the form
29 of a motion.
30 CINDY WILSON: Second.
31 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
32 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
33 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
34 carries unanimously.
35 Now moving on to request by Council members. Mr.
36 Waters.
37 KEN WATERS: I have one that was turned
38 in but it didn't make it here tonight. It's someone
39 we have appropriated money for before, Powdersville
40 ??. Would it be possible if I appropriated money for
41 them?
42 TOMMY DUNN: Yes.
43 KEN WATERS: They have put in two
44 requests. One is for five thousand for operating and
45 another five thousand for a lawnmower. So I'd like
46 to appropriate that from District 6 rec fund and I
47 bring that in the form of a motion.
48 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second?
49 TOM ALLEN: Second.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. I

1 mean, Mr. Allen. I'm sorry. Mr. Waters made the
2 motion. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion
3 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
4 motion carries.
5 Moving on now to Mr. Allen.
6 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chair. I'd like
7 to take from my recreation account five hundred
8 dollars for the Free Clinic and I'll put that in the
9 form of a motion.
10 TOMMY DUNN: Five hundred dollars?
11 CINDY WILSON: Second.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen's motion five
13 hundred dollars and Mr. Waters seconds it. Any
14 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
15 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
16 carries unanimously. Mr. Allen, anything else?
17 TOM ALLEN: That's all.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, you have
19 anything?
20 GRACIE FLOYD: No, District 2 doesn't
21 have any at this time.
22 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
23 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
24 I've got two if that's okay. I'd like to appropriate
25 five hundred dollars to Belton Center for the Arts.
26 This is an ongoing event we have each year and would
27 like to do that this year again. And also I'd like
28 to do five hundred dollars to the Free Clinic in
29 support of them as well. I bring that forth as a
30 motion.
31 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Graham.
32 Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of
33 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
34 Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else,
35 Mr. Graham?
36 RAY GRAHAM: No.
37 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?
38 CRAIG WOOTEN: Not at this time.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?
40 CINDY WILSON: Yes, thank you. District
41 7 would like to appropriate twenty-five hundred
42 dollars for the Honea Path Free Clinic and that's in
43 the form of a motion.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson.
45 Have a second?
46 KEN WATERS: Second.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. Any
48 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
49 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
50 carries unanimously.

1 District 5 would like to appropriate -- I have
2 two. First of all would like to appropriate for the
3 transfer out of the special appropriations account
4 six thousand five hundred fifty seven dollars
5 seventy-four cents to Roads and Bridges Department to
6 do a project for Homeland Park Fire Department. And
7 also two thousand dollars for the Anderson Free
8 Clinic. Put that in the form of a motion.

9 CINDY WILSON: Second.
10 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
11 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
12 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
13 carries unanimously.

14 Moving on, Administrator's Report.

15 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.
16 Chairman.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Now moving on to Item
18 number 20, Citizens Comments. Mr. Harmon call your
19 name, again, please state your name and district for
20 the record. You have three minutes. Address the
21 Chair, please.

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

24 FRANK PRESSLY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
25 Last week you recall I tried to make a point at the
26 end of the meeting and I think in trying to say too
27 much too fast I didn't make my point.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute, sir. Could
29 you just start over because we can't hear. The
30 acoustics are not good in here.

31 FRANK PRESSLY: Okay. How's that?

32 GRACIE FLOYD: That's better. Thank you.

33 FRANK PRESSLY: Thank you. Last week at
34 the called meeting I tried to make a point concerning
35 the predatory vending by pawn shops and I think in
36 trying to say things too fast, I really didn't make
37 my point. What I would like to reiterate today is
38 that the pawn industry in this county is taking
39 advantage of people right now by charging interest
40 rates based on a practice that is not of the law. I
41 sent a letter to Mr. Harmon regarding this. He sent
42 a response back telling me that the county is not
43 able to enact ordinances that are more restrictive
44 than what state law is. Now state law is that the
45 pawn shops are limited to three hundred percent
46 interest rate, which is about twenty-five percent per
47 month. Now by them doing something to do an end run
48 of the law what they have done is they have put
49 language in their pawn tickets that enable them to
50 charge a full thirty days' interest on a one day

1 pawn. This annualizes to about nine thousand percent
2 interest.

3 Now enacting an ordinance that rein them in, I
4 was just trying to draw a parallel that, for example,
5 the speed limit is 65 miles an hour. If someone were
6 able to use little black box or a fuzz buster or
7 something that enabled them to go 120 miles per hour,
8 they would be breaking the law, because they're not
9 going 65. Now, if we were to pass an ordinance that
10 outlawed those little black boxes so they couldn't go
11 120 miles an hour, they could still go 65 but just
12 couldn't go that 120 miles per hour. And that's the
13 same with the pawn industry. Right now they're
14 limited to three hundred percent interest. But
15 because of this language they have put in their pawn
16 ticket, they are charging people as much as nine
17 thousand percent interest on a one day pawn. That
18 shouldn't be because a lot of our senior citizens use
19 pawn shops and a lot of our citizens who are working
20 people go in there, they'll pawn their work tools in
21 order to pay a power bill and then they'll go back a
22 couple of days later and they'll pick it up and it's
23 just not fair that the pawn industry should be able
24 to make an end run around the law. Mr. Burns has
25 assured me that we will have further discussion on
26 this, but I really would support -- appreciate the
27 support of the Council in trying to rein in this
28 practice, which is very much a predatory lending
29 practice. We have addressed this at state level, but
30 unfortunately because of some politics down in
31 Columbia, we weren't able to see any progress on it
32 this year. Hopefully Jonathan Hill will reintroduce
33 legislation ---

34 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

36 Next.

37 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Elizabeth

38 Fant.

39 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District
40 3. Yeah, the acoustics in here are bad because I'm
41 not sure what I heard. Mr. Waters, I wasn't sure
42 what you were giving five thousand dollars for but it
43 sounded like you were giving five thousand dollars
44 for a lawnmower.

45 KEN WATERS: That is correct.

46 ELIZABETH FANT: Well, to whatever entity I
47 don't know. Do we give money to an entity for a lawn
48 mower? That's what you all approved tonight.

49 The other thing is, I was going through the
50 District 6 -- well, I went through all of them. But

1 the District 6 paving report, which is Mr. Waters,
2 and I see on here that on August 7th you gave the
3 Powdersville School District 1 twenty thousand
4 dollars for paving. Now since when do we give school
5 districts money for paving out of our paving account.
6 Somebody needs to explain that to me.

7 Okay. Going back to the other issue that we're
8 talking about tonight. There have been some things
9 in Anderson County that have been well improved. One
10 was when we got our library. It's a masterpiece.
11 Our library, downtown library, it's a masterpiece.
12 There's a lot of work going into getting that entity
13 and it's wonderful. However, when the building plans
14 for the library were done, foresight was not done in
15 the construction of it and the library is sinking.
16 We also had the Chiquola which was a hotel,
17 condominium, (BREAK IN TAPE) some of these other
18 things that we're talking about, hotels, whatever.
19 The Chiquola,?? sinking. It ended up the people who
20 bought condos in there basically had to get out and
21 leave it because the windows -- it was sinking so
22 much that the windows are being forced down so much
23 that you can't open the windows because of the
24 construction. So I'm not sure what downtown -- the
25 infrastructure what is able to hold with these
26 concerns. These hotels and all these other
27 structures you're planning on doing. We've done
28 other structures downtown that have been basically
29 fiascos. The parking garage, the thing that's
30 underneath it they were trying to do some sort of a
31 jump start business thing. That failed. We just
32 need to make sure that the money that we're investing
33 or you all as fiduciary -- I see you as fiduciary
34 when you approve a fee in lieu of or whatever --
35 yeah, you're not the city, this is not your property.
36 I understand that. But you are somewhat in control.
37 Ms. Floyd is right about that. You do have a
38 responsibility.

39 I'd like to see -- Anderson is really getting to
40 be a recreation mecca. We've got Green Pond, we've
41 got the Civic Center, a lot of things driving out
42 there, we've got different other recreational
43 entities. Powdersville has a new Y. I'm glad. It's
44 wonderful that they have that. But we also need to
45 look at recreation, not only in physical stuff ---

46 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

48 Moving on now to comments from Council members.

49 Mr. Waters.

50 KEN WATERS: I have none at this time.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen.
2 TOM ALLEN: None except to say I'm
3 glad we dodged the bullet this past week from
4 Florence.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Thank the good Lord. Ms.
6 Floyd.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Only thing I want to say
8 is Council members, please hold your meetings at a
9 time when people can attend. If you don't they think
10 that you're hiding things from them. 8:30 in the
11 morning is too early for an important meeting on
12 parks. 9:30 is too early for a meeting on planning.
13 Let's not give them reasons to question what we do
14 when they are not around.
15 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
16 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
17 Just want to comment one more time as far as on the
18 Public Safety, the EOC, everything ?? over this past
19 week. Hopefully, may be next meeting we could kind
20 of get some of those guys in there and thank them in
21 person. There was definitely a lot of effort put on
22 Director Baker, Deputy Director Pickens and also
23 Casey and James McAdams. And I mean just to list
24 those go on and on with the resources they pulled in
25 through the Sheriff's department, fire department,
26 local municipalities, county service. I mean it was
27 truly a team effort that was put in there. We
28 currently have several teams that's located here in
29 Anderson County that's been activated and is in
30 different locations throughout the state as we speak,
31 even though we didn't get no more weather than we
32 did. We do have teams that's down there and
33 basically handling emergency situation currently. So
34 definitely want to commend those guys. It's taking
35 time away from their families and just hope and pray
36 for their safe return. We've definitely got a gem
37 here in Anderson County. We have a good group of
38 resources that I definitely would put well above most
39 others. And we're very fortunate for that and it
40 proves the leadership of again, David Baker and his
41 staff, plus the Sheriff department and fire service
42 and everyone else. So again, many thanks to all
43 those efforts that was put in last week.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.
45 Mr. Wooten.
46 CRAIG WOOTEN: One thing in regards to
47 the personnel and employee benefits. I know for me I
48 had two children that were hospitalized at birth and
49 what happened with us would have bankrupt me for
50 three lifetimes so I know insurance is very personal.

1 A lot of people work in government when they can make
2 higher salaries in the private sector for the reason
3 of having quality benefits. And so I viewed
4 personally some of these things that we're proposing
5 and I've had a wonderful experience with our family.
6 But I'll do everything and anything, encourage staff
7 to do everything and anything to communicate these
8 benefits to the employees because in the light of
9 what's going on with health care nationally, I know
10 there's a lot of distrust, a lot of it is
11 understanding in healthcare plans. And quite
12 honestly just insurance in general could just be
13 confusing. So anything we can do to help push this
14 information forward to make people feel comfortable,
15 I'm all for that. I believe it's heading in the
16 right direction and is a positive thing. Thank you,
17 Mr. Chair.

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

20 CINDY WILSON: Just a comment that the
21 committees do so much heavy lifting and individual
22 Council members are up here doing a lot of research,
23 along with our staff, to try and better the county
24 and it's just very heartening. Monday we had an 8:30
25 meeting and a 9:30 meeting. And then last night our
26 Sheriff and Mr. Miller and some other deputies came
27 before the local Republican party and brought an
28 incredible presentation of the addiction and crime
29 crises that we have in our county. The numbers that
30 were presented were just compelling. Ms. Casey
31 Collins has been working on that, too. So there's a
32 lot going on in the courthouse and the Sheriff's
33 Department and elsewhere in the county. We're very
34 blessed in this county to have such wonderful people.
35 Thank you.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
37 Just like, first of all I'd like to thank the
38 staff, Mr. Burns, and Ms. Davis for what y'all doing
39 for this insurance thing for the employees. I think
40 it's going to pay off dividends. We really
41 appreciate all the hard work and continue the hard
42 work to get this forward. Committees, I appreciate
43 what all the committees do. Everybody keep in mind,
44 I've said this more than once, Anderson County's not
45 an eight to five job. Thought that a long time ago,
46 swing shift and all. Ones that can't make the
47 meeting at 8:30, just because you can't, it's a whole
48 different demographic of people out there that can
49 make it that way. Twelve hour, off some days and
50 stuff like that.

1 Just a quick, I think one of those quick things
2 about nothing going on downtown. We got two banks
3 opened recently. We've got a corporate headquarters
4 that's going to pull 60 people downtown. We've got a
5 construction company a block from town that's been
6 down there about six months, a year, that's opened
7 up. We got a new gym downtown, right where that
8 parking lot is full where people using it. Anderson
9 University is using the Chiquola Club. Last I
10 checked, it could have been since then, the Chiquola
11 -- the old Chiquola Club across from the courthouse,
12 the townhouses is full over there. We've got a big
13 demand for townhouses in town in talking to folks
14 that know. We got a new restaurant coming. We got a
15 church -- a big church coming downtown and taking up
16 space. We've got a new beauty supply shop right down
17 below the Chiquola. So there's a lot going on in
18 downtown Anderson. You just ride down and look at
19 construction signs going on. People outside two or
20 three people who to invest and do good in Anderson
21 County. That's good. This project that's going on
22 in the hotel down there, I'm very proud to be part of
23 that. I think Anderson County's going to be proud of
24 what it's going to do. It's bringing tax money.
25 Nothing ashamed about that. City of Anderson -- if
26 anybody's got a complaint, anybody ever go talk to
27 the city of Anderson? They worked on this project
28 probably close to a year, Mr. Burns, they put this
29 thing together. Had several meetings on it. We --
30 but I think it's going to be good for Anderson.
31 They're doing a -- they're going to have their own
32 parking. They're putting a parking garage in there.
33 They've gotten -- the city of Anderson right now is
34 doing a comprehensive study on parking. And you
35 know, it's a good thing -- sometimes a problem to
36 have, parking. That means the town's growing and
37 doing things going on. I'd rather see that than an
38 empty street. There's a lot going in town, too.
39 Took a while for it to turn. Hope it keeps going,
40 keeps growing. Seems like the city of Anderson is
41 starting to do some things in conjunction with us.
42 I'm very proud to be part of this Council. I think
43 in years to come to be a part of this hotel project.
44 Nothing whatsoever, and like I said, I think
45 everything -- like Mr. Wooten said a while ago, echo
46 his statements more about picking winners and losers.
47 That's not our job. Not where I come from.
48 Other thing I would like to say and thank is all
49 the staff, all the people in our law enforcement, EMS
50 and fire department for being prepared and

1 representing EOC. I think we've got one of the best
2 trained people. Come to team work, working together
3 and everybody coming together. We got a great EOC.
4 Stay in contact with and appreciate it. Mr. Burns
5 does a great job leading them. Very proud to be part
6 of Mr. Burns bringing in Lieutenant Baker. I mean
7 he's just done an outstanding job, him and his staff
8 and also having a small part in Mr. Pigeons?? coming
9 in and assisting. I think he's an outstanding young
10 man. He's going to be great representative of
11 Anderson County.

12 And I'd also like to thank Cam's Café which the
13 owner sat beside me for feeding the EOC Sunday free
14 of charge. Appreciate that. I know the people did
15 down there. Very much.

16 Meeting adjourned. Thank you for coming.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:09 P.M.)