ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: Welcome to the special presentation part of the council meeting of September the 4th. Like to welcome each and every one of you here tonight. Glad y'all made it out. At this time we’ll go into business. Resolution Proclamations 2(a) R2018-047. Cindy Wilson. Mr. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This is a Resolution Recognizing Palmetto High School Junior Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps for Receiving the 2017-2018 Distinguished Unit Award, the “Silver Star” Community Service with Excellence Award, and Anderson County Adopt-Highway Group of the Year; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

Whereas, The Air Force Junior ROTC Program is located in 900 high schools across the United States and select schools in Europe, and Puerto Rico, with an enrollment of more than 120,000 cadets who will complete over 1.6 million hours of community service each year; and

Whereas, the mission of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps is to develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community; and

Whereas, The Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, Unit South Carolina-942 of Palmetto High School was selected as the recipient of the 2017-2018 Distinguished Unit Award for the twelfth consecutive year. This award recognizes cadets who have performed with above normal expectations, and distinguished themselves by providing outstanding services at school and throughout the community; and

Whereas, the unit also earned the “Silver Star” Community Service with Excellence Award. This prestigious award recognizes the top 5 percent of 900 AFJROTC units worldwide based on community service in support of schools and local communities. Only 44 units worldwide earned this award and Unit South Carolina-942 of Palmetto High School is one of two units to win this award in South Carolina. This award recognized the personal growth and accomplishments of the cadets, the contributions of instructors as mentor and the support of the school and local community; and

Whereas, On May 2, 2018 The Air Force Junior ROTC Cadet Corps attended the Adopt-A-Highway annual awards luncheon in Columbia, South Carolina. They received an award as Group of the Year for their dedication and contribution in volunteering, providing a crucial source of litter removal services making local communities a cleaner and safer environment; and
Whereas, the Anderson County Council recognizes our youth who will become future leaders of Anderson County, South Carolina and the United States. Developing life skills such as leadership, responsibility and team work. We recognize the exceptional character, citizenship and self-discipline it takes to put service before self; and

Whereas, the Anderson County Council commends and congratulates the Palmetto High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps on all of your tremendous accomplishments. We would like to wish you much success in all of your future endeavors.

Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 4th day of September, 2018.

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

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Ms. Wilson.

Second?

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motions carries unanimously.

CINDY WILSON: May we have this wonderful group of young people and their mentors to come down front and my fellow council members, as well.

PRESENTATION OF AWARD

TOMMY DUNN: We’re going to move on now to Item Number 2(b) Proclamation: National Suicide Prevention Month. Councilman Craig Wooten. Craig.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This is a motion PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2018 NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH.

Whereas, September is known around the United States as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and is intended to help promote awareness surrounding each of the Suicide Prevention resources available to us and our community. The simple goal is to learn how to help those around us and how to talk about suicide without increasing the risk of harm; and

Whereas, Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion or background; and

Whereas, According to the CDC, each year 44,965 people die by suicide; and

Whereas, Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death among adults in the US and the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-24; and

Whereas, Anderson County is no different than any other community in the country, but chooses to publicly state and place our full support behind local
educators, mental health professionals, athletic
coaches, police officers, and parents, as partners in
supporting our community in simply being available to
one another; and

Whereas, local organizations like Suicide
Prevention Services (SPS) and national organizations
like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
are on the front lines of a battle that many still
refuse to discuss in public; and

Whereas, every member of our community should
understand that throughout life’s struggles we all
need the occasional reminder that we are all silently
fighting our own battles; and

Whereas, Anderson County encourages all residents
to take the time to inquire as to the wellbeing of
their family, friends, and neighbors over the next few
days and to genuinely convey their appreciation of
their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate.
A simple phone call, message, handshake, or hug can go
a long way towards helping someone realize that
suicide is not the answer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, we the Anderson
County Council of Anderson, South Carolina, do hereby
proclaim the month of September 2018 as National
Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. We urge all
citizens to support the continued efforts in raising
public awareness and to promote the well-being for
others in our community and future generations.
Proclaimed the 4th day of September 2018.

Mr. Chairman, I put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Second by Ms.
Wilson. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor
of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show
the motion carries unanimously.

That will conclude this part of our presentation
council meeting tonight. We’ll reconvene back here at
6:30 for regular council meeting.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:11 P.M.)
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TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call the Regular Anderson County Council meeting of September 4th to order. Like to ask Councilman Ken Waters if he’d lead us in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. If we’d all rise, please.

(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY KEN WATERS)

TOMMY DUNN: Are there any corrections to be made or changes to be made to the August 7th, 2018 Council meeting? Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, the only one I saw for me was on Page 31, Line 20 and the word and, a-n-d, should have been i-n, in Solid Waste. And I just make that amendment.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have anything else? You can make that in the form of a motion to correct?

CINDY WILSON: May we pass the minutes as -- approve the minutes as presented except for that one change.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a second?

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

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

Moving on, are there any changes, corrections to be made to the August 21st, 2018 meeting? Hearing and seeing none, we have a motion to move forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

At this time before we go any further, a little housekeeping; I’d like to welcome Leadership Anderson here. Appreciate y’all coming out. Good to have y’all here tonight.

Moving on now to Citizens Comments.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Okay, Mr. Harmon.

Moving on to Item number 5, District 2 Concerns. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: I did have a concern that came from last week’s -- or last month’s last meeting and I don’t understand it. This was a concern that could have been alleviated had we had the budget workshop that I asked to have that everybody declined to have. But I was told that it was in the budget, but what I saw wasn’t anything like it in the budget that would change an ordinance. It takes three
readings to change an ordinance. So I don’t know what was going on or what was trying to happen, but I don’t think it did. And I will just wait until I get more information. And I thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on, Item number 6 Ordinance Third Reading 6(a) 2018-027 an ordinance authorizing the execution of a lease purchase agreement in an amount not exceeding $5,400,000 relating to the leasing and purchasing of certain vehicles, equipment and personal property, the execution of necessary documents and closing papers. This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please step forward, state your name and district and address the Chair, please. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, public hearing will be closed. We have a motion to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Would just like to say some comments. I think on the first or second reading about this, this was went over very much in budget process, these items. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item 6(b) 2018-028 an ordinance authorizing the addition of Bailtuck, LLC as a sponsor affiliate to that certain fee agreement, dated as of December 1, 2012 between Anderson County, South Carolina and Sargent Metal Fabricators. Be third reading. We have a motion to move this forward? I’m sorry. It’s public hearing. It’ll be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this, please state your name again, district and address the Chair. Public hearing. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, public hearing will be closed. Now we have a motion to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters and second Mr. Graham. Any discussion? You got anything, Mr. Nelson?

BURRISS NELSON: Not unless Council has questions, Mr. Chairman.

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

Moving on to Item number 6(c) 2018-032 an ordinance to return real property located on Pearman Dairy Road to Atlanta Baking Company which was deeded to Anderson
County by Atlanta Baking Company, Inc. on September 21, 1981 to facilitate an Industrial Development Revenue Bond Project. This will be a public hearing. This was done in the way to get the bond properly back. It was their property; bought and paid for it. This is just to clean up some paperwork, the county, and give it back to them. Be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to address -- speak on this item, please step forward, state your name, district, and address the Chair, please. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, public hearing will be closed. We have a motion to move forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.
TOM ALLEN: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters, second Mr. Allen. Now any discussion? Hearing and seeing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries.

Moving on Item number 7(a) Ordinance second reading 2018-031 a third supplemental ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Anderson County, South Carolina, Solid Waste System Revenue Bonds, Series 2018, in the aggregate principal amount not exceeding $2,800,000; fixing the form and certain details of the bonds; authorizing the Chairman of the County Council, the County Administrator and the Finance Director to determine certain matters relating to the bonds; providing certain payment of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof. We have a motion to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I have some.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. This is a bond. Mr. -- my question is directed to the Administrator, Mr. Burns. Mr. Burns, how many bonds do we have out there now that's floating around?

RUSTY BURNS: I don't know right off the top of my head. Ms. Davis can get you that information.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, she's sitting there. Does she have it now?
RUSTY BURNS: Rita?
RITA DAVIS: (INAUDIBLE.)
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So how many would that -- we would only have this one bond?
RITA DAVIS: (INAUDIBLE.)
TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me, Ms. Davis. I
think Ms. Floyd’s asking total.

RITA DAVIS: Total we have four special source revenue bonds, we have three general obligation bonds, we have one note payable and we have one lease. We have three state revolving funds loans in the sewer fund. And we also have three note-payables to the city of Anderson in the sewer fund.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I’d like to see some paperwork on that.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And also something that’s really nagging at me is the fact that our fire department asked for a bond to be floated for them so they could improve the fire equipment that’s needed. I don’t think that they -- they have had an improvement in years now. And they were asking for a bond. And we did get the letter back from Columbia saying that we could do that. That we could float a bond because there was some discretion (verbatim) about that. But what happened to it?

TOMMY DUNN: I’m in discussion with the fire commission and the fire chiefs, Ms. Floyd. And it’s not just a bond passed -- that bond, if we pass it will entail a full mil tax increase and we’ve since done some discussion and found out what they’d have to pay back and what they would get. It might be a different -- better route, more feasible, more productive to go a different route. In talking to the advisory board of Anderson County Fire Chief Association, met with them last week and they seemed to agree. So they’re in discussion with the Fire Commission, so it’s in -- some things are in the works.

GRACIE FLOYD: So as I understand it, what you just said, you’ve been talking to them but -- about something, but I’d like to just know more about it.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, the bottom line, Ms. Floyd, ---

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I’d like to know more about it so that the -- we and the public can know what’s going on because that bond -- we’ve talked about that bond for a long time now with nothing has happened. No one has said anything about it and it’s like a hush hush thing. Here we are getting ready to do another bond without understanding what’s happening to the last one.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, let me -- can I -- are you ready for me to answer it right now? So I’ll explain it to you. It’s no hush-hush, we’ve been
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1 talking now. I specifically asked them last week, would they like for us to vote on this at the next Council meeting and they said no. So they want some more research, more research done. I’ll let the Chairman of the Public Safety -- he was at that meeting, also. I’ll let him ---

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

GRACIE FLOYD: No, no, that’s -- Mr. Chairman, I’ve had enough. You have explained it.

RAY GRAHAM: In other words, you don’t want the answer.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: I think there’s a typo on the form of assignment at the end of the bond ordinance. The line says attorney to transfer the within bond on the books kept for registration thereof with fund power of substitution. I think they meant full power of substitution.

TOMMY DUNN: You got that, Mr. Harmon?

CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed? Abstentions? Show the motion ---

GRACIE FLOYD: I vote for it. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 7(b) 2018-033 an ordinance authorizing the execution of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement among Anderson County, South Carolina, the City of Anderson, South Carolina, JBFerguson Properties, LLC and Estate Planning Consultants, Inc. This will be the second reading on this. We have a motion to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.

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

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Is this the one Mr. Burriss -- how are you? -- okay, is this the one that’s going to jam up another hotel downtown Main Street back in the parking lot? This is not the one?

RUSTY BURNS: No, it’s not.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, you know, these things are worded so vaguely that you don’t know what they are. If someone hadn’t said -- if someone -- if we say nothing about it then the public will not even know what we’re talking about here. But which
one is this, Mr. Burriss?

BURRISS NELSON: This is a project where an
investor has purchased a number of buildings on South
Main Street directly across from the city hall.
They’re going through a redevelopment of those
buildings, increasing their value. Currently they are
captured in the TIF agreement. That TIF agreement,
all the tax dollars that come off of that project all
go to infrastructure that the city has built. So the
county gets absolutely no dollars in tax revenue out
of those properties at this time. The TIF will end in
about a year and a half, two years, about the same
time that these newly improved properties will come on
the tax books and will supply an opportunity for
income and capital -- with the capital investment will
provide tax income not only for the city, but for the
county as well. So the first investment amount is
about one point eight million. It will be generating
approximately a hundred and twenty thousand in tax
dollars. We’ll get about seventy percent of that.
And the city will get the rest.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now where is this
property? Is that the old hotel downtown?

BURRISS NELSON: I think it was the drug
store and I think there was a furniture store next to
it. I’m not sure.

RUSTY BURNS: And the old Palmetto
Building, which is warehouse for White Jones, that’s
part of the project, too, Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. What about those
older buildings that used to be hotel? All of them?

RUSTY BURNS: No hotel down there. But
where Murph’s and all of those buildings that you
start there and work your way back this way, then take
into the Palmetto Building, those are the buildings
that we’re talking about.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And we’re -- the
county will get how much out of that?

BURRISS NELSON: We’ll get about seventy
percent of the tax income when that comes on the
books. The TIF will end.

GRACIE FLOYD: It will be a city tax,
since this is their project?

BURRISS NELSON: Well, it will be city and
county. We’ll combine the total millages. Our
millage is about three hundred and fifteen mils in
this district and the city’s is a hundred and four or
a hundred and eight mils. So they’ll get about
twenty-five to thirty percent of the total tax bill.
And these will come on incrementally as the
investment’s made in each building and they’re put
into service. Then they’ll become taxable.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. What will these
buildings be used for?
RUSTY BURNS: Residential and commercial.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But you don’t
foresee a tax increase?
RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am. As Mr. Nelson
was explaining, we don’t receive tax money from it now
because it’s in the tax increment financing district
that is in force until 2021. What that meant, that
all the money generated in that TIF stayed in the
downtown area for infrastructure improvement. TIF
ends in 2021, then we will be able to receive tax
funds from this new and enhanced property.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now that term TIF, I
used to know what it means, but we haven’t had one of
those in a while. Please tell us again what is TIF?
RUSTY BURNS: It’s a -- it’s called Tax
Increment Financing.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
RUSTY BURNS: Where you carve out a
special area. The city had to agree to it. The
county had to agree to it. And all that money goes to
development of downtown in a prescribed area. We have
a map available.
GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, I understand. But we
don’t put any money in it.
RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right.
TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All
in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed
like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Moving on to Item 7(c) 2018-037 an ordinance
authorizing the execution of an Infrastructure Credit
Agreement among Anderson County, Project
Accommodation, and the City of Anderson, South
Carolina. We have a motion to move this forward?
KEN WATERS: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters. Have a
second?
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
discussion?
GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns.
RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: I’m sorry. Mr. Burriss.
Mr. Burriss, does -- you want to explain what we’re
talking about in this one?
BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma’am. This area
currently also is in the TIF, and it is basically the
parking lot that is just to the north side of Church
-- not Church -- Whitner Street -- not Whitner --
Market Street and the parking lot where the park is
currently. Really behind the buildings right here
across the street from us. And there’s a hotel project
that’s being proposed there. Approximately ten
million dollars. Somewhere in the neighborhood of
eighty to eighty-five room hotel and the city and the
county are collaborating on this project because it
will be coming off the TIF and county’s tax dollars
will be applied at that time when it comes on to the
-- comes off the TIF.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now this one C&D
represents the same thing. Am I correct or wrong
about that or what? It represents a hotel that’s
going to be built downtown in the middle of the
parking lot behind Mellow Yellow (verbatim).
BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That’s it in a
nutshell. Okay. And this parking lot -- I mean this
space is going to take up most of the parking lot that
we have for downtown. And it’s also -- they’re also
going to have a big old swimming pool there. Right?
BURRISS NELSON: That has been mentioned,
yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: And they’re going to have
about eighty rooms and it’s going to be in competition
with the Bleckley Inn down there. But it won’t have
the parking space that we’re all used to, right?
BURRISS NELSON: That’s right.
GRACIE FLOYD: All right. And I have been
asked this question several times. And the question
is why? Why are we sticking a hotel in the middle of
downtown when we don’t have enough parking space as it
is for downtown. Why are we not going somewhere else
to do a hotel like that? Somebody even suggested over
there on -- you’re going to have to help me, Mr.
Burris, with the name of the street -- yeah, City
All right. And it was a good recommendation. Why
can’t it go there, off of Main Street, without putting
us in a position to have to do parking spaces for
people -- to make parking space. And take the little
bit of parking spaces that we have. Why?
BURRISS NELSON: I think there are two
answers to that. One, the first thing to address the
parking. At that announcement, one of the officials
from the city indicated that it was a proposed parking deck or parking garage would be accompanying that particular hotel facility. The second thing is, the city owns that property down there and does not own the property where City Seed is that you referenced.

GRACIE FLOYD: But the thing is, if the city owns it why do they want to sell it? If they own it for the city, for the city people to be able to move -- to have parking spaces down there. What are we going to do? They already have one parking deck and we all know how that one goes. There’s -- I don’t know if it’s been used even now, because it hasn’t been really used since it’s been put there. But we’ll making people pay -- it’s going to be a paying parking deck?

BURRISS NELSON: I don’t know what that particular disposition for the parking deck would be. I don’t know how that would operate.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, you know it’s going to be a paying parking deck. And then we’re going to have to -- I got one more minute. Then we’re going to have to -- people are going to have to come downtown to pay. You’re going to hurt a lot of other businesses that using that. To get to J. Peters you have to -- you can’t even find a parking space. And don’t be handicapped. There’s only one handicap parking space right there near J. Peters. I don’t think that we have the interest of the people in mind. We may have the interest of the money makers, of the money people, in mind. But I don’t think we have the interest of the citizens of Anderson County. But anyway, I thank you for that for answering my questions.

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma’am. You’re welcome.

TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? I’d just like to add, we’re going to have nothing the size or anything with this project. That’s a private entity putting this together. They can choose to go wherever they choose, wherever they think they can make money. But the city’s the one that’s doing this and it’s about the question that Ms. Floyd’s got. Talked to the city Councilmen and asked them. At that announcement they said they was going to do not just a parking building or parking pad, they was going to do a study of downtown parking and go from there and look at different things. But this is a city of Anderson project with this developer and helping out. We got into it because of the fee in lieu of. They can’t do that. We have to do it for them. And I think it’s a
good thing for Anderson to come back. They’re putting the money up. But the city of Anderson is the one that’s asked for this and come through it and they are really the government entity down there and they own the property. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten, and Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd opposes.

Moving on to Item number 7(d) 2018-038 an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties as to enlarge the park. This is second reading. We have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Second Mr. Allen. Now any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, that’s the same project. I take issue to the wording of the projects, as well. To me, the ordinary citizen, the lay people, wouldn’t know what you were talking about if someone didn’t say what this was about. This is another portion of the park that they want to build a hotel in.

TOMMY DUNN: Any one else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten, and Ms. Wilson in favor. And Ms. Floyd opposes.

Moving on to Item number 8(a) 2018-036 an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement by and between Anderson County, South Carolina and a Company or Companies known to the County at this time as Project 20180430 with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in Lieu of Certain Special Source Credits. Mr. Nelson.

BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, members of Council, first, I need to beg for your forgiveness. I left my project description for this for the presentation on the copier. So I’m going to have to do this from memory. But anyhow, this is a six point two million dollar capital investment. The particular project will create thirty-one jobs with an average pay of twenty-three dollars and eighty-one cents. Annual payroll approximately one point six million dollars. This is a company that’s been in business for more than a hundred and fifty years. They are in
the technical testing of equipment and product for
international and national companies. Of course, all
over the US and all around the world. And they have
locations around the world. This is -- all the jobs
that will be created there will require, for the most
part, two year and four year degree employees.
Thirty-one very specific technical jobs with a great
opportunity. It is a forty percent SSRC project for
the first five years and a thirty percent SSRC project
for the next five years.

First year taxes -- well, taxes last year were
approximately thirty-five hundred. First year taxes
will be approximately twenty-one thousand. And over a
twenty year period approximately one point six
million, I believe is correct. Community impact first
year is about twenty-five million and over the first
twenty years community impact somewhere close to one
point -- a hundred and fifty million. That comes as a
recommendation from staff and from the economic
advisory board and we seek your pleasure in that
project.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson. We
have a motion to move this forward?
KEN WATERS: So moved.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters and
second Mr. Graham. Now discussion?
GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. -- we missed our phone
call.
BURRISS NELSON: Well, I called -- I left
you a long detailed message. I apologize.
GRACIE FLOYD: What -- today?
BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma’am. About two
o’clock.
GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, no. I was out of the
house. I’ve been running errands most of the day.
BURRISS NELSON: Well, I apologize.
GRACIE FLOYD: No, I guess the apology
goes to me. But I don’t know what we’re talking about
here. Is it a chicken farm in my district?
BURRISS NELSON: No, ma’am. Actually in
District 6. And it’s in an industrial park location.
Approximately thirty thousand square foot facility
that they will be going into. Great project, great
opportunity. High skilled, high paid jobs. It’s the
right kind of thing.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I hope the
District 6 Council member is aware of it and knows
what’s going on because when things go in my Council
district, y’all don’t tell me nothing. I have to read
about it in the newspaper. But if he’s satisfied with
it in his district, I guess it’s whatever. Thank you.
BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma’am.
TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor
of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
Show the motion carries unanimously. This will be a
good time. We’ll take a -- Leadership Anderson might
want to get out. We'll take about a five minute
break. If they want to leave, they can leave tonight.
We appreciate y'all coming out tonight. Y'all welcome
any time. Come have some more fun.

(BREAK)
TOMMY DUNN: Back in session at this
time. We’ll be going into 8(b) 2018-039 an ordinance
to amend the zoning map to rezone +/- 72.28 acres from
PD (Planned Development) to IZOD (Innovative Zoning
District) at Crestview Road, Harriett Circle and
Midway Road.

Before we go into a public hearing, Dr. Parkey is
going to give us a brief description and then we’ll go
into public hearing. After that we’ll have time for
discussion. Dr. Parkey.

JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes.
The request is to rezone the property from PD Planned
Development to IZOD Innovative Zoning District. The
applicant’s purpose for the request is to revise the
current statement of intent and the current site plan.
Staff recommended approval on this project. The
Zoning Advisory Group did not meet due to a lack of
quorum in their August meeting so technically that
comes forward as an approval. The Planning Commission
recommended approval of the request in their August
14th meeting. This was a complex project on a
relatively large piece of property. But I believe
that the spirit of the Innovative Zoning District was
met by the proposal, felt that the project fit well
with community character and was also an improvement
on the existing statement of intent. I believe the
applicant’s engineer is present with us tonight and
can answer more questions. That’s all the staff has.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Dr. Parkey.

We’ll move on now to our public hearing. Anyone
wishing to speak to this matter, please step forward
and state your name and district and address the
Chair. This is all involved keep in mind, you know,
if this passes, there’s two more readings it has to go
through. We only doing tonight is a zoning. And if
it passes the zoning, then it’s got to go back before
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1. the Planning Commission. Has to go through that as far as comprehensive plan and all. So there’s a long process for this thing to go to be tweaked. So at this time, anyone wishing to speak, come forward.

2. PAUL HARRISON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, thank you Council members. My name is Paul Harrison. My address is 718 Lowndes Hill Road, that’s Greenville 29609. And as Mr. Parkey stated, I’m here tonight on behalf of the applicant. We’re the civil engineers on the project with BlueWATER Civil Design. And would love to answer any questions that Council may have concerning our application.

3. TOMMY DUNN: Anybody got anything? Appreciate it. Anyone else?

4. DONNIE BRIGHT: My name is Donnie Bryant, I’m in District 7. I live on Waccamaw Trail, which is a dead end road off of Crestview. My understanding the IZOD designation allows the builder considerable leeway to make changes. May be wrong, but that’s the way I understand it. From my road, leave my house in the mornings and all that, afternoons the traffic is so bad now that it backs up from Midway Church all the way past my street. I can’t get out in the morning. Afternoon it does the same thing. You can’t go down Harriett Circle because people picking up kids at that school back all the way up. There’s no provisions being made for the traffic. I’d like to know what’s being done on this development. Going to be turning lanes to get into this place? What kind of traffic problems are to be handled on this development? I’m not against building, but seems like all the building is going in our direction down there. No provision is being made for traffic. No traffic lights, no turn lanes. Thing is, I’m surprised somebody hasn’t got killed at Midway Church with the four-way. Then you got Harriett Circle coming off at an angle. People coming out of there, they don’t abide by the rules of the road. But anyway, that was my comment. Hope that the traffic problem will be ???

5. TOMMY DUNN: I wished it would too. But I assure you that ain’t going to happen. We can -- maybe we can do some relief but I don’t know about totally solving something. That’s a -- like you said, it’s a mess out there now and they have been trying to do some things in years past and have trouble getting some right-of-ways out there even back when Senator Waldrep was on Council. But there’s some things -- like I said, this is a zoning issue tonight. Then it will have to go through the Planning Commission and Comprehensive Planning. And there’ll be some traffic
studies done and things to do on that.
Anyone else wishing to speak to this matter?
Anyone? Hearing none, public hearing will be closed.
We have a motion to move forward or deny?
   CRAIG WOOTEN:     I’ll make a motion to move
forward.
   TOMMY DUNN:       Have a motion Mr. Wooten to
move forward.  Second Mr. Waters.  Now discussion.
Any questions or comments for Dr. Parkey?
   GRACIE FLOYD:     Yes.
   TOMMY DUNN:       Dr. Parkey.
   JEFF PARKEY:      Yes, ma’am.
   GRACIE FLOYD:     Okay. Thank you. I don’t
understand the IZOD, Innovative Zoning District. I
don’t know if we’ve had one of those before. I can’t
remember one. But could you please explain that to
me?
   JEFF PARKEY:      This is a review district,
a design review district. So it does not specifically
define density on the site and it leaves that open and
therefore it enables the project developer to be more
creative in their design that they propose the plan
and tries to incorporate additional amenities and
other aspects, conservation and other aspects, to try
to make it a little bit better quality overall design
then we might typically see.
   GRACIE FLOYD:     Okay. Well, Dr. Parkey,
ever since they build that school up there, Harriett
Circle -- can you hear me? Okay. Ever since they
built that school up there, there has always been
problems up there with the school, with the traffic
and everything. If this is not being proposed to
enhance the traffic, why are they going up there doing
this? What’s the purpose of it?
   JEFF PARKEY:      The project engineer might
be in a little bit better position to answer some
specifics, but our understanding of their proposal was
that a few different design elements were going to be
incorporated. One of those was a pedestrian access
trail to the school, which is adjacent; hopefully to
alleviate a little bit of the traffic backup. Also,
the project is going to dedicate some additional
right-of-way above and beyond what was already
required to create an opportunity to alleviate the
traffic or enable some road improvements. The
specific details are indicated in the statement of
intent. I think Mr. Harrison might be able to
elaborate on those further, but this is what we know
of at the time to try to take into account the traffic
issues in that area.
Additionally, the DOT we know has an improvement project for that intersection in the transportation improvement plan for the 2018-2023 period and we believe that’s going to be coming online soon.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, when the other person was speaking it was during a public hearing. And usually we don’t ask questions during public hearings. We have to wait until afterward.

But Mr. Chairman, could we bring him back to the mic please?

TOMMY DUNN: It’ll be fine. You got something you want to ask him. I just want to say while he’s coming up here, keep in mind, this property right now is zoned a PD and this zoning right now, if they don’t do nothing else, they’ve got the right to put what’s been approve, I think over 200 houses around about or something or other, give or take. Plus some commercial stuff, plus some apartments, I think. This new proposal they’ve come up with I think cuts it down to -- if I remember right -- almost five acres more of green space. Two access where the one now has been approved but they don’t have to come up before Council. What it’s been zoned for is one road in and one road out. And also they’ve gotten -- done away with the commercial and apartments on this thing and cut the lots -- number of lots down. But go ahead.

GRACIE FLOYD: Sir, excuse me, before you start, what is your name?

PAUL HARRISON: My name is Paul Harrison.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Harrison, could you please tell me -- you said that you represent whom?

PAUL HARRISON: I represent BlueWATER Civil Design. We’re the civil engineer representing the applicant for this project.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, Mr. Harrison, could you please tell me why are we doing this? Now, let me tell you something you may not be aware of. Years ago, when we first started laying out the plan for all of this, a walking thing was involved in there for the children, where they could walk to the school and all of that, which would have alleviated some of the traffic. But the people up there from my recollection didn’t want that.

PAUL HARRISON: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: They didn’t want to have a walking thing. But now they want it?

PAUL HARRISON: I think I can answer a lot of your questions.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
PAUL HARRISON: Let me start by -- let me start by saying the reason we’re doing it is because, number one, what my applicant does and what the type of development he does, he could not build the current plan that’s currently approved. Matter of fact, I don’t mind saying that I don’t think anybody could build the current plan that’s approved because it was approved in such a time where there’s new storm water guidelines and constraints now where you have to provide wetland buffers and you have to provide storm water detention ponds. You have to provide a second means of access, which the current plan was just not a viable plan. And in my professional opinion it’s not a viable plan for anyone to build by. So what we did was we took the original approval that was -- that’s currently in place. We looked at densities, we looked at access, we looked at ways to improve upon that plan. And the number one reason we went from the PD to IZOD, Zoning District, is because we removed the commercial component from our application. So the original approval was for over 200 residential units, some of those units could be in the original approval. They had a commercial component on the corner of Crestview and Harriett Circle. Plus they had no account for wetland buffers, significant open space or, that I see, any storm water management areas to provide detention ponds to serve the site. So with all of that being said, we’ve developed a plan in working with Anderson and we’ve decreased that density, and propose less density. We’ve removed the commercial component from the approval that’s currently in place. We provided a second means of access, ingress and egress, into the site. And then the only way that we can help traffic is, number one, we’re under the what’s currently approved density-wise. And we also are trying to promote pedestrian walking paths directly to and from the adjacent elementary school that would, hopefully, if anyone buys in the neighborhood, they could walk their kids to school and we could provide a means for that.

And I don’t know that there’s anything, a development in Anderson County -- I’m not familiar with every development here, but we’ve done some other creative stuff like that. We’ve provided sidewalks on both sides of the street. What Mr. Parkey said, too, another thing that we’ve agreed to dedicate additional right-of-way along Crestview Road and along Harriett Circle and even at the intersection of Midway and Harriett Circle for potential traffic round-a-bout in the event that the right-of-way could be acquired.
But we’ve agreed to dedicate that right-of-way to help for future road improvements.

So I know that’s a lot. That’s my main spiel. I tried to hit the high notes, but those all are vast improvements to this property and to the original approval that’s currently in place that you can build by.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Harrison, you have been a big help. And I sure do thank you for explaining.
PAUL HARRISON: Thank you so much.
GRACIE FLOYD: This is in District, what, Mr. Burns?
RUSTY BURNS: One.
GRACIE FLOYD: District 1.
CRAIG WOOTEN: That’s me.
GRACIE FLOYD: Are you pleased with this?
CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. In fact, I’ve spent a good deal of time over the last few weeks talking to constituents about it. And I actually live on Midway Road. And I was in that circle or intersection because all my kids go to Midway. And so we sit in the traffic and I even have a long term vested interest with a ten year old knowing that he’ll be driving at fifteen, that I would like for things around our house to be safe.

I think the things that stood out for me is some of the things that Mr. Harrison said. In 2008 they were given the right to have commercial there. And when I told that to the residents, people were like Yikes. That scares me. They had the right to put duplexes there. They had the right to put an enormous amount of houses there, considering the density. With one entrance, no sidewalks. And so now they’ve come back and they said no commercial, no duplexes. We’re going to go from one entrance to two entrances. We’re going to put sidewalks connecting to the school. We’re going to put thirty-three percent of it in green space. And so there was a part of me when I heard this I was like you know we need to jerk their arm off because this is a good thing for the area.

Now the concerns that I talked with Ms. Wilson about, being adjacent to her area, obviously is the traffic. Now, in an ideal world, I wish DOT and traffic and the city and everybody could come together and have everything ready for the day, you know, the first house was built. But in talking with the ANATS committee and Mr. Gay with the city, this round-a-bout and/or stop light is already on the ANATS list. And we’ve committed to work with the delegation and try to expedite that so that we could meet the time line of
what we know is going to be the traffic concern.
Also, what I thought the owners of the property
and developers were very generous in doing is offering
the right-of-way to the county for future expansion.
So that we would do it ahead of time and not be
trapped by the subdivision.

So with anything I think, you know, we’re battling
some of our own successes on the industrial front.
We’re providing more jobs, which is great, people are
coming to Anderson and they’re looking for places to
live and so we’re seeing these larger developments
come in. And from my consideration, living in
District 1, representing District 1, and actually
living in the area, I feel like this is the most
optimal situation that can be done here. And I feel
like they’ve come forth in a good faith effort.

Now, knowing that, Ms. Wilson has pointed out,
after the zoning process concludes, there will be a
time in the plat process that a traffic study will be
done. That will go back to the Planning Commission to
analyze that traffic study. So there’s even still a
measure in place once this zoning is finished, for
that traffic to be addressed, which is a good thing.
And I feel pretty confident with all the things that
they’ve offered so far that all those concerns can be
met. And I told a fellow resident of mine who lives
up in that area, I said, I can’t guarantee that we
will get all of the traffic done at the same time that
the houses are build. I said we just don’t have that
much control over SCDOT, ANATS. I mean, there’s a
process to be played out there. But I feel confident
that things are lined up for it to work.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, Mr. Wooten, I thank
you for that. Since this is your district and you
live out there and you are in agreement with all of
this, I’ll yield to you.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, ma’am.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

CINDY WILSON: Back when this came before
Council in ’08 I did vote against it because there
were some serious problems that were unaddressed. The
plan, as I see it, and the statement of intent seems
to cover all of those issues, like getting the
children the opportunity to walk onto the grounds at
Midway School and there’s a great deal more respect
for the wetland and waterway protection. And
sidewalks, and also a walking trail. There are a lot
of things to commend this current plan if it’s put
into actuality as it is stated. The main issue
continues to be unresolved in my district concerns there and that's the traffic. And this goes back to 2002 when Midway School was first proposed there and that was all District 7 at that point. And we began the long effort of trying to get SC DOT, the county DOT, even the COG involved as a funding source for road improvement, but nothing every really got done. And I’ve talked again -- in fact I take our county -- well our state engineer for a ride down Midway almost annually to look at what we need to have done there. Midway is probably the oldest and longest state secondary road in the state system. It’s an historical road actually. It’s part of the old trail system of Charleston to Pendleton.

But we do have the mechanism in place so that after we approve this project through the zoning, it does go back through the process with the studies and the requirements to get the traffic in and out of the projects safely and keep the traveling public safe. And that’s already in our ordinance.

And I do greatly applaud you for coming up with methods of making this pretty piece of property very liveable for a lot more people. The last one was absolutely -- basically, it should have never been passed, not even by the rules we had at that time. So maybe some time and greater study will make this a really very -- maybe a premier project that we can all point to. Thank you.

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

Moving on to Item number 8(c) 2018-040 an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties as to enlarge the park. (Project 20180430). We have a motion to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second Mr. Allen. Any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Nelson, yes, sir. Mr. Nelson. Now this is that vague language that I keep complaining about. You put all this stuff in there but nobody knows what it means. Will you tell us what that means, please?

BURRISS NELSON: The project I described earlier, 20180430, and the one I said that I didn’t have the document for. I do have the document. But anyhow, this is a multi-county park agreement between Anderson and Greenville. It allows the opportunity
for additional state incentives job development
credits. And this is not going to be an
infrastructure credit agreement, we don’t think at
this time for this project. It will just be for the
state incentives. And with the Chairman’s permission,
I’d like to pass this document out.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.
BURRISS NELSON: I was close on the numbers.
GRACIE FLOYD: Now this is a real joint
county industrial park. This is not using their ---
BURRISS NELSON: (Inaudible.)
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, but you know what I’m
saying. For the hotel, we used a joint agreement for
the Greenville Anderson County to do the hotel thing
back there, right? But now this is the real thing
this time. Okay.
BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
motion carries.
Moving on to Item number 9(a) Resolution R2018-046
a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of
an inducement agreement by and between Anderson
County, South Carolina and Project 20180430 whereby,
der under certain conditions, Anderson County will execute
a Fee in Lieu of Tax and Special Source Credit
Agreement with respect to a project in the county
whereby the project would be subject to payment of
Certain Fees in Lieu of Taxes and whereby Project
20180430 will be provided certain credits against fee
payments in reimbursement of investment in related
qualified infrastructure. Same thing we talked about
two other times. This is third time. We have a
motion to move this forward?
KEN WATERS: So moved.
TOM ALLEN: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters. Second
Mr. Allen. Any discussion?
GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Would you please
explain it, what you’re talking about here?
BURRISS NELSON: This is really a repeat of
the ordinance in the first reading of Item 8(a). It’s
just in the inducement resolution that solidifies the
document in a resolution form. It -- different
attorneys approach that differently. Sometimes
they’ll do the inducement resolution before they have
the actual ordinance written out and completed. But
in this case we’ve got the ordinance accompanying the
resolution. But it just defines the project.
GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion -- I mean we have a motion. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.

Moving on now, Item number 9(b) R2018-048 a resolution authorizing application to the State Fiscal Accountability Authority of South Carolina for approval of the issuance by Anderson County, South Carolina, of its Special Resource Revenue Bonds, in one or more Series, in a Aggregate Principal amount of not exceeding $28,750,000 pursuant to the Provisions of Title 4, Chapter 1 and 29 of the Code of laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended. This is the one we’ve talked about several things. Had many workshops talking about the sewer plan coming up.

So Ms. Davis can come up and answer any questions or Mr. Burns. We’ll put it on the floor to have a motion.

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

KEN WATERS: Second.


CINDY WILSON: May I quickly point out, a lot of people didn’t quite understand, like citizens, what this was about. This is apparently refunding several old bonds that came on to the books years ago at higher rates. And it also funds the twenty-two million dollars of proposed projects to build out sewer lines and do what’s needed to access the sewer in a more optimum way for the county for future development. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am. That is correct. We have, as we talked about before, four special source revenue bonds outstanding. We will refund those with the proceeds from this loan. And also we will do Wellpine, decommissioning Six and Twenty and building up Exit 14. That’s the three projects that Council approved about this time last year. Just getting the financing in order so that Mr. Singleton can make that happen.

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

GRACIE FLOYD: Got a question.

TOMMY DUNN: All opposed. Go ahead, Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: You say something about building up Exit 14?
RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Now could you talk about that a little bit?

RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am. They’re going to build a treatment plant out there and they’re going to install sewer lines so that developers and things like that can come on I-85.

GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, yeah. Okay. All right. Thank you.

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

Moving on, Ms. Davis, while you’re there, if you just -- you want to give update, I guess, on the tax levy. There’s nothing to vote on. Item number 10 Tax Levy for the Anderson County Council in the year 2018.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. The auditor, Mr. Jackie Hunter, would just like Council ---

TOMMY DUNN: Be aware, it’s his job. Go ahead.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. He would like the Chairman to sign this and we just, as routine bring it before Council. You’ve already voted that this is the ??? during the budget season. So we would just give -- afford Council the opportunity one more time to raise their hand. Levy sheets are fixing to come out end of September, first of October for our tax billing.

TOMMY DUNN: You want to put that in the form of a motion.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Make a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten makes a motion recommended by Mr. Hunter. Like I said he’s the one that sets this. This is just a formality. And Mr. Graham seconds it. Any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

CINDY WILSON: May I very quickly?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: As I abstained during the budget because I felt like we could have pared down the millage a bit more, but I was in agreement on so many of the projects, I’ll abstain this one, too.

Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: What was the tax levy that he told us?

RITA DAVIS: Well, it’s eighty-two point seven mils (break in audio) for the county ordinary that the county has authority over. He -- by statutorily he sets the debt service levy. So he will
work to set that. But the portion that Council has
control over will be eighty-two point seven mils.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. What was it last
year?

RITA DAVIS: Eighty-one point seven mil.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. It went up a whole
point. Okay. I just thought I’d bring that up.

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

Moving on now to Item number 11, Report from the
Planning and Public Works Committee. Chairman Wilson.

Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This involves our meeting on Monday, August the 27th.
The first item our committee addressed was the subject
of compensation for Planning Commission board members
and for the Zoning Appeals Board members. And we have
backup for anyone who wants to refer back to that. It
is becoming more difficult for these boards to meet
the quorum requirement as these volunteers are
mandated six hours of orientation training and to
attend three hours of annual continuing education in
subjects specific to their jobs. They are also
exposed to some bad behavior at some of their
meetings. And more recently members were sued by a
developer.

A survey of Upstate Counties indicated to us that
the best model of compensation was Spartanburg at
fifty dollars per meeting, which would increase our
budget by approximately thirty-two thousand dollars.
Our committee voted three and 0 in favor of this
measure which we bring to our County Council for your
approval.

GRACIE FLOYD: We can’t do that.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion coming
from the Public Works Committee. Doesn’t need a
second. Now discussion on the floor.

GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Wilson, you just said
that your committee voted three and 0 in favor of that
regulation. Am I correct?

TOMMY DUNN: That’s right.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. But can your
committee do that?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

CINDY WILSON: We are only making a
recommendation to the full Council.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. That’s what you can
vote on. You can vote to bring it to Council. But you cannot vote on whether or not you’re going to do it or not.

CINDY WILSON: We didn’t.

GRACIE FLOYD: But you said you did and I just wanted to make that clear. Thank you.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: More discussion? Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Just a quick question.

That’s probably not a bad idea. But are we going down a slippery slope? Is every committee going to want reimbursement now for meetings?

CINDY WILSON: I think this is probably the only committee -- these two committees and the Citizens Advisory Zoning Board are the only ones to my knowledge that have to have specific special training and they are volunteers. And unfortunately those committees have volunteered for a great deal of abuse in the past year.

TOM ALLEN: I agree.

CINDY WILSON: So, anyway, we ---

TOM ALLEN: There’s some way -- and yeah, ---

CINDY WILSON: I’m not the one who initiated the compensation idea, but we -- after we discussed it in the committee, it seemed like a very appropriate thing to do, to keep our committee members engaged.

TOM ALLEN: Okay. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: I agree with Mr. Allen’s concerns. But I think we need to maybe think up some language up about the training or something because I don’t want to start this kind of thing. And these committees -- the Planning Commission, and the individual neighborhood committees are having a very difficult time getting quorums and having meetings and it’s causing hardship on the citizens of Anderson County. But I don’t think if you’ve got quality people on these committees fifty dollars is going to make them come or not. But I do think they need to be compensated for something or other for what they do. And see how that works. So this will be voted on two more times. We can sort of look and see hopefully. But has my support tonight.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: I’ll go along with that.

And I think we need to get something in writing and maybe have a little better look at this so we can
delineate exactly why we’re going to do this if we do it. Thank you.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: One year when the so-called new Council came on, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn and I worked on a committee where we were going through each of the committees to see what it said. And there was one committee that in our regs said that we were supposed to pay monthly fees. Do you remember that? Yeah, I thought. Well, anyway, there is one in there. Ms. Davis, do you remember that?

RITA DAVIS: (Inaudible.)

GRACIE FLOYD: No, ma’am. It’s another committee, because we discussed that and we were going to bring it up again to see just what was going on and how come anything was never paid. But, if you go back through the Code of Ordinances and you look at the committee list, there is a committee in there that is supposed to be paid.

RITA DAVIS: Mr. Freeman’s Appeals Committee for -- when we do reassessment, if you want to appeal the value, they get paid as well.

GRACIE FLOYD: They get paid if they’re called back.

RITA DAVIS: That’s right.

GRACIE FLOYD: If they’re called back.

But to have the first meeting there’s no pay for it. But no, this was not the one. But I intended to look it up before I got here, but I forgot. But we need to look at that again, to see if there is such a committee. I read it. I read it. And I know that the code has not been changed since I looked at it last. So we need to check that to see if that’s still in there and if so what -- maybe this was the same organization. But it’s something that we need to check on. Ms. Davis, would you please do that for us? Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed. Abstentions. You opposed, Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I oppose.

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

Chairman Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you. And we did recommend that the needs of the Citizens Advisory Board be -- members be looked at, too, for the same reasons.
The committee was next presented by Dr. Parkey and his staff with a discussion of Greenville County’s approach to the intensifying development demands, much as we are. Our Planning Department reviews technical aspects for development application while our Planning Commission needs greater flexibility to apply more localized interpretation with respect to adjoining landowners and neighborhood conditions and concerns. Our vote was three and 0 to recommend to County Council to adopt the Greenville County measures. So this comes to you with our recommendation.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the committee, it doesn’t need a second. Has Planning Commission seen any of this? I think, they’re supposed to make a recommendation, too.

RUSTY BURNS: ... election, Mr. Chairman, was this would be formulated by Dr. Parkey into an ordinance form and then it would be sent to the Planning Commission for their examination, then come back to Council.

TOMMY DUNN: I think, if I’m not mistaken, too, I think by state law, on some of this stuff, it has to go through the Planning Commission, first.

CINDY WILSON: It does. It’s supposed to be more a directive, I suppose.

TOMMY DUNN: Directive, that’s right.

Okay. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries. Moving on to Item number ---

CINDY WILSON: Wait, we’re still not done.

TOMMY DUNN: We’re moving on to -- we voted on that, didn’t we?

CINDY WILSON: We’ve got some more of our meeting that ---

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. I’m going to that. That’s what I’m talking about. Just going down the thing here.

Next thing -- I guess Item number (c). Yes, ma’am.

CINDY WILSON: I’m sorry. It’s been a long night, hasn’t it? The next discussion centered around the county’s traffic impact study requirements as it relates to proposed development projects. Several years ago our County Council passed the traffic impact study which essentially required the developers to provide the road improvements at their expense when traffic volumes and other factors dictated. (Microphone was jarred) which is a cost to developer shall be included with either the
application for a certificate of compliance or preliminary plat depending on the nature of the project.

And if you’ll look at the actual verbiage of our traffic impact study starting with the intensity standards and then also more of the enabling type language which covers the purpose and definitions then that pretty much -- it’s pretty clear that the Council does have the latitude to have the road improvements required. It’s part of our public safety mission and it’s stated in here. So just wanted to point that out to you.

That concluded our meeting and we hope to have another meeting Monday at noon to go over some other measures. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

Now moving to Item number 12, Report from the Public Safety Committee, Chairman Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Public Safety Committee would like to bring forth in the form of a motion the approval of Williamston EMS contract. This was nothing more than going back and tying up some loose ends where MedShore had taken over Williamston back when Williamston ended up having to fold a few years back. This was basically just clearing up some paperwork. It was put out for RFP. Several entities put in a proposal on this. Coming from the staff, it was recommended that Williamston receive the contract. Also we did receive a letter of recommendation from the Mayor of Williamston and Public Safety Committee from Williamston, the town of Williamston’s Public Safety Committee which consists of the fire chief, police chief, one of the Council members and the mayor, I believe. And again, they did recommend that it would be awarded to MedShore, as well. It comes from full Public Safety Committee with a hundred percent approval of recommendation that Council approves this.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion coming from the Public Safety Committee doesn’t need a second. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Chairman.

Moving on to Item number 13, Appointments.

Anderson County Museum Advisory Board. District 3.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I’d like to take this time to ask Council for approval of the appointment of Cheryl Croman (Phonics) to Anderson County Museum Advisory Board. She’s
definitely got the criteria. I did speak with the
Museum. It does come with their recommendation, as
well. And I put this in the form of a motion.

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

Moving on to Item 14, Request by Council members.

KEN WATERS: I have none at this time.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.
TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chair. I have
four at this time. I’d like to do them all at once if
I could.

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.
TOM ALLEN: All right. Anderson
Cavaliers Athletic Program, I’d like to put in three
hundred dollars from my recreation account. Anderson
County Humane Society, three hundred dollars. The
Shalom House, a thousand dollars. And the WLS
Foundation two hundred and fifty dollars. I put that
in the form of a motion.

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

TOM ALLEN: That’s all Mr. Chair.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I have one, but it did
not make the list even though I called for it to be
put on the list. This is to the Anderson City
Recreation Center, fifteen hundred dollars to go to --
for programs for people living in District 2 who would
like to go to the rec center in Anderson City to do
walking or whatever else their needs and for
basketball. District 2 don’t contribute to football
for little kids. I think that’s the only one. But
it’s fifteen hundred dollars out of District 2’s
recreation money.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion from Ms.
Floyd. Have a second?
TOM ALLEN: Second.

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

Moving on, Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
If it’s okay I’ve got several I’d like to request.
I’ll do all of them at once.

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.

RAY GRAHAM: I’d like the approval of District 2 and 3 for seven hundred dollars. This actually goes to Anderson School District 2 and 3 which is -- they’re doing part of a special needs program for teacher cadets and volunteers and this is going to help fund some of the items that they’re needing for that. I’d also like to request that I do eight hundred dollars to Shalom House. Also I’d like to do twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars to Anderson County Parks. This is matching portion for a PARD grant to bring Parker Bowie Sports Complex, which is part of Iva rec program, up to ADA compliant. And I’d also like to do two hundred and fifty dollars to WLS, which is When Life Sucks Veterans program. When they originally requested that it was at the end of our budget year and I’m just now able to do that so I’d like to do two hundred and fifty dollars for that as well.

TOMMY DUNN: Is that all?

RAY GRAHAM: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Graham.

Have a second? Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

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

Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: I have none at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: District 7 would like to appropriate three hundred dollars to Shalom House and five hundred dollars to the district school -- School District 2 and 3 special needs fall games. And I put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson.

Have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

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

District 5’s account, I’d like to appropriate five hundred dollars to the Anderson Cavaliers Athletic Program. Five hundred dollars to the Humane Society. And fifteen hundred dollars to Shalom House. Put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.
Now moving on, Administrator’s Report.

RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Now moving on to Citizens Comments. Mr. Harmon calls your name, you have three minutes. Please address the Chair, state your name and district, please.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one citizen signed up. Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3.

I really am floored by the lack of enthusiasm and the lack of -- sounds like some of you don't even know what our pledge of allegiance is. That was wimpy tonight. Real wimpy.

Sounds like most of the meeting tonight other than the finance end of it, is all about things. Infrastructure, sewer, roads. And what we’re doing on that behalf. Traffic. I’m with Ms. Floyd. I don’t know whose idea this is to put a hotel right over there. You’re going to be taking up the cobblestone, the Church Street memorial thing that we just got finished completing a year ago and that hotel is going to be in that parking lot. It’s going to take up fire department parking places, it’s going to take up police parking places. You’re going to stick that out there right in the back of the Bleckley Inn; a man who has done so much for Anderson County. That is a slap in that man’s face. He’s got a hotel there. He’s got some rooms over here next to J. Peters. He’s built the event center. Why would anybody want to put a hotel in that spot in downtown Anderson. Now basically there’s nothing going on in downtown Anderson except for Party in the Park Music on Tuesday or Thursday nights. We used to have an amphitheater here that had plays. It’s no longer. On Murray Street we had a place that did plays and it’s kind of iffy. We don’t have anything going on in downtown Anderson unless you’ve got a wedding or unless you’ve got the humane society doing their event over here at the Carriage House. What is the need for a hotel in downtown Anderson? I think that we’re missing the mark here. I think that somebody is getting grabbly (verbatim) with the money and not thinking about the people in Anderson County. Our roads are already congested. Our roads are in poor condition. Why do you want to add something else in downtown Anderson? There’s nothing going on in downtown Anderson except for the Arts Center. We’re not Greenville with the Peace Center. We’re not a cantilever bridge. We’re not West End where people get out with their strollers and the dogs and walk up and down the streets so they
can be seen. That’s not what Anderson is downtown. We’ve got a lot of nice restaurants. But you don’t come to a hotel to go to a restaurant.

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

Moving on to Comments from Council members. Mr. Waters.

KEN WATERS: Mr. Burns, I need your help on this one. The project that we voted on tonight in District 6. One job’s important to us. Just one job. We’re looking at thirty-one more. That gentleman, the industrial park up there, would it be safe saying he’s brought in about five hundred jobs to Anderson County?

RUSTY BURNS: Very conservative.
KEN WATERS: That’s what I was thinking. Probably a thousand is more true, but we like to be conservative, don’t we?

RUSTY BURNS: In about two weeks, you’ll have another one in the same location.

KEN WATERS: That was one point six million dollars in payroll? Right? That means people have jobs. So not only has President Trump doing pretty good, we’re doing pretty good here in Anderson County, right?

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
KEN WATERS: I think so too. Mr. Wooten and I were talking a couple of weeks ago and I can remember when there was a time that it was so tough and there was one night that I was sitting here and I just wondered, you know, why I got involved in politics and on County Council. Those jobs are one of the reasons. And that’s very exciting. One of the things we’ve always -- one of our goals has always been one job is important. And then we got thirty-one of those tonight. And then we have some more coming. And so it’s just been consistent in that. And I’m excited about that. That’s -- sometimes you just have to sit and look back and see the good things that’s happened.

Another good thing, I was talking to someone Sunday night after Celebrate Anderson, and they had been involved when we were trying to get some things started back up. They were not as involved this year as they had been in the past. And one of the things they mentioned is that they were looking at Sunday night and how good things were going. I think fifteen thousand is a pretty conservative number on how many we had, Mr. Burns, is that correct?

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
KEN WATERS: And that was a very good, you know, very good event. And this person that I was talking to, she mentioned that their baby had grown up. And I remember when we were just first starting trying to get something started and looking at it now. And it’s a continuous thing.

The first year I had the privilege of helping getting Charlie Daniels. The second year I didn’t know what to do and someone else stepped in and got somebody here. And the point I’m making here is there’s a lot of people in Anderson County that have good ideas and we just have to sit and listen to them. There were a couple of people walking around Sunday night that I just -- just threw out a couple of questions, you know, who do you think we need to -- I won’t be here next year. I mean, in the decisions making part. But I may have time to play my banjo, so I may be part of the show next year; you never can tell. But the point I’m making is to keep good things going is, I consider this Council right here one of the best Councils in Anderson -- I mean in South Carolina. Because it’s amazing how we work together and get things done.

And you know, just for instance, Sunday night is just one of those things. And then you look at the other people that step in, with the colleges, with the businesses that helped out and it just -- just sitting back and looking at all the good things that’s happened. It’s been a privilege to be a part of that and to just, you know, see how things are going. We’ve got a lot of kids that are going to need jobs and they do things that have fun. There were so many people there Sunday night just having fun. You know, it was just a privilege to be a part of that. You know, I’m excited of what the future holds.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yeah, just if I could, just to clarify something that you had said earlier I think regarding the hotel downtown. That’s not a county project. We didn’t ask for it. That’s strictly a city economic development project. The city owns the land. It’s a private individual that wants to build there. It’s not costing the county anything. We didn’t ask anybody to build a hotel downtown. The only reason they had to come through us again was because of the fee in lieu of process. And by law, that has to run through us. But I don’t disagree with what you said, certainly, but just so it’s clear, the
County’s not building that hotel.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I have a couple of things. But if I can piggyback on that. If the city came to the Council and they wanted us to do something with them that was a terrible thing, we don’t have to do it. When we sign off on them, it’s a county and city thing. You cannot have one without the other. If the county chooses not to go into this thing with the city, then they don’t have to. So by voting to go give them the fee in lieu of taxes because they can’t get it themselves, but we’re going to have -- we made it a county and city thing. The county people will suffer, just as much as the city people when they go to eat downtown at J Peters and cannot find a parking space anywhere.

But I had some things I wanted to talk about. I would like to say it again about District 2’s recreational account. If you know of someone who needs some funds for their rec program, please tell them that District 2 will not give them any funds through a letter. I am responsible for that twenty-five, thirty thousand dollars for District 2. And I have to know where that money is going. A letter just won’t do it because I have questions to ask on the behalf of the people of District 2 whose funds it is. I want to know where it’s going. I want to know what you’re going to do with it. How is it going to be handled. So, please don’t include me in the letter. Call me on the phone. I will answer it. I answer every call I get. I don’t have an answering machine.

I would like to again remind us that the recreation fund, according to our ordinances, is supposed to use for recreational purposes. I called down to Columbia and I asked -- well I was asked the question who says -- who is it to say what recreational is? And the man told me, now Ms. Floyd, any fool know what recreation is. So, I just left it at that.

And I want to know who was it that called the newspaper on me about the fact that I did not give any money to the Haven of Rest last meeting? I got a call from the newspaper wanting to know why did I not give Haven of Rest any money out of my recreation account last week. Yes, we did. No, it wasn’t Haven of Rest. Salvation Army. Excuse me. It’s my fault. Why I didn’t give Salvation Army any money for Salvation Army? Okay. Number one, I didn’t do it because it wasn’t recreation. All right. I called the County
and asked the County to give them some money and the County said, oh no, we can’t do that. We don’t do that. And I said, well, County, could -- would you give money if somebody just wrote you a letter and asked you for some money? And I was told by the County, oh, no we don’t do that either. We don’t do that either. Well, just know that Gracie Floyd, District 2, don’t do that either. You’re going to have to call me on the phone and tell me what you need recreation money for. You’re going to have to assure me that you’re going to use it for recreational purposes as the ordinance say. Okay. And whoever told on me, like I said, what you going to do about it? You can tell on me all you want to, folks. You can tell them -- you can even tell my mama on me. But I want to know what you going to do about it after you told on me? That’s a tacky thing. Much as I could have talked about or said about all of you up here, I never did that. I never called the newspaper and said -- yes, you did. I never called the newspaper and said Tom Allen said ... I never did that. That’s tacky. All right. Thank you. Don’t do that.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a couple of things. First of all, I do find the comment that was made earlier in the meeting a little offensive that someone would even insinuate that Council’s commitment to saying the Pledge of Allegiance is not sincere, especially when we’ve got fellow Council members who have served our country, currently have children who are serving our country. I personally have family that have served our country in the military. And I take the Pledge of Allegiance very serious and I also feel like my fellow Council members does. So if for some reason you felt that we did not take it serious, I apologize for that. But I definitely think you got the wrong impression because we take it very serious. We say it before every meeting we have. Not because we have to, but because we want to. And I take very much pride when I stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. And I feel like my rest of my fellow Council members does as well.

Second thing, we -- as Chairman Dunn had mentioned, we did have a meeting with the Chief’s Advisory Board concerning the fire bond this past week and I apologize it was not on the meeting agenda. However, due to time restraints it was actually after the fact. However, their desire as far as the Chief’s Advisory Committee just kind of wanting to update fellow Council members because there seems to be some
miscommunication on someone’s part on this. Their
desire on this is basically that the individual
stations truly determine what the need is for the
bond. What is the actual items that needs to be
purchased with the bond money per station. Not for
the county. But the current one that was actually
presented, the Chief’s Advisory Board recommended
basically that it is not a true need for each station.
Some stations have other needs more in the rural. And
I’m going to pick on mine. Grove Station down in my
district would have lesser need for a newer truck
because they’ve got a new truck and they don’t run
that many calls. Homeland Park would probably be more
in line of needing a new truck because they run
multiple calls. And with that being said, the Chiefs
Advisory Committee is wanting to truly get in there,
do an inventory of the stations, encapsulate the
actual Chiefs and bring them back information as far
as what is their need for their station. At that
point they want to meet with the current Fire
Commission and try to determine what the true needs to
move forward with this bond.

With that being said, we basically asked them
point blank, do you want us to move forward with this?
Their answer was, no, absolutely not. We currently --
the plan that was presented to us originally is not a
good plan. It does not identify the needs of Anderson
County Fire Service. By no means are we, as far as
Council members or anyone else that has looked at
this, saying we do not support the fire system we have
in Anderson County. We are very fortunate for the
fire system we have in Anderson County. But we need
to be just responsible with the dollars that we spend
on our budget as we do with the dollars that we spend
on this bond referendum. So in other words, we need
to be fiscally responsible as far as how this money is
spent. And all we’re doing is ensuring that the items
are identified per the station’s needs. And that goes
for every station in Anderson County. In other words,
it reaches out and touches every citizen in Anderson
County as far as what your primary needs are. Again,
that is strictly at the request of the Fire Chiefs
Advisory Committee. They are wanting to go through
and do that determination. They’re wanting to go and
meet with the Fire Commissioners and they are wanting
to come back with us. We offered resources from
Anderson County. Ms. Rita actually offered a couple
of different plans. And we also offered resources
through Anderson County employees to help determine a
business plan as far as what are the true needs to
help go out and determine, you know, how is the best
money spent for their needs. I mean, we’re offering
them resources to move forward with this. It’s just
that we’re not willing to give them a blank check.
And originally that basically was the request. And
pretty much anyone in a leadership capacity within the
fire service throughout Anderson county, I’m not
speaking of a certain fire chief, I’m talking about
multiple fire chiefs, multiple lieutenants, captains
in the fire service, they all are in agreement that we
need to determine what are the true needs. So that’s
where we stand with the fire bond. It’s not that
we’re against it, we just want it to be a better plan
in place to move forward with.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN:       Thank you. Mr. Wooten.
CRAIG WOOTEN:     Yes. I just want to say I
was very encourage by the weekend event. It seemed
like it was well organized, well planned and I feel
like the management company for this event especially
had done a very good job. And I’ll say that Ms.
Floyd’s comments, I was interviewed by the paper about
the Salvation Army and the ---

GRACIE FLOYD: Did you tell them?
CRAIG WOOTEN: No. The interviewer asked
me, he said, well can you speak to what Ms. Floyd
wanted to do? And I told him I learned the first week
I was here that I don’t speak for Ms. Floyd. And he
volunteered to call you and so that’s ---

GRACIE FLOYD: He asked you what Ms. Floyd
was going to do?
CRAIG WOOTEN: Well, for giving money.
GRACIE FLOYD: How did he know I didn’t
give money?
CRAIG WOOTEN: I don’t know, but he knew
before he called me. And I told him, I said I don’t
have a comment, call Ms. Floyd. And so I don’t know
if he did at that time or not.

One of the things I really enjoy in life is the
film maker Ken Burns and I’ve been finishing the mini
series on the West with him. And I think it’s
applicable to what we’re trying to do here at County
Council is in the 1880's they were talking about the
town in Colorado that was thriving and booming and
they said well, let’s build a city center and they
said where are we going to build it. And they said
we’re going to build it way out there in the middle of
nowhere. And they said why would we do that, our
city’s here. And he said because that’s where we’re
going. And they knew the city was growing and they
were looking twenty years out, they were looking forty
years out because they didn’t believe the point they
had reached yet was the pinnacle. And I think I’m
excited about -- we’ve got to deal with potholes,
we’ve got to deal with development, we’ve got to deal
with everyday things. But I feel like we have a
spirit on the Council that we can start to look at
those long term projects that will probably be there
when we’re not on Council anymore or when our kids are
older and that we can set that vision for the type of
things that we want to do. So I’m very encouraged by
that and I appreciate that the Council members.

Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN:       Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON:     Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

And thank you, Mr. Graham, for the update on the fire
bond. I have a meeting with West Pelzer Fire
Department regarding that Monday night.

It’s very confusing for citizens to understand
what the jurisdictions are. And I think we’re trying
really hard to explain that. The city projects, for
example, the hotel, that was not nice what they did to
Mr. Kay, but that’s the city, not us. The most recent
announcement downtown, the office building at 201
North Main sold and it’s now being taken up in part by
the corporate office for Westpoint Pepperell. So that
will be bring fifty employees from Clemson to
Anderson. So that to me was one of the most exciting
things that I’ve heard for downtown in a long time.
And I wanted to ask because I’m going to start trying
to get some of the town hall meetings around my
district and try to deal with the fire bond questions
and the referendum question. But what is the status
of the page that we requested that will state the law,
the referendum question and what the hospitality tax
can and can’t be used for? Do we have that written up
yet? We’re down to the eleventh hour here.

LEON HARMON:      Ms. Wilson, it’s not
totally completed. I will have it completed this
week.

CINDY WILSON:     Well, it’s not like we
haven’t asked you about ten more things to do in one
day. I apologize. We do ask a lot of you. But we
appreciate very much.

And it’s interesting the county comprehensive land
use map and plan is that template that goes out
twenty-five years and tells us what the neighborhoods
and the citizens and the landowners want in their
specific areas and it’s the planning document for
zoning and also for grants and funds for
infrastructure. So that’s another part of what we’ve been working on. And I greatly appreciate Dr. Parkey and Ms. Alicia Hunter and all of our staff that work so hard on all of that. Anyway, lot of work.

Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do want to recognize Haley McMullen. She does -- she works with us at the Café, but also she is in her first year of college and she came to observe a meeting tonight for part of one of her assignments in college. But definitely proud of the young lady that she has become. Very smart and bright young lady and definitely looking forward to seeing what the future holds for her.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I want to say I appreciate the hard work the staff done putting Celebrate Anderson together. And Mr. Burns and his staff putting Employee Picnic together, the luncheon. That went real smooth. Lot of people showed up. Celebrate Anderson itself, the concert, a lot of people there. Only problem with that is trying to top next year. Always that. And again I want to thank all our young folks coming out for Leadership Anderson. And come back with me every other month. There’s more fun to be had. Meeting will be dismissed.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M.)