

State of South Carolina    )  
County of           Anderson    )

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

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

7 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
8 This is a Resolution Recognizing Palmetto High  
9 School Junior Air Force Junior Reserve Officer  
10 Training Corps for Receiving the 2017-2018  
11 Distinguished Unit Award, the "Silver Star" Community  
12 Service with Excellence Award, and Anderson County  
13 Adopt-Highway Group of the Year; and Other Matters  
14 Related Thereto.

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

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

25 **Whereas**, The Air Force Junior Reserve Officer  
26 Training Corps, Unit South Carolina-942 of Palmetto  
27 High School was selected as the recipient of the 2017-  
28 2018 Distinguished Unit Award for the twelfth  
29 consecutive year. This award recognizes cadets who  
30 have performed with above normal expectations, and  
31 distinguished themselves by providing outstanding  
32 services at school and throughout the community; and

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

44 **Whereas**, On May 2, 2018 The Air Force Junior ROTC  
45 Cadet Corps attended the Adopt-A-Highway annual awards  
46 luncheon in Columbia, South Carolina. They received  
47 an award as Group of the Year for their dedication and  
48 contribution in volunteering, providing a crucial  
49 source of litter removal services making local  
50 communities a cleaner and safer environment; and

1           **Whereas**, the Anderson County Council recognizes  
2 our youth who will become future leaders of Anderson  
3 County, South Carolina and the United States.  
4 Developing life skills such as leadership,  
5 responsibility and team work. We recognize the  
6 exceptional character, citizenship and self-discipline  
7 it takes to put service before self; and

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

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

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

17           TOMMY DUNN:           We have a motion Ms. Wilson.  
18 Second?

19           RAY GRAHAM:           Second.

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

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

26                                   **PRESENTATION OF AWARD**

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

30           CRAIG WOOTEN:       Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

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

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

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

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

48           **Whereas**, Anderson County is no different than any  
49 other community in the country, but chooses to  
50 publicly state and place our full support behind local

1 educators, mental health professionals, athletic  
2 coaches, police officers, and parents, as partners in  
3 supporting our community in simply being available to  
4 one another; and

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

10 **Whereas**, every member of our community should  
11 understand that throughout life's struggles we all  
12 need the occasional reminder that we are all silently  
13 fighting our own battles; and

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

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

29 Proclaimed the 4th day of September 2018.

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

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

35 That will conclude this part of our presentation  
36 council meeting tonight. We'll reconvene back here at  
37 6:30 for regular council meeting.

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39 **(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:11 P.M.)**

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LEON HARMON  
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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 4th to order. Like to ask Councilman Ken  
4 Waters if he'd lead us in the Invocation and Pledge of  
5 Allegiance. If we'd all rise, please.

6 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY KEN WATERS)**

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

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

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

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

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

21 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

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

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

28 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

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

37 Moving on now to Citizens Comments.

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

40 TOMMY DUNN: Okay, Mr. Harmon.

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

43 GRACIE FLOYD: I did have a concern that  
44 came from last week's -- or last month's last meeting  
45 and I don't understand it. This was a concern that  
46 could have been alleviated had we had the budget  
47 workshop that I asked to have that everybody declined  
48 to have. But I was told that it was in the budget,  
49 but what I saw wasn't anything like it in the budget  
50 that would change an ordinance. It takes three

1 readings to change an ordinance. So I don't know what  
2 was going on or what was trying to happen, but I don't  
3 think it did. And I will just wait until I get more  
4 information. And I thank you.

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

18 KEN WATERS: So moved.

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

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

38 KEN WATERS: So moved.

39 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

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

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

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

48 Moving on to Item number 6(c)2018-032 an ordinance  
49 to return real property located on Pearman Dairy Road  
50 to Atlanta Baking Company which was deeded to Anderson

1 County by Atlanta Baking Company, Inc. on September  
2 21, 1981 to facilitate an Industrial Development  
3 Revenue Bond Project. This will be a public hearing.  
4 This was done in the way to get the bond properly  
5 back. It was their property; bought and paid for it.  
6 This is just to clean up some paperwork, the county,  
7 and give it back to them. Be a public hearing.  
8 Anyone wishing to address -- speak on this item,  
9 please step forward, state your name, district, and  
10 address the Chair, please. Anyone at all? Seeing and  
11 hearing none, public hearing will be closed. We have  
12 a motion to move forward?

13 KEN WATERS: So moved.

14 TOM ALLEN: Second.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters, second Mr.

16 Allen. Now any discussion? Hearing and seeing none,  
17 all in favor of the motion show of hands. All  
18 opposed. Show the motion carries.

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

31 KEN WATERS: So moved.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second

33 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I have some.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. This is a bond. Mr.  
37 -- my question is directed to the Administrator, Mr.  
38 Burns. Mr. Burns, how many bonds do we have out there  
39 now that's floating around?

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

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, she's sitting there.  
44 Does she have it now?

45 RUSTY BURNS: Rita?

46 RITA DAVIS: (INAUDIBLE.)

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So how many would  
48 that -- we would only have this one bond?

49 RITA DAVIS: (INAUDIBLE.)

50 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me, Ms. Davis. I

1 think Ms. Floyd's asking total.

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

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

10 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

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

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

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

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

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

48 TOMMY DUNN: Well, let me -- can I --  
49 are you ready for me to answer it right now? So I'll  
50 explain it to you. It's no hush-hush, we've been

1 talking now. I specifically asked them last week,  
2 would they like for us to vote on this at the next  
3 Council meeting and they said no. So they want some  
4 more research, more research done. I'll let the  
5 Chairman of the Public Safety -- he was at that  
6 meeting, also. I'll let him ---  
7 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
8 GRACIE FLOYD: No, no, that's -- Mr.  
9 Chairman, I've had enough. You have explained it.  
10 RAY GRAHAM: In other words, you don't  
11 want the answer.  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.  
13 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?  
14 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
15 CINDY WILSON: I think there's a typo on  
16 the form of assignment at the end of the bond  
17 ordinance. The line says attorney to transfer the  
18 within bond on the books kept for registration thereof  
19 with fund power of substitution. I think they meant  
20 full power of substitution.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: You got that, Mr. Harmon?  
22 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any more  
24 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.  
25 All opposed? Abstentions? Show the motion ---  
26 GRACIE FLOYD: I vote for it. Thank you.  
27 TOMMY DUNN: Show the motion carries  
28 unanimously.  
29 Moving on to Item number 7(b) 2018-033 an  
30 ordinance authorizing the execution of an  
31 Infrastructure Credit Agreement among Anderson County,  
32 South Carolina, the City of Anderson, South Carolina,  
33 JBFerguson Properties, LLC and Estate Planning  
34 Consultants, Inc. This will be the second reading on  
35 this. We have a motion to move this forward?  
36 KEN WATERS: So moved.  
37 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen, second  
38 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?  
39 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.  
40 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?  
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Is this the one Mr.  
42 Burriss -- how are you? -- okay, is this the one  
43 that's going to jam up another hotel downtown Main  
44 Street back in the parking lot? This is not the one?  
45 RUSTY BURNS: No, it's not.  
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, you know,  
47 these things are worded so vaguely that you don't know  
48 what they are. If someone hadn't said -- if someone  
49 -- if we say nothing about it then the public will not  
50 even know what we're talking about here. But which

1 one is this, Mr. Burriss?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

44 BURRISS NELSON: Well, it will be city and  
45 county. We'll combine the total millages. Our  
46 millage is about three hundred and fifteen mils in  
47 this district and the city's is a hundred and four or  
48 a hundred and eight mils. So they'll get about  
49 twenty-five to thirty percent of the total tax bill.  
50 And these will come on incrementally as the

1 investment's made in each building and they're put  
2 into service. Then they'll become taxable.  
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. What will these  
4 buildings be used for?  
5 RUSTY BURNS: Residential and commercial.  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But you don't  
7 foresee a tax increase?  
8 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. As Mr. Nelson  
9 was explaining, we don't receive tax money from it now  
10 because it's in the tax increment financing district  
11 that is in force until 2021. What that meant, that  
12 all the money generated in that TIF stayed in the  
13 downtown area for infrastructure improvement. TIF  
14 ends in 2021, then we will be able to receive tax  
15 funds from this new and enhanced property.  
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now that term TIF, I  
17 used to know what it means, but we haven't had one of  
18 those in a while. Please tell us again what is TIF?  
19 RUSTY BURNS: It's a -- it's called Tax  
20 Increment Financing.  
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.  
22 RUSTY BURNS: Where you carve out a  
23 special area. The city had to agree to it. The  
24 county had to agree to it. And all that money goes to  
25 development of downtown in a prescribed area. We have  
26 a map available.  
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, I understand. But we  
28 don't put any money in it.  
29 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.  
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right.  
31 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All  
32 in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed  
33 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
34 Moving on to Item 7(c) 2018-037 an ordinance  
35 authorizing the execution of an Infrastructure Credit  
36 Agreement among Anderson County, Project  
37 Accommodation, and the City of Anderson, South  
38 Carolina. We have a motion to move this forward?  
39 KEN WATERS: So moved.  
40 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters. Have a  
41 second?  
42 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any  
44 discussion?  
45 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
47 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns.  
48 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.  
49 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm sorry. Mr. Burriss.  
50 Mr. Burriss, does -- you want to explain what we're

1 talking about in this one?

2 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am. This area  
3 currently also is in the TIF, and it is basically the  
4 parking lot that is just to the north side of Church  
5 -- not Church -- Whitner Street -- not Whitner --  
6 Market Street and the parking lot where the park is  
7 currently. Really behind the buildings right here  
8 across the street from us. And there's a hotel project  
9 that's being proposed there. Approximately ten  
10 million dollars. Somewhere in the neighborhood of  
11 eighty to eighty-five room hotel and the city and the  
12 county are collaborating on this project because it  
13 will be coming off the TIF and county's tax dollars  
14 will be applied at that time when it comes on to the  
15 -- comes off the TIF.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now this one C&D  
17 represents the same thing. Am I correct or wrong  
18 about that or what? It represents a hotel that's  
19 going to be built downtown in the middle of the  
20 parking lot behind Mellow Yellow (verbatim).

21 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That's it in a  
23 nutshell. Okay. And this parking lot -- I mean this  
24 space is going to take up most of the parking lot that  
25 we have for downtown. And it's also -- they're also  
26 going to have a big old swimming pool there. Right?

27 BURRISS NELSON: That has been mentioned,  
28 yes, ma'am.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: And they're going to have  
30 about eighty rooms and it's going to be in competition  
31 with the Bleckley Inn down there. But it won't have  
32 the parking space that we're all used to, right?

33 BURRISS NELSON: That's right.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. And I have been  
35 asked this question several times. And the question  
36 is why? Why are we sticking a hotel in the middle of  
37 downtown when we don't have enough parking space as it  
38 is for downtown. Why are we not going somewhere else  
39 to do a hotel like that? Somebody even suggested over  
40 there on -- you're going to have to help me, Mr.  
41 Burriss, with the name of the street -- yeah, City  
42 Seed. Thank you. How did you know that? Huh? Okay.  
43 All right. And it was a good recommendation. Why  
44 can't it go there, off of Main Street, without putting  
45 us in a position to have to do parking spaces for  
46 people -- to make parking space. And take the little  
47 bit of parking spaces that we have. Why?

48 BURRISS NELSON: I think there are two  
49 answers to that. One, the first thing to address the  
50 parking. At that announcement, one of the officials

1 from the city indicated that it was a proposed parking  
2 deck or parking garage would be accompanying that  
3 particular hotel facility. The second thing is, the  
4 city owns that property down there and does not own  
5 the property where City Seed is that you referenced.

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

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

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

34 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am. You're  
35 welcome.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? I'd  
37 just like to add, we're going to have nothing the size  
38 or anything with this project. That's a private  
39 entity putting this together. They can choose to go  
40 wherever they choose, wherever they think they can  
41 make money. But the city's the one that's doing this  
42 and it's about the question that Ms. Floyd's got.  
43 Talked to the city Councilmen and asked them. At that  
44 announcement they said they was going to do not just a  
45 parking building or parking pad, they was going to do  
46 a study of downtown parking and go from there and look  
47 at different things. But this is a city of Anderson  
48 project with this developer and helping out. We got  
49 into it because of the fee in lieu of. They can't do  
50 that. We have to do it for them. And I think it's a

1 good thing for Anderson to come back. They're putting  
2 the money up. But the city of Anderson is the one  
3 that's asked for this and come through it and they are  
4 really the government entity down there and they own  
5 the property. All in favor of the motion show of  
6 hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries with Mr.  
7 Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten,  
8 and Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd opposes.

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

15 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

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

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

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

40 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, members of  
41 Council, first, I need to beg for your forgiveness. I  
42 left my project description for this for the  
43 presentation on the copier. So I'm going to have to  
44 do this from memory. But anyhow, this is a six point  
45 two million dollar capital investment. The particular  
46 project will create thirty-one jobs with an average  
47 pay of twenty-three dollars and eighty-one cents.  
48 Annual payroll approximately one point six million  
49 dollars. This is a company that's been in business  
50 for more than a hundred and fifty years. They are in

1 the technical testing of equipment and product for  
2 international and national companies. Of course, all  
3 over the US and all around the world. And they have  
4 locations around the world. This is -- all the jobs  
5 that will be created there will require, for the most  
6 part, two year and four year degree employees.  
7 Thirty-one very specific technical jobs with a great  
8 opportunity. It is a forty percent SSRC project for  
9 the first five years and a thirty percent SSRC project  
10 for the next five years.

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

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

24 KEN WATERS: So moved.

25 CINDY WILSON: Second.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters and  
27 second Mr. Graham. Now discussion?

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. -- we missed our phone  
31 call.

32 BURRISS NELSON: Well, I called -- I left  
33 you a long detailed message. I apologize.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: What -- today?

35 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am. About two  
36 o'clock.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, no. I was out of the  
38 house. I've been running errands most of the day.

39 BURRISS NELSON: Well, I apologize.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I guess the apology  
41 goes to me. But I don't know what we're talking about  
42 here. Is it a chicken farm in my district?

43 BURRISS NELSON: No, ma'am. Actually in  
44 District 6. And it's in an industrial park location.  
45 Approximately thirty thousand square foot facility  
46 that they will be going into. Great project, great  
47 opportunity. High skilled, high paid jobs. It's the  
48 right kind of thing.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I hope the  
50 District 6 Council member is aware of it and knows

1 what's going on because when things go in my Council  
2 district, y'all don't tell me nothing. I have to read  
3 about it in the newspaper. But if he's satisfied with  
4 it in his district, I guess it's whatever. Thank you.  
5 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor  
7 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.  
8 Show the motion carries unanimously. This will be a  
9 good time. We'll take a -- Leadership Anderson might  
10 want to get out. We'll take about a five minute  
11 break. If they want to leave, they can leave tonight.  
12 We appreciate y'all coming out tonight. Y'all welcome  
13 any time. Come have some more fun.

**(BREAK)**

14  
15 TOMMY DUNN: Back in session at this  
16 time. We'll be going into 8(b) 2018-039 an ordinance  
17 to amend the zoning map to rezone +/- 72.28 acres from  
18 PD (Planned Development) to IZOD (Innovative Zoning  
19 District) at Crestview Road, Harriett Circle and  
20 Midway Road.

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

25 JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes.  
26 The request is to rezone the property from PD Planned  
27 Development to IZOD Innovative Zoning District. The  
28 applicant's purpose for the request is to revise the  
29 current statement of intent and the current site plan.  
30 Staff recommended approval on this project. The  
31 Zoning Advisory Group did not meet due to a lack of  
32 quorum in their August meeting so technically that  
33 comes forward as an approval. The Planning Commission  
34 recommended approval of the request in their August  
35 14th meeting. This was a complex project on a  
36 relatively large piece of property. But I believe  
37 that the spirit of the Innovative Zoning District was  
38 met by the proposal, felt that the project fit well  
39 with community character and was also an improvement  
40 on the existing statement of intent. I believe the  
41 applicant's engineer is present with us tonight and  
42 can answer more questions. That's all the staff has.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Dr. Parkey.  
44 We'll move on now to our public hearing. Anyone  
45 wishing to speak to this matter, please step forward  
46 and state your name and district and address the  
47 Chair. This is all involved keep in mind, you know,  
48 if this passes, there's two more readings it has to go  
49 through. We only doing tonight is a zoning. And if  
50 it passes the zoning, then it's got to go back before

1 the Planning Commission. Has to go through that as  
2 far as comprehensive plan and all. So there's a long  
3 process for this thing to go to be tweaked. So at  
4 this time, anyone wishing to speak, come forward.

5 PAUL HARRISON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,  
6 thank you Council members. My name is Paul Harrison.  
7 My address is 718 Lowndes Hill Road, that's Greenville  
8 29609. And as Mr. Parkey stated, I'm here tonight on  
9 behalf of the applicant. We're the civil engineers on  
10 the project with BlueWATER Civil Design. And would  
11 love to answer any questions that Council may have  
12 concerning our application.

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

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

40 TOMMY DUNN: I wished it would too. But  
41 I assure you that ain't going to happen. We can --  
42 maybe we can do some relief but I don't know about  
43 totally solving something. That's a -- like you said,  
44 it's a mess out there now and they have been trying to  
45 do some things in years past and have trouble getting  
46 some right-of-ways out there even back when Senator  
47 Waldrep was on Council. But there's some things --  
48 like I said, this is a zoning issue tonight. Then it  
49 will have to go through the Planning Commission and  
50 Comprehensive Planning. And there'll be some traffic

1 studies done and things to do on that.  
2 Anyone else wishing to speak to this matter?  
3 Anyone? Hearing none, public hearing will be closed.  
4 We have a motion to move forward or deny?  
5 CRAIG WOOTEN: I'll make a motion to move  
6 forward.  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Wooten to  
8 move forward. Second Mr. Waters. Now discussion.  
9 Any questions or comments for Dr. Parkey?  
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: Dr. Parkey.  
12 JEFF PARKEY: Yes, ma'am.  
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you. I don't  
14 understand the IZOD, Innovative Zoning District. I  
15 don't know if we've had one of those before. I can't  
16 remember one. But could you please explain that to  
17 me?  
18 JEFF PARKEY: This is a review district,  
19 a design review district. So it does not specifically  
20 define density on the site and it leaves that open and  
21 therefore it enables the project developer to be more  
22 creative in their design that they propose the plan  
23 and tries to incorporate additional amenities and  
24 other aspects, conservation and other aspects, to try  
25 to make it a little bit better quality overall design  
26 then we might typically see.  
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, Dr. Parkey,  
28 ever since they build that school up there, Harriett  
29 Circle -- can you hear me? Okay. Ever since they  
30 built that school up there, there has always been  
31 problems up there with the school, with the traffic  
32 and everything. If this is not being proposed to  
33 enhance the traffic, why are they going up there doing  
34 this? What's the purpose of it?  
35 JEFF PARKEY: The project engineer might  
36 be in a little bit better position to answer some  
37 specifics, but our understanding of their proposal was  
38 that a few different design elements were going to be  
39 incorporated. One of those was a pedestrian access  
40 trail to the school, which is adjacent; hopefully to  
41 alleviate a little bit of the traffic backup. Also,  
42 the project is going to dedicate some additional  
43 right-of-way above and beyond what was already  
44 required to create an opportunity to alleviate the  
45 traffic or enable some road improvements. The  
46 specific details are indicated in the statement of  
47 intent. I think Mr. Harrison might be able to  
48 elaborate on those further, but this is what we know  
49 of at the time to try to take into account the traffic  
50 issues in that area.

1           Additionally, the DOT we know has an improvement  
2 project for that intersection in the transportation  
3 improvement plan for the 2018-2023 period and we  
4 believe that's going to be coming online soon.

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

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

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

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

30           PAUL HARRISON:      My name is Paul Harrison.

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

33           PAUL HARRISON:      I represent BlueWATER Civil  
34 Design. We're the civil engineer representing the  
35 applicant for this project.

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

45           PAUL HARRISON:      Yes, ma'am.

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

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

50           GRACIE FLOYD:       Okay.

1           PAUL HARRISON:     Let me start by -- let me  
2 start by saying the reason we're doing it is because,  
3 number one, what my applicant does and what the type  
4 of development he does, he could not build the current  
5 plan that's currently approved. Matter of fact, I  
6 don't mind saying that I don't think anybody could  
7 build the current plan that's approved because it was  
8 approved in such a time where there's new storm water  
9 guidelines and constraints now where you have to  
10 provide wetland buffers and you have to provide storm  
11 water detention ponds. You have to provide a second  
12 means of access, which the current plan was just not a  
13 viable plan. And in my professional opinion it's not  
14 a viable plan for anyone to build by. So what we did  
15 was we took the original approval that was -- that's  
16 currently in place. We looked at densities, we looked  
17 at access, we looked at ways to improve upon that  
18 plan. And the number one reason we went from the PD  
19 to IZOD, Zoning District, is because we removed the  
20 commercial component from our application. So the  
21 original approval was for over 200 residential units,  
22 some of those units could be in the original approval.  
23 They had a commercial component on the corner of  
24 Crestview and Harriett Circle. Plus they had no  
25 account for wetland buffers, significant open space  
26 or, that I see, any storm water management areas to  
27 provide detention ponds to serve the site. So with  
28 all of that being said, we've developed a plan in  
29 working with Anderson and we've decreased that  
30 density, and propose less density. We've removed the  
31 commercial component from the approval that's  
32 currently in place. We provided a second means of  
33 access, ingress and egress, into the site. And then  
34 the only way that we can help traffic is, number one,  
35 we're under the what's currently approved density-  
36 wise. And we also are trying to promote pedestrian  
37 walking paths directly to and from the adjacent  
38 elementary school that would, hopefully, if anyone  
39 buys in the neighborhood, they could walk their kids  
40 to school and we could provide a means for that.

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

1 But we've agreed to dedicate that right-of-way to help  
2 for future road improvements.

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

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Harrison, you have been  
9 a big help. And I sure do thank you for explaining.

10 PAUL HARRISON: Thank you so much.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: This is in District, what,  
12 Mr. Burns?

13 RUSTY BURNS: One.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: District 1.

15 CRAIG WOOTEN: That's me.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Are you pleased with this?

17 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. In fact, I've spent a  
18 good deal of time over the last few weeks talking to  
19 constituents about it. And I actually live on Midway  
20 Road. And I was in that circle or intersection  
21 because all my kids go to Midway. And so we sit in  
22 the traffic and I even have a long term vested  
23 interest with a ten year old knowing that he'll be  
24 driving at fifteen, that I would like for things  
25 around our house to be safe.

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

41 Now the concerns that I talked with Ms. Wilson  
42 about, being adjacent to her area, obviously is the  
43 traffic. Now, in an ideal world, I wish DOT and  
44 traffic and the city and everybody could come together  
45 and have everything ready for the day, you know, the  
46 first house was built. But in talking with the ANATs  
47 committee and Mr. Gay with the city, this round-a-bout  
48 and/or stop light is already on the ANATS list. And  
49 we've committed to work with the delegation and try to  
50 expedite that so that we could meet the time line of

1 what we know is going to be the traffic concern.

2 Also, what I thought the owners of the property  
3 and developers were very generous in doing is offering  
4 the right-of-way to the county for future expansion.  
5 So that we would do it ahead of time and not be  
6 trapped by the subdivision.

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

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

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

37 CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, ma'am.

38 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

39 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

40 CINDY WILSON: Back when this came before  
41 Council in '08 I did vote against it because there  
42 were some serious problems that were unaddressed. The  
43 plan, as I see it, and the statement of intent seems  
44 to cover all of those issues, like getting the  
45 children the opportunity to walk onto the grounds at  
46 Midway School and there's a great deal more respect  
47 for the wetland and waterway protection. And  
48 sidewalks, and also a walking trail. There are a lot  
49 of things to commend this current plan if it's put  
50 into actuality as it is stated. The main issue

1 continues to be unresolved in my district concerns  
2 there and that's the traffic. And this goes back to  
3 2002 when Midway School was first proposed there and  
4 that was all District 7 at that point. And we began  
5 the long effort of trying to get SCDOT, the county  
6 DOT, even the COG involved as a funding source for  
7 road improvement, but nothing every really got done.  
8 And I've talked again -- in fact I take our county --  
9 well our state engineer for a ride down Midway almost  
10 annually to look at what we need to have done there.  
11 Midway is probably the oldest and longest state  
12 secondary road in the state system. It's an  
13 historical road actually. It's part of the old trail  
14 system of Charleston to Pendleton.

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

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

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

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

38 KEN WATERS: So moved.

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

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

46 BURRISS NELSON: The project I described  
47 earlier, 20180430, and the one I said that I didn't  
48 have the document for. I do have the document. But  
49 anyhow, this is a multi-county park agreement between  
50 Anderson and Greenville. It allows the opportunity

1 for additional state incentives job development  
2 credits. And this is not going to be an  
3 infrastructure credit agreement, we don't think at  
4 this time for this project. It will just be for the  
5 state incentives. And with the Chairman's permission,  
6 I'd like to pass this document out.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

8 BURRISS NELSON: I was close on the numbers.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Now this is a real joint  
10 county industrial park. This is not using their ---

11 BURRISS NELSON: (Inaudible.)

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, but you know what I'm  
13 saying. For the hotel, we used a joint agreement for  
14 the Greenville Anderson County to do the hotel thing  
15 back there, right? But now this is the real thing  
16 this time. Okay.

17 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

21 Moving on to Item number 9(a) Resolution R2018-046  
22 a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of  
23 an inducement agreement by and between Anderson  
24 County, South Carolina and Project 20180430 whereby,  
25 under certain conditions, Anderson County will execute  
26 a Fee in Lieu of Tax and Special Source Credit  
27 Agreement with respect to a project in the county  
28 whereby the project would be subject to payment of  
29 Certain Fees in Lieu of Taxes and whereby Project  
30 20180430 will be provided certain credits against fee  
31 payments in reimbursement of investment in related  
32 qualified infrastructure. Same thing we talked about  
33 two other times. This is third time. We have a  
34 motion to move this forward?

35 KEN WATERS: So moved.

36 TOM ALLEN: So moved.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters. Second  
38 Mr. Allen. Any discussion?

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Would you please  
40 explain it, what you're talking about here?

41 BURRISS NELSON: This is really a repeat of  
42 the ordinance in the first reading of Item 8(a). It's  
43 just in the inducement resolution that solidifies the  
44 document in a resolution form. It -- different  
45 attorneys approach that differently. Sometimes  
46 they'll do the inducement resolution before they have  
47 the actual ordinance written out and completed. But  
48 in this case we've got the ordinance accompanying the  
49 resolution. But it just defines the project.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion -- I mean we  
2 have a motion. All in favor of the motion show of  
3 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
4 carries unanimously.  
5 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.  
7 Moving on now, Item number 9(b) R2018-048 a  
8 resolution authorizing application to the State Fiscal  
9 Accountability Authority of South Carolina for  
10 approval of the issuance by Anderson County, South  
11 Carolina, of its Special Resource Revenue Bonds, in  
12 one or more Series, in a Aggregate Principal amount of  
13 not exceeding \$28,750,000 pursuant to the Provisions  
14 of Title 4, Chapter 1 and 29 of the Code of laws of  
15 South Carolina 1976, as amended. This is the one  
16 we've talked about several things. Had many workshops  
17 talking about the sewer plan coming up.  
18 So Ms. Davis can come up and answer any questions  
19 or Mr. Burns. We'll put it on the floor to have a  
20 motion.  
21 CINDY WILSON: So moved.  
22 KEN WATERS: Second.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Second  
24 Mr. Waters. Now discussion. Ms. Davis.  
25 CINDY WILSON: May I quickly point out, a  
26 lot of people didn't quite understand, like citizens,  
27 what this was about. This is apparently refunding  
28 several old bonds that came on to the books years ago  
29 at higher rates. And it also funds the twenty-two  
30 million dollars of proposed projects to build out  
31 sewer lines and do what's needed to access the sewer  
32 in a more optimum way for the county for future  
33 development. Thank you.  
34 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.  
35 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. That is  
36 correct. We have, as we talked about before, four  
37 special source revenue bonds outstanding. We will  
38 refund those with the proceeds from this loan. And  
39 also we will do Wellpine, decommissioning Six and  
40 Twenty and building up Exit 14. That's the three  
41 projects that Council approved about this time last  
42 year. Just getting the financing in order so that Mr.  
43 Singleton can make that happen.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion  
45 show of hands.  
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Got a question.  
47 TOMMY DUNN: All opposed. Go ahead, Ms.  
48 Floyd.  
49 GRACIE FLOYD: You say something about  
50 building up Exit 14?

1 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.  
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Now could you talk about  
3 that a little bit?  
4 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. They're going  
5 to build a treatment plant out there and they're going  
6 to install sewer lines so that developers and things  
7 like that can come on I-85.  
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, yeah. Okay. All  
9 right. Thank you.  
10 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion  
11 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the  
12 motion carries unanimously.  
13 Moving on, Ms. Davis, while you're there, if you  
14 just -- you want to give update, I guess, on the tax  
15 levy. There's nothing to vote on. Item number 10 Tax  
16 Levy for the Anderson County Council in the year 2018.  
17 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. The auditor, Mr.  
18 Jackie Hunter, would just like Council ---  
19 TOMMY DUNN: Be aware, it's his job.  
20 What it is. Go ahead.  
21 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. He would like  
22 the Chairman to sign this and we just, as routine  
23 bring it before Council. You've already voted that  
24 this is the ??? during the budget season. So we would  
25 just give -- afford Council the opportunity one more  
26 time to raise their hand. Levy sheets are fixing to  
27 come out end of September, first of October for our  
28 tax billing.  
29 TOMMY DUNN: You want to put that in the  
30 form of a motion.  
31 CRAIG WOOTEN: Make a motion.  
32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten makes a motion  
33 recommended by Mr. Hunter. Like I said he's the one  
34 that sets this. This is just a formality. And Mr.  
35 Graham seconds it. Any discussion?  
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.  
37 CINDY WILSON: May I very quickly?  
38 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
39 CINDY WILSON: As I abstained during the  
40 budget because I felt like we could have pared down  
41 the millage a bit more, but I was in agreement on so  
42 many of the projects, I'll abstain this one, too.  
43 Thank you.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
45 GRACIE FLOYD: What was the tax levy that  
46 he told us?  
47 RITA DAVIS: Well, it's eighty-two point  
48 seven mils (break in audio) for the county ordinary  
49 that the county has authority over. He -- by  
50 statutorily he sets the debt service levy. So he will

1 work to set that. But the portion that Council has  
2 control over will be eighty-two point seven mils.  
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. What was it last  
4 year?  
5 RITA DAVIS: Eighty-one point seven mil.  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. It went up a whole  
7 point. Okay. I just thought I'd bring that up.  
8 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion  
9 show of hands. All opposed. All abstentions. Show  
10 the motion carries with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Ms.  
11 Floyd, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Wooten, Mr. Graham, and Ms.  
12 Wilson abstains.  
13 Moving on now to Item number 11, Report from the  
14 Planning and Public Works Committee. Chairman Wilson.  
15 Ms. Wilson.  
16 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
17 This involves our meeting on Monday, August the 27th.  
18 The first item our committee addressed was the subject  
19 of compensation for Planning Commission board members  
20 and for the Zoning Appeals Board members. And we have  
21 backup for anyone who wants to refer back to that. It  
22 is becoming more difficult for these boards to meet  
23 the quorum requirement as these volunteers are  
24 mandated six hours of orientation training and to  
25 attend three hours of annual continuing education in  
26 subjects specific to their jobs. They are also  
27 exposed to some bad behavior at some of their  
28 meetings. And more recently members were sued by a  
29 developer.  
30 A survey of Upstate Counties indicated to us that  
31 the best model of compensation was Spartanburg at  
32 fifty dollars per meeting, which would increase our  
33 budget by approximately thirty-two thousand dollars.  
34 Our committee voted three and 0 in favor of this  
35 measure which we bring to our County Council for your  
36 approval.  
37 GRACIE FLOYD: We can't do that.  
38 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion coming  
39 from the Public Works Committee. Doesn't need a  
40 second. Now discussion on the floor.  
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Wilson, you just said  
42 that your committee voted three and 0 in favor of that  
43 regulation. Am I correct?  
44 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.  
45 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. But can your  
46 committee do that?  
47 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
48 CINDY WILSON: We are only making a  
49 recommendation to the full Council.  
50 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. That's what you can

1 vote on. You can vote to bring it to Council. But  
2 you cannot vote on whether or not you're going to do  
3 it or not.

4 CINDY WILSON: We didn't.  
5 GRACIE FLOYD: But you said you did and I  
6 just wanted to make that clear. Thank you.  
7 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.  
8 TOMMY DUNN: More discussion? Mr.  
9 Allen.

10 TOM ALLEN: Just a quick question.  
11 That's probably not a bad idea. But are we going down  
12 a slippery slope? Is every committee going to want  
13 reimbursement now for meetings?

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

21 TOM ALLEN: I agree.  
22 CINDY WILSON: So, anyway, we ---  
23 TOM ALLEN: There's some way -- and  
24 yeah, ---

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

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

46 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.  
47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
48 TOM ALLEN: I'll go along with that.  
49 And I think we need to get something in writing and  
50 maybe have a little better look at this so we can

1 delineate exactly why we're going to do this if we do  
2 it. Thank you.

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

13 RITA DAVIS: (Inaudible.)  
14 GRACIE FLOYD: No, ma'am. It's another  
15 committee, because we discussed that and we were going  
16 to bring it up again to see just what was going on and  
17 how come anything was never paid. But, if you go back  
18 through the Code of Ordinances and you look at the  
19 committee list, there is a committee in there that is  
20 supposed to be paid.

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

24 GRACIE FLOYD: They get paid if they're  
25 called back.

26 RITA DAVIS: That's right.  
27 GRACIE FLOYD: If they're called back.  
28 But to have the first meeting there's no pay for it.  
29 But no, this was not the one. But I intended to look  
30 it up before I got here, but I forgot. But we need to  
31 look at that again, to see if there is such a  
32 committee. I read it. I read it. And I know that  
33 the code has not been changed since I looked at it  
34 last. So we need to check that to see if that's still  
35 in there and if so what -- maybe this was the same  
36 organization. But it's something that we need to  
37 check on. Ms. Davis, would you please do that for us?  
38 Thank you.

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

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I oppose.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Show the motion carries  
44 with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr.  
45 Wooten, Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd opposes.  
46 Chairman Wilson.

47 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. And we did  
48 recommend that the needs of the Citizens Advisory  
49 Board be -- members be looked at, too, for the same  
50 reasons.

1           The committee was next presented by Dr. Parkey and  
2 his staff with a discussion of Greenville County's  
3 approach to the intensifying development demands, much  
4 as we are. Our Planning Department reviews technical  
5 aspects for development application while our Planning  
6 Commission needs greater flexibility to apply more  
7 localized interpretation with respect to adjoining  
8 landowners and neighborhood conditions and concerns.  
9 Our vote was three and 0 to recommend to County  
10 Council to adopt the Greenville County measures. So  
11 this comes to you with our recommendation.

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

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

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

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

27           TOMMY DUNN:           Directive, that's right.  
28 Okay. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All  
29 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.

30           Moving on to Item number ---

31           CINDY WILSON:        Wait, we're still not done.

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

34           CINDY WILSON:        We've got some more of our  
35 meeting that ---

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

39           Next thing -- I guess Item number (c). Yes,  
40 ma'am.

41           CINDY WILSON:        I'm sorry. It's been a  
42 long night, hasn't it? The next discussion centered  
43 around the county's traffic impact study requirements  
44 as it relates to proposed development projects.  
45 Several years ago our County Council passed the  
46 traffic impact study which essentially required the  
47 developers to provide the road improvements at their  
48 expense when traffic volumes and other factors  
49 dictated. (Microphone was jarred) which is a cost to  
50 developer shall be included with either the

1 application for a certificate of compliance or  
2 preliminary plat depending on the nature of the  
3 project.

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

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

16 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

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

19 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
20 Public Safety Committee would like to bring forth in  
21 the form of a motion the approval of Williamston EMS  
22 contract. This was nothing more than going back and  
23 tying up some loose ends where MedShore had taken over  
24 Williamston back when Williamston ended up having to  
25 fold a few years back. This was basically just  
26 clearing up some paperwork. It was put out for RFP.  
27 Several entities put in a proposal on this. Coming  
28 from the staff, it was recommended that Williamston  
29 receive the contract. Also we did receive a letter of  
30 recommendation from the Mayor of Williamston and  
31 Public Safety Committee from Williamston, the town of  
32 Williamston's Public Safety Committee which consists  
33 of the fire chief, police chief, one of the Council  
34 members and the mayor, I believe. And again, they did  
35 recommend that it would be awarded to MedShore, as  
36 well. It comes from full Public Safety Committee with  
37 a hundred percent approval of recommendation that  
38 Council approves this.

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

44 Moving on to Item number 13, Appointments.  
45 Anderson County Museum Advisory Board. District 3.  
46 Mr. Graham.

47 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
48 I'd like to take this time to ask Council for approval  
49 of the appointment of Cheryl Croman (Phonics) to  
50 Anderson County Museum Advisory Board. She's

1 definitely got the criteria. I did speak with the  
2 Museum. It does come with their recommendation, as  
3 well. And I put this in the form of a motion.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham. Second  
5 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the  
6 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show  
7 the motion carries unanimously.  
8 Moving on to Item 14, Request by Council members.  
9 Mr. Waters.  
10 KEN WATERS: I have none at this time.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
12 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chair. I have  
13 four at this time. I'd like to do them all at once if  
14 I could.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.  
16 TOM ALLEN: All right. Anderson  
17 Cavaliers Athletic Program, I'd like to put in three  
18 hundred dollars from my recreation account. Anderson  
19 County Humane Society, three hundred dollars. The  
20 Shalom House, a thousand dollars. And the WLS  
21 Foundation two hundred and fifty dollars. I put that  
22 in the form of a motion.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen, second  
24 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the  
25 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show  
26 the motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr.  
27 Allen?  
28 TOM ALLEN: That's all Mr. Chair.  
29 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I have one, but it did  
31 not make the list even though I called for it to be  
32 put on the list. This is to the Anderson City  
33 Recreation Center, fifteen hundred dollars to go to --  
34 for programs for people living in District 2 who would  
35 like to go to the rec center in Anderson City to do  
36 walking or whatever else their needs and for  
37 basketball. District 2 don't contribute to football  
38 for little kids. I think that's the only one. But  
39 it's fifteen hundred dollars out of District 2's  
40 recreation money.  
41 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion from Ms.  
42 Floyd. Have a second?  
43 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any  
45 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.  
46 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
47 unanimously.  
48 Moving on, Mr. Graham.  
49 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
50 If it's okay I've got several I'd like to request.

1 I'll do all of them at once.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.  
3 RAY GRAHAM: I'd like the approval of  
4 District 2 and 3 for seven hundred dollars. This  
5 actually goes to Anderson School District 2 and 3  
6 which is -- they're doing part of a special needs  
7 program for teacher cadets and volunteers and this is  
8 going to help fund some of the items that they're  
9 needing for that. I'd also like to request that I do  
10 eight hundred dollars to Shalom House. Also I'd like  
11 to do twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars to Anderson  
12 County Parks. This is matching portion for a PARD  
13 grant to bring Parker Bowie Sports Complex, which is  
14 part of Iva rec program, up to ADA compliant. And I'd  
15 also like to do two hundred and fifty dollars to WLS,  
16 which is When Life Sucks Veterans program. When they  
17 originally requested that it was at the end of our  
18 budget year and I'm just now able to do that so I'd  
19 like to do two hundred and fifty dollars for that as  
20 well.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: Is that all?  
22 RAY GRAHAM: Yes.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Graham.  
24 Have a second? Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?  
25 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed  
26 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
27 Mr. Wooten.  
28 CRAIG WOOTEN: I have none at this time.  
29 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
30 CINDY WILSON: District 7 would like to  
31 appropriate three hundred dollars to Shalom House and  
32 five hundred dollars to the district school -- School  
33 District 2 and 3 special needs fall games. And I put  
34 that in the form of a motion.  
35 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson.  
36 Have a second?  
37 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
38 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any  
39 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.  
40 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
41 unanimously.  
42 District 5's account, I'd like to appropriate five  
43 hundred dollars to the Anderson Cavaliers Athletic  
44 Program. Five hundred dollars to the Humane Society.  
45 And fifteen hundred dollars to Shalom House. Put that  
46 in the form of a motion.  
47 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
48 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any  
49 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.  
50 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.

1 Now moving on, Administrator's Report.

2 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time.

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

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

9 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3.  
10 I really am floored by the lack of enthusiasm and the  
11 lack of -- sounds like some of you don't even know  
12 what our pledge of allegiance is. That was wimpy  
13 tonight. Real wimpy.

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

1 can be seen. That's not what Anderson is downtown.  
2 We've got a lot of nice restaurants. But you don't  
3 come to a hotel to go to a restaurant.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

5 LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

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

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

15 RUSTY BURNS: Very conservative.

16 KEN WATERS: That's what I was thinking.  
17 Probably a thousand is more true, but we like to be  
18 conservative, don't we?

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

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

26 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

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

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

50 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

1                   KEN WATERS:           And that was a very good,  
2   you know, very good event. And this person that I was  
3   talking to, she mentioned that their baby had grown  
4   up. And I remember when we were just first starting  
5   trying to get something started and looking at it now.  
6   And it's a continuous thing.

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

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

36                  Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

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

1 County's not building that hotel.

2 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

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

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

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

41 And I want to know who was it that called the  
42 newspaper on me about the fact that I did not give any  
43 money to the Haven of Rest last meeting? I got a call  
44 from the newspaper wanting to know why did I not give  
45 Haven of Rest any money out of my recreation account  
46 last week. Yes, we did. No, it wasn't Haven of Rest.  
47 Salvation Army. Excuse me. It's my fault. Why I  
48 didn't give Salvation Army any money for Salvation  
49 Army? Okay. Number one, I didn't do it because it  
50 wasn't recreation. All right. I called the County

1 and asked the County to give them some money and the  
2 County said, oh no, we can't do that. We don't do  
3 that. And I said, well, County, could -- would you  
4 give money if somebody just wrote you a letter and  
5 asked you for some money? And I was told by the  
6 County, oh, no we don't do that either. We don't do  
7 that either. Well, just know that Gracie Floyd,  
8 District 2, don't do that either. You're going to  
9 have to call me on the phone and tell me what you need  
10 recreation money for. You're going to have to assure  
11 me that you're going to use it for recreational  
12 purposes as the ordinance say. Okay. And whoever  
13 told on me, like I said, what you going to do about  
14 it? You can tell on me all you want to, folks. You  
15 can tell them -- you can even tell my mama on me. But  
16 I want to know what you going to do about it after you  
17 told on me? That's a tacky thing. Much as I could  
18 have talked about or said about all of you up here, I  
19 never did that. I never called the newspaper and said  
20 -- yes, you did. I never called the newspaper and  
21 said Tom Allen said ... I never did that. That's  
22 tacky. All right. Thank you. Don't do that.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

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

43 Second thing, we -- as Chairman Dunn had  
44 mentioned, we did have a meeting with the Chief's  
45 Advisory Board concerning the fire bond this past week  
46 and I apologize it was not on the meeting agenda.  
47 However, due to time restraints it was actually after  
48 the fact. However, their desire as far as the Chief's  
49 Advisory Committee just kind of wanting to update  
50 fellow Council members because there seems to be some

1 miscommunication on someone's part on this. Their  
2 desire on this is basically that the individual  
3 stations truly determine what the need is for the  
4 bond. What is the actual items that needs to be  
5 purchased with the bond money per station. Not for  
6 the county. But the current one that was actually  
7 presented, the Chief's Advisory Board recommended  
8 basically that it is not a true need for each station.  
9 Some stations have other needs more in the rural. And  
10 I'm going to pick on mine. Grove Station down in my  
11 district would have lesser need for a newer truck  
12 because they've got a new truck and they don't run  
13 that many calls. Homeland Park would probably be more  
14 in line of needing a new truck because they run  
15 multiple calls. And with that being said, the Chiefs  
16 Advisory Committee is wanting to truly get in there,  
17 do an inventory of the stations, encapsulate the  
18 actual Chiefs and bring them back information as far  
19 as what is their need for their station. At that  
20 point they want to meet with the current Fire  
21 Commission and try to determine what the true needs to  
22 move forward with this bond.

23 With that being said, we basically asked them  
24 point blank, do you want us to move forward with this?  
25 Their answer was, no, absolutely not. We currently --  
26 the plan that was presented to us originally is not a  
27 good plan. It does not identify the needs of Anderson  
28 County Fire Service. By no means are we, as far as  
29 Council members or anyone else that has looked at  
30 this, saying we do not support the fire system we have  
31 in Anderson County. We are very fortunate for the  
32 fire system we have in Anderson County. But we need  
33 to be just responsible with the dollars that we spend  
34 on our budget as we do with the dollars that we spend  
35 on this bond referendum. So in other words, we need  
36 to be fiscally responsible as far as how this money is  
37 spent. And all we're doing is ensuring that the items  
38 are identified per the station's needs. And that goes  
39 for every station in Anderson County. In other words,  
40 it reaches out and touches every citizen in Anderson  
41 County as far as what your primary needs are. Again,  
42 that is strictly at the request of the Fire Chiefs  
43 Advisory Committee. They are wanting to go through  
44 and do that determination. They're wanting to go and  
45 meet with the Fire Commissioners and they are wanting  
46 to come back with us. We offered resources from  
47 Anderson County. Ms. Rita actually offered a couple  
48 of different plans. And we also offered resources  
49 through Anderson County employees to help determine a  
50 business plan as far as what are the true needs to

1 help go out and determine, you know, how is the best  
2 money spent for their needs. I mean, we're offering  
3 them resources to move forward with this. It's just  
4 that we're not willing to give them a blank check.  
5 And originally that basically was the request. And  
6 pretty much anyone in a leadership capacity within the  
7 fire service throughout Anderson county, I'm not  
8 speaking of a certain fire chief, I'm talking about  
9 multiple fire chiefs, multiple lieutenants, captains  
10 in the fire service, they all are in agreement that we  
11 need to determine what are the true needs. So that's  
12 where we stand with the fire bond. It's not that  
13 we're against it, we just want it to be a better plan  
14 in place to move forward with.

15 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wooten.

17 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. I just want to say I  
18 was very encourage by the weekend event. It seemed  
19 like it was well organized, well planned and I feel  
20 like the management company for this event especially  
21 had done a very good job. And I'll say that Ms.  
22 Floyd's comments, I was interviewed by the paper about  
23 the Salvation Army and the ---

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Did you tell them?

25 CRAIG WOOTEN: No. The interviewer asked  
26 me, he said, well can you speak to what Ms. Floyd  
27 wanted to do? And I told him I learned the first week  
28 I was here that I don't speak for Ms. Floyd. And he  
29 volunteered to call you and so that's ---

30 GRACIE FLOYD: He asked you what Ms. Floyd  
31 was going to do?

32 CRAIG WOOTEN: Well, for giving money.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: How did he know I didn't  
34 give money?

35 CRAIG WOOTEN: I don't know, but he knew  
36 before he called me. And I told him, I said I don't  
37 have a comment, call Ms. Floyd. And so I don't know  
38 if he did at that time or not.

39 One of the things I really enjoy in life is the  
40 film maker Ken Burns and I've been finishing the mini  
41 series on the West with him. And I think it's  
42 applicable to what we're trying to do here at County  
43 Council is in the 1880's they were talking about the  
44 town in Colorado that was thriving and booming and  
45 they said well, let's build a city center and they  
46 said where are we going to build it. And they said  
47 we're going to build it way out there in the middle of  
48 nowhere. And they said why would we do that, our  
49 city's here. And he said because that's where we're  
50 going. And they knew the city was growing and they

1 were looking twenty years out, they were looking forty  
2 years out because they didn't believe the point they  
3 had reached yet was the pinnacle. And I think I'm  
4 excited about -- we've got to deal with potholes,  
5 we've got to deal with development, we've got to deal  
6 with everyday things. But I feel like we have a  
7 spirit on the Council that we can start to look at  
8 those long term projects that will probably be there  
9 when we're not on Council anymore or when our kids are  
10 older and that we can set that vision for the type of  
11 things that we want to do. So I'm very encouraged by  
12 that and I appreciate that the Council members.

13 Thank you, sir.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

15 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
16 And thank you, Mr. Graham, for the update on the fire  
17 bond. I have a meeting with West Pelzer Fire  
18 Department regarding that Monday night.

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

38 LEON HARMON: Ms. Wilson, it's not  
39 totally completed. I will have it completed this  
40 week.

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

45 And it's interesting the county comprehensive land  
46 use map and plan is that template that goes out  
47 twenty-five years and tells us what the neighborhoods  
48 and the citizens and the landowners want in their  
49 specific areas and it's the planning document for  
50 zoning and also for grants and funds for

1 infrastructure. So that's another part of what we've  
2 been working on. And I greatly appreciate Dr. Parkey  
3 and Ms. Alicia Hunter and all of our staff that work  
4 so hard on all of that. Anyway, lot of work.

5 Thank you.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Graham.

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

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

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