ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY Council MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2018

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you for coming. I know it’s Thanksgiving.
At this time we’ll be moving on to invocation and pledge of allegiance. Councilman Tom Allen. Mr. Allen. If we’ll all rise, please.

(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY TOM ALLEN)

TOMMY DUNN: Are there any changes or corrections to be made to the minutes of November 6 Council meeting?

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: (Inaudible - not speaking into microphone or microphone not on.)

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

Anyone else? Do we have a motion to accept the minutes as is with the exception of certain be on line 11 where Ms. Floyd said it needs to be? Motion Mr. Allen. We have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

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

Moving on to Item number 4, citizens comments. When the attorney Mr. Harmon calls your name this first go-around is on agenda items only. You have three minutes. Mr. Harmon calls your name, please step forward, state your name and district you live in, just for the record, and address the chair, please. Like I said, the first go-around is only on items that’s on the agenda.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one is signed up to speak at this point in the meeting.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay, Mr. Harmon. Thank you very much.

Moving on to number 5(a), third reading. This will be 2018-047, Ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park, 2018 Park, of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park. This is Project Fox. This being a public hearing, anyone wishing to speak forward to this, please step forward and state your name, district and address the chair. Anyone at all? Hearing and seeing none, the public hearing will be closed. We have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Second Mr. Waters. Any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD:  (Inaudible.)
TOMMY DUNN:  Wait a minute. Are you on?
GRACIE FLOYD:  Ms. Burns and Mr. -- Leon, I can’t think of your last name.
TOMMY DUNN:  Mr. Harmon.
GRACIE FLOYD:  --- Mr. Harmon were kind enough to work with me on the telephone because this, too, got pretty confusing, but we were able to get it straightened out. But I wanted to ask this question so we can put it in the record. The -- Mr. Chairman?
TOMMY DUNN:  Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD:  I have made an error and I apologize for it.
TOMMY DUNN:  Okay.
GRACIE FLOYD:  We’re on number (a); aren’t we?
TOMMY DUNN:  5(a).
GRACIE FLOYD:  5(a). Okay, good. Mr. Chairman, may I please wait until 5(b)?
TOMMY DUNN:  Okay.
GRACIE FLOYD:  Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN:  Yes, ma’am. Anyone else?
All in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign? Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to 5(b), 2018-042, a master bond ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of special resource revenue bonds of Anderson County, South Carolina. Before we go into public hearing, Ms. Davis, could you step forward just a minute and speak to this so everybody in here will sort of know what we’re talking about?

RITA DAVIS:  (Inaudible) that we’re going to issue and any future special source revenue bonds. It tells the bond holders what we’re going to abide by, that we are not going to get rid of any multi-county industrial park that it’s in; we’re not going to borrow anymore money if we’re not financially sound and able to sustain the debt; and that park revenue in excess of what we’re giving them a better claim to any future bond holders that what these bond holders are. So basically it’s assurances to the current person who buys the bonds and any future bond holders so they can look at that document and they can tell what the game plan is and what the rules of the road are.

TOMMY DUNN:  Thank you, Ms. Davis. And stay right there handy for a second if someone has a question. We’re going to go into a public hearing now. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please come forward, state your name and district and
address the chair. Public hearing. Anyone at all?
Seeing and hearing none, public hearing will be
closed. Now open for discussion. Have a motion on
the floor to get it for discussion?
TOM ALLEN: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen. Second
Ms. Wilson. Now, discussion. Do we have any
questions or anything for Ms. Davis? You got any?
CINDY WILSON: May I quickly point out
maybe the simplest part of this is it is a special
source revenue bond that we’ll be dealing with and it
comes from the sewer enterprise fund and it doesn’t
come from the rest of our property taxes, so folks
will have maybe a simpler understanding for it.
Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, ma’am. All in
favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Moving on to 5(c), 2018-043, a series of
ordinances providing for the issuance and sale of
special source revenue bonds of Anderson County,
South Carolina, in the principal amount of not
exceeding twenty-eight million seven hundred fifty
thousand dollars. Ms. Davis, would you like to ---
RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. This -- thank you
for this third and final reading for the funds to
bring to fruition the three projects that the sewer
ad hoc committee and full Council recommended that we
do at Exit 14, Welpine and also decommissioning Six
and Twenty and diverting the flow to Rocky River.
Your Waste Water Manager highly recommends these
three projects. For future economic development it’s
a necessity that we do this. So thank you for doing
this. It will be two series, probably issue about
8.8 and then we’ll come behind that and issue the
second round. We’re going to refund the four special
source revenue bonds that are currently outstanding.
So I think we’re going to get a lot of bang for our
buck and a lot of future economic development
according to Mr. Burriss Nelson.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Davis. We’ll
go into a public hearing now. Anyone wishing to
speak to this, please step forward and state your
name and district and address the chair. Anyone at
all? Hearing and seeing no one, the public hearing
will be closed. Do we have a motion to move this
forward?
KEN WATERS: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters. Second
Mr. Graham. Now, any discussion?
GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd first.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Now, this is the one that I wanted to make it clear that this twenty-eight million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars will not be placed on the taxpayers’ back.

Mrs. -- I’m sorry ---

TOMMY DUNN: Davis.

GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Davis, would you please explain how this is going to be done?

RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am. The fee in lieu of revenues that come in from industry that Council approves, it goes into a special fund. And that fund solely will be the means, the mechanism, whereby we repay this debt. It will not come from the sewer fund. It will not come off the backs and be a burden to the taxpayers of Anderson County. Basically industry will be paying for it.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chair, very quickly.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: I had some people ask me questions about this, why are you issuing another bond? And this has been very well explained now as to how it’s going to be paid for. But just to let people know, we’ve got some sewer in Anderson County that’s literally falling apart; has to be repaired. And for years now I have heard the refrain, even before I got on council, why aren’t you developing the interstate? Why aren’t you putting infrastructure out on the interstate? Well, this will be -- a lot of this will go towards infrastructure on the interstate to open that up. And this is going to be a great doorway to opening this up to industry. So I just wanted that for the record. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Thank you, Ms. Davis.

Moving on to Item number 6(a), 2018-051, an ordinance amending the zoning map to rezone plus or minus one acre from R-20 single family residential to R-D residential-duplex district at 204 Grate Road, District 4. This is in Mr. Allen’s district. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

TOM ALLEN: So moved.
KEN WATERS: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen. Second
Mr. Waters. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 6(b), 2018-052, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone plus or minus .33 acres from R-M1 mixed residential district to C-2 highway commercial at 3 Beaverdam Road. Be in District 7, Ms. Wilson’s district. Do we have a motion?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson to move forward. Do we have a second?
RAY GRAHAM: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 6(c), 2018-053, an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park, that’ll be 2010 park, of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park, Project Triple. Mr. Burriss, you got anything you want to add to this or say?

BURRISS NELSON: Nothing other than, Mr. Chairman, than Greenville is making that request to add to our park agreement and it’s a good thing for us. We’ll get dollars out of that. Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to move this forward?
KEN WATERS: So moved.
TOM ALLEN: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second by Mr. Allen. We have any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: What happened to -- where did he go? Oh, there he is.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd has a question, please.
GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Could you please -- Project Triple, we are unable to announce what project Triple is at this time; right?

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: We cannot announce it; okay. But can you assure us it won’t be a chicken farm; will it?

BURRISS NELSON: No, ma’am. It is a
1. manufacturing facility that is going to locate in Greenville County.

2. GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, okay. All right.

3. BURRISS NELSON: This is where we reciprocate and they are able to offer to -- their company in Greenville, the state benefits that are available through multi-county park agreement. And part of that is that they’ll send one percent of their tax flow from that project in Greenville County to us for the entire length of their tax agreement.

4. GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Burriss, I know that according to our agreement with these big companies, we cannot release the name of these places until it’s time. And I think that’s on third reading; am I ---

5. BURRISS NELSON: That’s correct.

6. GRACIE FLOYD: But, you know, I’m watching Anderson for these chicken farms.

7. BURRISS NELSON: Well, we’re not looking for any.

8. GRACIE FLOYD: Good. You don’t have to look. Thank you so much.

9. BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma’am. Thank you.

10. TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously. Moving on to 6(d), 2018-054, an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an infrastructure credit agreement to provide for infrastructure credits to Armada Development, LLC to assist in the development of a senior housing project. It’s the one in Pendleton from last meeting. Do you have anything you want to add to this?

11. BURRISS NELSON: Just it is an assisting living facility, probably much needed in that community, as well as an opportunity for investment in the Town of Pendleton and continued growth there. It’s recommended by our staff and from the Economic Development Advisory Board that you please give favorable consideration to this project.

12. TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

13. KEN WATERS: So moved.

14. TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters. Second Ms. Wilson. Are there any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

15. Moving on to 6(e), 2018-055, an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park, 2010 park, of
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Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park. This is the project we just talked about, the project in Pendleton, assisting living. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters. Second
Ms. Wilson. Mr. Nelson, do you have anything to add or anything?
BURRISS NELSON: No, sir, nothing other than what I’ve already said. Thank you, sir.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone have any discussion, comments, questions? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Going to move on to 6(f), 2018-056, an ordinance authorizing, under certain conditions, the execution and delivery by Anderson County, South Carolina of an amended fee in lieu of taxes agreement with Project Trio with respect to a project in the county whereby the project would be subject to payment of certain fees in lieu of taxes and would be provided certain special source credits against fee payments and infrastructure improvement grant, Project Trio. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters. Second by Ms. Wilson. Mr. Nelson, would you like to -- have anything to say about this?
BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. This is one of our existing companies, great opportunity, forty-five million in capital investment and twenty jobs that pay twenty-four dollars and forty-four cents an hour as an average. Those twenty jobs alone will create almost a million dollars in payroll per year, annually. But property tax is three hundred and fifty-six thousand -- three hundred and seventy thousand in year one and over the thirty year period will be a little over three million in property tax, three million ninety-four thousand. First year community impact, 4.5 million, and then over the thirty years community impact a hundred and eight million.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Have anymore questions anybody? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Everybody hearing me all right?
KEN WATERS: What did you say?
TOMMY DUNN: I missed you last week.

Thank you, Mr. Graham.

Moving on to item number 6(g), 2018-057, an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a special resource credit agreement between Anderson County, South Carolina, Ace Solar, LLC, and Pelzer Solar I, LLC, with respect to certain economic development in the county, including provision of certain special source revenue credits, Project Avocado. We have a motion to move this forward?

TOM ALLEN: So moved.
KEN WATERS: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Allen, second by Mr. Graham. Now, Mr. Nelson, you have anything?

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you. If you’ll remember, about four months ago Council passed this solar project, Project Avocado, and there were a number of properties that were listed as having solar investments placed on them.

Two of those were wrapped up in a negotiated fee agreement. The company -- of course, this hasn’t gone onto the tax rolls yet. It’s not been listed as a negotiated fee, but two of them were involved in a negotiated fee. The company has now requested that they be separated out of negotiated fee and placed in separate infrastructure credit agreements so that they may be addressed individually if it comes to a sale of those properties. It’s just a request -- it’s an inconvenience for Council, and I apologize for that. And they apologize.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson. Do we have a motion to move this forward? I’ve done done that, though, haven’t I? Yeah. I’m sorry.

Anymore discussion?
GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. You were doing okay until we got to this one and what you said at the end. You know, now I’m concerned because at the beginning they all went together with this; am I correct?

BURRISS NELSON: Well, some of them had -- it was a combined agreement. But some of them had individual agreements even within the Project Avocado when we passed it back four months ago.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But we didn’t know that because when I voted on this, you know, we were looking at it altogether. But now they want to go bop, bop, bop. They want to separate out of it and
do it individually. Okay. That might be well and
good, but my question is, why?

BURRISS NELSON: Well, these are also
investment opportunities that when they put these
together that they would be sold and traded from time
to time, much like mortgage loans are or things like
that of that nature. So there are federal tax
credits that are applied to these, as well. So
they’re traded and used as a commodity just like oil,
almost.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

BURRISS NELSON: The tax income is the
same. We don’t lose anything on tax, on the property
tax side; they stay the same.

GRACIE FLOYD: But okay, we don’t lose
anything, but -- Mr. Burris, but how could this come
back to slap us? Is there a way that this can --
well, anything can happen, but what’s the worst that
can happen if they decide -- Mr. Burris, it just
doesn’t sit right. You know, because first they come
at us with one thing and now they’re coming at us --
changing things and coming back at us again
separately. Do you understand what I’m saying?

BURRISS NELSON: Well, and I do. And this
is really a new phenomenon in the entire state.
There are probably twenty of these projects all
across the state, different counties, with this
company, as well as other companies. And it’s kind
of a new process and they’re starting to learn a
little more about how they need to operate. It’s a
new ball game. It’s new for us.

GRACIE FLOYD: It’s a new thing and they’ve
learned how to get us now.

BURRISS NELSON: I hope not.

GRACIE FLOYD: I’m weary on this one. I am
-- I just don’t -- well, anyway -- okay. I thank
you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor
of the motion show of hands. All opposed.

Abstentions?

GRACIE FLOYD: I’m going to oppose.

TOMMY DUNN: Show the motion carries with
Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Wooten, Mr.
Graham and Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd opposes.
Moving on to Item number 7(a), 2018-058, an
ordinance to amend Chapter 26, Article II, Titled
Sewers, in its entirety. At this time we’ll go down
-- should be coming a report from the Planning and

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
The third item on our agenda on the 16th was the presentation of the new proposed sewer ordinance which would replace the old ordinance currently in place. The new ordinance’s purpose and policy sets forth uniform requirements for direct and indirect contributions into the waste water collection and treatment system for the county waste water department and enables the department to comply with applicable state and federal laws, including the Clean Water Act, state and federal laws, as amended, and the general pretreatment regulations, Title 40, of the Code of Regulations, Part 403, together with the South Carolina Pollution Control Act, and other state and federal regulations. The objectives of this article are to prevent the introduction of pollutants into the sanitary sewer system which will interfere with the operation of the system or contaminate the resulting sludge; prevent the introduction of pollutants into the sanitary system which will pass through the system, inadequately treated into receiving waters or otherwise be incompatible with the system; to provide for fees for the equitable distribution of the costs of operation, maintenance and improvement of the county sewer system and to prescribe rules and regulations and a schedule of rates and charges for the services and facilities of the sewer system; to protect both the county sewer personnel who may be affected by waste water and sludge in the course of their employment and the general public; to promote reuse and recycling of residential and industrial waste water and sludge from the county sewer; to enable the county to comply with its national pollutant discharge elimination system permit conditions, sludge use and disposal requirements and any other federal or state laws to which the county is subject; to promote economic growth, including residential and industrial development. This article provides for the regulation of direct and indirect contributors to the sanitary systems -- sewer systems through the issuance of individual waste water discharge permits and enforcement of general requirements for users and authorizes monitoring compliance and enforcement activities; establishes administrative review procedures; requires users report and provides for the setting of fees for the equitable distribution of costs resulting from the program established in this article. This article shall apply to the county waste water department and to persons inside and outside the county who are users of the county.
sewerage system. The new ordinance states in far
more complete and clear language, definitions,
administration, prohibition, responsibilities,
construction, permitting, inspections, operations,
discharges, hazardous waste, monitoring, reporting
requirements, sewer service charges, enforcement
management and the new fats, oils and grease
requirements. We have in this eighty-five more pages
than the old ordinance.
The only possible upgrade that I personally can
see in all this, and I spoke with our county attorney
before the meeting, is that if there’s an entity or
an individual that deliberately discharged a
hazardous or dangerous substance into our system that
caused extreme monetary damage, a loss of life, I
wonder if we shouldn’t be looking at felonies instead
of misdemeanors there. So that’s an aside that I
wanted to make y’all aware of.
In any event, our committee unanimously
recommends to County Council that we accept the new
ordinance. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
Coming from a committee, it doesn’t need a second.
This is the first reading. Two more readings on
this. Any discussion?
LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, if I may? Let
me call your attention to one thing. This actually
is a revision of Chapter 66, Title II. That’s a
scrivener’s error.
TOMMY DUNN: Typo. Instead of 26, it’s
66.
LEON HARMON: It should be 66. That’s the
chapter in the ordinance that’s being revised.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.
Anymore discussion? All in favor of the motion show
of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion
carries unanimously.
Moving on to Item number 7(b), 2018-059, an
ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article V, Purchasing,
of the Code of Ordinances, Anderson County, South
Carolina, to add Section 2-655 Title “Project
Delivery Methods Authorized for Infrastructure
Facilities”. This will be in title only. Mr.
Harmon, would you like to explain this?
LEON HARMON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. What
this is directed at is to add to our purchasing code
or procurement code different project delivery
methods that are found in state law. What we would
intend to do is track the state law on this and
allow, for example, design bid -- design bill
projects as those projects are defined in state law. Which would allow us to make projects more time effective. We could bring them in quicker and by doing that also receive an economic benefit from that, as well. That’s where we’re headed. I will have the language prepared for the Council on second reading.

LEON HARMON: That’s correct; yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon, this will also be, if it passes, would be up to Council to go this route or not?

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second Mr. Graham. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to 7(b) -- I’m sorry, 7(c), 2018-060, an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not exceeding eight million five hundred thousand dollars, aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of Anderson County. At this time, I believe Mr. Graham had a committee meeting back around November the 12th. Do you want to give a report on that, Mr. Graham, before we proceed on?

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This is in reference to a capital projects committee meeting Thursday, November the 8th, at ten a.m. This is in reference to a fleet service building. As everyone knows, the current conditions currently at fleet services, we had been requested to try to do some repairs on that building for the past several years. And we basically just kept putting it off. This comes in the form of a motion from the Capital Project Committee that we pursue this, mainly due to roof leaking. The building is basically in disrepair. With the development of the TTI property on Pearman Dairy Road with the county having that property now, we think this would be a good opportunity for the county to pursue different options for fleet services.

What the capital project committee is bringing before full Council for your recommendation would be that basically we pursue an eight and a half million dollar bond project for this. They’re currently looking at basically about 7.8 million is what the cost would be on this. And you know, naturally just due to keeping things simple, we’re requesting that
eight and a half million dollars to be considered. At this time this is nothing more than consideration of this. We would also be looking at getting approval to move forward with having a design of the building that basically is going to suit the county’s needs for future growth and also for what we currently do in fleet services. So we would have that recommendation to come back from this request, as well.

And they’re looking at also what would be the best location at the current Pearman Dairy Road TTI property as far as basically where this facility could be built that would naturally house fleet services for Anderson County and basically be a good fit for that property there. So we’re asking -- this comes forth in the form of a motion from Capital Project Committee that was passed a hundred percent from that committee that y’all consider this to move forward with.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham. Coming from the committee doesn’t need a second. Now we open it up for discussion.

And I just reiterate, this is only putting -- letting the finance department start the motion about getting the paperwork done. Council would have to come back with a lot of work, a lot of feedback before Council votes on doing anything. Saying that, I open the floor for discussion.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Before we start doing anything at all, let’s explain (inaudible-not close to mic). Ms. Davis would you please come to the mic with the chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, you need to speak into that mic. I don’t think they can hear you. I don’t think they can hear you way down there.

GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Davis, it’s supposed to be eight million five hundred thousand dollars. It’s supposed to be from a bond; ---

RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: --- right? And we’re supposed to be having a bond that we are going -- that we’re getting ready to pay out?

RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: And when we pay this bond that we have presently, then we will float another bond for eight million five hundred dollars. So we won’t be -- we won’t have two bonds -- okay. The taxpayers are not going to be responsible for the
eight million five hundred dollars; will they? I’m
asking a question.

RITA DAVIS: Basically the ‘07 general
obligation bond will roll off; this one will roll on.
It will be less of a debt service payment, so you’ll
probably see a little bit of a decrease in the debt
service millage that the taxpayer has currently.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. I was
listening when the Council member from District 3
said that it was seven million -- did he say that?

RITA DAVIS: Exceed eight and a half
million; yes, ma’am, the bond is. But right now the
current design, it has a low of 7.2, a high of 8.5.
So that’s what Mr. Dunn -- there’s a lot of
negotiation and talk with the architect and engineers
as to what the final design will be.

GRACIE FLOYD: What the final ---

RITA DAVIS: We’re going to have to bid
it out, and it depends on the construction cost.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Construction cost.

Not the design of the building, the construction cost
of it?

RITA DAVIS: Kind of both. You know, it
can be -- the design can be modified. There’s some
discussion that probably needs to be done in that
regard, as well. So design and the construction --
we will not issue it until the bids come back. So
we’re not talking about closing on this probably
until March.

GRACIE FLOYD: I see. I see.

RITA DAVIS: There’s a lot of work that
still needs to be done.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I have been
talking with some of the constituents and they -- the
ones that know what’s going on in Anderson and
they’ve been looking at all of the money and they’re
beginning to get concerned. That’s why it has been
important for me to bring up the fact, what’s going
to cost us more and what’s going to be a bond. Okay.
The bond that we have now that will roll off, how
much was that one?

RITA DAVIS: Well, the debt service is
about, let’s say, three hundred and fourteen thousand
annually. The interest, we’re going to pay interest
on this bond of about three hundred and fourteen for
two years and then we’ll pay principal and interest
for thirteen years. ‘07 was, I think it was a -- it
was issued in ‘07, and of course now it’s getting
paid off in ‘21.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But I don’t think my
1 question was answered. What -- how much was the bond
2 that’s going to roll off? How much is that one now?
3 RITA DAVIS: How much is the annual debt
4 service or how much was the original bond itself?
5 GRACIE FLOYD: How much was the original
6 bond itself? This one is eight million five hundred.
7 RITA DAVIS: Okay. The original bond
8 itself was 7.3 million.
9 GRACIE FLOYD: So this one is more.
10 Because I have been hearing that this one was going
11 to be less than what we’re paying now.
12 RITA DAVIS: The debt service will be;
13 yes, ma’am. It’s projected to be less, about seven
14 and seventy-five thousand, whereas currently we’re
15 paying eight hundred and fifty thousand.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right.
17 RITA DAVIS: Save about seventy-five to
18 eighty thousand.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. I
20 understand debt service. But I don’t know if
21 everybody else out there understands debt service.
22 Okay. Could you put in layman’s terms for me,
23 please?
24 RITA DAVIS: The payment on the bond, the
25 principal and interest payment on this debt that
26 Council is approving to be an issue.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Thank you. I’ve
28 got it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
29 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. Anymore
30 discussion? Like I said, before any of this is to be
31 enacted, there will be several more votes, more
32 discussion, more information to nail stuff down. All
33 in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
34 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
35 Moving on to Item 8(a), a resolution -- R2018-
36 063, a resolution to express the intention of
37 Anderson County, South Carolina, to cause Anderson
38 County, South Carolina to be reimbursed with the
39 proceeds of tax exempt obligations for certain costs
40 associated with the fleet services project. We have
41 a motion to move this forward?
42 KEN WATERS: So moved.
43 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second
45 Mr. Graham. Ms. Davis, do you want to attack this
46 and explain this so everybody out there will know.
47 RITA DAVIS: Basically this reimbursement
48 resolution, if we incur any costs prior to the
49 issuance of the bond, which we will because we’ve got
50 the architects and engineers on the job, they will be
submitting invoices. I will pay those. But this reimbursement resolution allows me when we ultimately issue the general obligation bond to reimburse ourselves out of those bond proceeds. So that’s what that’s for.

TOMMY DUNN: Any other questions? Discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to 9, atax recommendations. Do we have a motion? Discussion?

TOM ALLEN: So moved.

KEN WATERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen to move forward with the recommendation of the committee and staff. Second by Mr. Waters. Now discussion.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: For the past couple of years I have been looking at the atax recommendations. And it was brought to my attention that these people who apply for atax money get money from the budget, they get money from the atax and then they get money from the recreational fund that we appoint. From three different sources, some of them get that. And then others who apply for the atax money get nothing. Get nothing. I’m asking Council members that even if we approve this one, the next year, let’s take a look at who’s getting what and how much money they’re getting from other entities; budget, atax and from Council members. And let’s look at the ones that didn’t get anything and see if we can change that a little bit so it can be fair to more people. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

Anyone else?

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: There’s one group that applies for atax money, and I’m on their board and even though I contribute and don’t benefit from it, I must disclose and recuse myself from that one item. So could we take that out separately? It’s South Carolina Upstate Equine Council.

TOMMY DUNN: I make the motion that we pull that out and vote on it separate. Do we have a second?

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Any discussion on that? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion
carries unanimously. So we’re talking about everything but the Equine Council. Anymore discussion?

TOM ALLEN: Yeah, Mr. Chair.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.
TOM ALLEN: I just have a question and maybe nobody can answer it, but Item number ---
TOMMY DUNN: I can answer it. It might not be right, but I’ll answer it.
TOM ALLEN: Okay. I’m counting on you.

The Clemson Kennel Club, it says here the club’s 2018 show attracted eight hundred and fifty-six entries from more than fifty miles away. A number of dogs entered did not show up at the arena due to owner concerns about climate control. It seeks money to buy additional magazine advertising and increase out-of-state entries. And the committee recommended nine hundred and one dollars. I mean, if the problem up there is lack of climate control in Garrison Arena, which I certainly understand because it’s coldest than heck up there in the winter, nine hundred dollars isn’t going to do anything. So what’s the use to advertise if people aren’t showing up because the climate; they’re afraid to bring their animals in?

TOMMY DUNN: I think they’re trying to advertise for a different clientele, it sounds like.

Was that an answer?

TOM ALLEN: I don’t know.
TOMMY DUNN: See, I told you, you wouldn’t be happy with it.
TOM ALLEN: Hey, if you say so. Yeah, Glenn, did you have a ---

GLENN BRILL: This show is very weather-dependent. If the first weekend in January is warm, people from Florida will send their dogs. Last year the first weekend in January was cold and they kept their dogs at home.

TOMMY DUNN: I guess I’m asking for Mr. Allen, with all seriousness. They’re wanting to advertise I guess to a broader base besides people in Florida. Is that what this is about?
GLENN BRILL: Correct.
TOMMY DUNN: Not trying to put a heating system or anything in the Garrison Arena. This is trying to advertise and broaden their clientele or their people participating in the show?

GLENN BRILL: Correct.
TOM ALLEN: Okay. Can I have one other one?
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

TOM ALLEN: Item number 46, I'll be lighthearted about this. Atax would pay for moving the McGee Mule Barn in Starr to the Bart Garrison Ag Museum of South Carolina, converting it into an event center with a projected nine thousand two hundred and forty room hotel nights because of this event center, a two hundred thousand dollar private grant has been secured for the three hundred and ten thousand dollar project and Lake Hartwell Country would pay the remaining eighty thousand. I'm not sure who Lake Hartwell Country is, but that must be one bodacious mule barn. I just wondered what the thing looks like. It might be better than Garrison Arena. Maybe it's climate controlled. I don't know.

TOMMY DUNN: You do know we didn't --

TOM ALLEN: It's not recommended, but I said I was going to be lighthearted about it because it just says the committee -- well, the committee did recommend ten thousand.

TOMMY DUNN: I didn't think we got ---

TOM ALLEN: For committee recommendation.

GLENN BRILL: And the reason we can fund that is one of the eight allowed uses of accommodations tax under state law are tourism related buildings.

TOM ALLEN: Absolutely. I agree. I would just like to see a picture of the mule barn, I guess. Like I said, I'm being lighthearted about it. Don't worry. But it must be a great mule barn. So thank you, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

GRACIE FLOYD: While he's up there, I'm going ---

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am, Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Could you please explain why the Greek Festival that's held every year did not get funding because they too bring a lot of people to Anderson during that time. And the objective is to -- is the objective you have to bring a certain amount of people into Anderson to attend these functions?

GLENN BRILL: No. Actually the eligibility of a grant is determined by the state accommodations tax law. There are eight allowed uses. And renting tables and equipment, labor, entertainment and security are not allowed uses of atax under state law. So they didn't submit an
eligible grant.
3 eligible grant.
4 GLENN BRILL: Right.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Could anybody see which number that is?
6 TOMMY DUNN: He’s got it right there.
7 GLENN BRILL: Fifty-three.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Fifty what?
9 TOMMY DUNN: Three.
10 GLENN BRILL: Fifty-three.
11 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. Please tell me that again now that I have it.
12 GLENN BRILL: Okay. The state accommodations tax law, there are eight things you can pay for. None of the requested items under number 53 are eligible for payment under the state law.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.
15 Got to do the equine. Ms. Wilson has recused herself. At this time do we have a motion to move forward to the equine thing, recommendation?
16 RAY GRAHAM: So moved.
17 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Grant.
18 TOM ALLEN: Second.
20 Moving on to Item number 10, bid approval, be a roof for the new courthouse. It’s been in the budget for over a year now. I would ask Mr. Carroll if he’ll step forward with any things he’d like to make.
21 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.
22 We received bids on this back in October. Staff recommends award to Lloyd Roofing out of Greenwood, seven hundred and eighty-four thousand four hundred was the base bid. Ninety-eight for the alternate. You’ll see two vendors above, Turnkey Roofing and Tecta, were non-responsive. Tecta sent us a letter saying they had left items out of their bid and they wanted to withdraw it, which they’re allowed to do. And as you can see on the alternates, Turnkey Roofing did not bid the alternates that we asked for, so they were non-responsive. So we went to the next bid. Lloyd Roofing has -- did another walkthrough just to make sure everything’s good. And they said, yes,
their price is good. So we recommend award to Lloyd Roofing.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Carroll. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

KEN WATERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second Mr. Waters. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Carroll.

ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to number 11, homeland security grand. Ms. Davis. Who’s got it?

RITA DAVIS: Mr. Graham.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham’s got it; okay.

Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is in reference to three grants that’s been funded or awarded to Anderson County. Is it okay if we do all three of them together or do you want to do them separate?

TOMMY DUNN: Unless anybody has -- anybody have any objection to doing them all three or want to do them separate? Anybody got any questions? Do them all three.

RAY GRAHAM: Basically it’s three separate grants. One of them is for seventy-four thousand dollars. And it’s for a chemical detector and plus some other equipment that goes along with that, and also one satellite radio.

The second grant is for ninety-six thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine dollars. It’s for a small fast attack robot, a tactical fragmentation vest.

TOMMY DUNN: A vest and a robot?

RAY GRAHAM: It’s a small fast attack robot, which is basically -- we already have one robot in Anderson County. This is basically another one that will go into the back of the Suburban and be more versatile. Also, a tactical fragmentation vest, two laptop computers, a carbon fire disruptor. The purpose of this, again, we actually have a carbon fire disruptor, as well. This one here is a smaller one and it basically prevents destroying evidence, kind of keeping it in a smaller location. And that one also comes with a satellite radio.

The next one is seventy-five thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine dollars and that’s for nine SCBAs and also one satellite radio. Just a note on the three satellite radios. This is a requirement that the state has put on the county where in the
event of a catastrophe as far as radio communication
loss and basically they’re funding this through these
grants. So each one of these grants has one of those
radios kind of looped up in the grant request, as
well. And this basically comes at no cost to
Anderson County.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to move
this forward?
KEN WATERS: So moved.
TOM ALLEN: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second
Mr. Allen. Captain Miller, you got anything you want
to add or say? I don’t want to put you on the spot
or nothing, but anything you want to say from the
sheriff’s office? Do you have anything?
CAPTAIN MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
No, nothing to add. I just do want to reiterate what
Councilman Graham said, that these are Department of
Homeland Security grants utilizing federal dollars.
They come at no additional cost to us.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Captain.
Appreciate what all y’all are doing. I’m sorry.
Anybody have any questions for Captain Miller? Thank
you, Captain. All in favor of the motion show of
hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 12, Report from the
Planning and Public Works Committee meeting held
November 19. I believe Ms. Wilson sort of hit on the
sewer thing. Now we’re going to market study report.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
The next item that we reviewed was the market study
report regarding the county square project. The
report revealed a thorough research of current
conditions on the ground incorporating demographics
and observations culminating and the highest and best
use recommendations or projection. Supporting data
indicates a current over-availability of office space
and an under-availability of good quality residential
rentals and condominiums in the downtown area. On
the specific project concept has yet to be
established, we’re provided with general development
guidelines in terms of product type, design features,
rent pricing structures. We were also given
estimates for two separate phases of development with
phase one developed in 2020 and phase two to be
developed in 2022.

This basically was a warm-up before we start
looking at designs and making decisions. So there
will be a lot more research coming forward. But
basically the rental and condominium markets are
projected to be very strong and the office market is
very weak right now due to over-availability.

Under new business it was noted that there were
two more pressing matters coming before us soon, and
that is to be the updated solid waste plan and a new
impact fee proposal. We will take up growth
management techniques and development impact fees at
our next meeting Monday at noon.

If anyone on our committee has more to add,
please feel free to do so. And meanwhile, thank you
to all that made this effort possible.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all. Ms. Floyd had
a question.

GRACIE FLOYD: I’d like to know the market
study report, okay, who did the market study?

TOMMY DUNN: A company out of -- was it
Ohio? Out west somewhere. Where was that company
out of? Ohio, I think?

CINDY WILSON: Bowen National Research.

GRACIE FLOYD: What?

CINDY WILSON: Bowen National Research.

And they were engaged and paid for by Mr. Ron
Swinson, President of Peach Properties.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. That is
the same person, the same man, that did the study on
the property behind us, as well; right?

TOMMY DUNN: I don’t know. He’s the one
that bought the property back there.

GRACIE FLOYD: Isn’t that the same company
that’s doing the market study on the property behind
us, the old Bailes building used to be?

??: (Inaudible.)

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. And they paid
for the one behind us, too?

TOMMY DUNN: That is it, Ms. Floyd.

There ain’t but one.

GRACIE FLOYD: He’s paying for the one over
that one as well; right?

??: (Inaudible.)

GRACIE FLOYD: But you said they paid for
both of them.

TOMMY DUNN: Wait a minute. There ain’t
been but one study. What Ms. Wilson is talking about
is the one behind here at the Bailes property.
That’s the only one we’re talking about. That’s the
one that’s been paid for by Mr. Swinson.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, I think where
the confusion ---
GRACIE FLOYD: So it’s only one? Okay.
I’ve seen one.
TOMMY DUNN: Everybody should have a copy of it.
GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. But I have seen one and that’s the one back here.
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: That’s the only one?
TOMMY DUNN: Only one Anderson County is involved in. The city’s got some going on.
GRACIE FLOYD: Are they doing the city’s, too, that you know of?
??: (Inaudible.)
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
TOMMY DUNN: The city is doing one on their own on parking. That’s right. Got nothing to do with this.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. I think that’s where it may be coming from; okay, because if you have so many studies going on, you don’t know who’s doing what. But I still want to caution us, I still want to caution us; okay. This building behind us is going to take up the rest of the parking space if we have any at all. Okay. And you’re talking about putting homes, condominiums and I understand they said they’re going to be high rise and high money, top money, condominiums behind us; okay. We’re going to have to be careful. We’re going to have to be careful. We are not Charlotte, Atlanta, Asheville or Columbia or even Greenville. And we’re putting all these things, squeezing it up together. We can’t only look at the now. We have to look to the future to see how this is going to affect us later on when we’re all gone to Charlotte to live.
Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: Just a point of clarification. The request for proposals or qualifications that went out, I think last year, they came back to us pretty much in the form of studies, too. So that may be where there’s some confusion.
Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Moving on to Item number 13, report from the Sewer Ad Hoc Committee meeting held November 19, 2018. Discussion regarding location at Exit 14 waste water treatment plant and sewer lines. Chairman Wooten.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, sir. We had the meeting with the Sewer Ad Hoc Committee and basically it was a follow-up meeting to the Greater
Sewer Plan that we put together earlier in the year and was referenced in the bonds that we spoke about earlier. But one thing that we wanted to do immediately was to bring sewer to a good level to Exit 14. But in doing that we also wanted to be forward thinking and see where we would need sewer, not in just now but five years, ten years and twenty years. And if you look at that area and these engineers look at basins and basins dictate the efficiency of sewer lines and Exit 14 is not too far from Exit 19 where we have sewer concerns also.

So we wanted to make sure we were looking at all the exits, how they could connect efficiently and whether we should put in a waste water plan at a certain area and a pump station at a certain area so that we can maximize where we want to go and not just address the immediate concerns. So the committee was in unanimous support of asking the engineers to tier out the alternatives. What if we did this? How much does it cost? What kind of benefit does it give to the county? If we were to go more, what does it cost and what is the benefit to the county? And what’s the time line of that benefit so that we can weigh out the decision and make the best decision that gets us what we want now and that’s the immediate concern of sewer at Exit 14, but also opens up a massive amount of acreage between the two exits that would be allowed for commercial development and potential residential development. So at that point the committee asked the engineers to tier it out, come back to us with some information and recommendations and then we can bring something back to Council at that time.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Coming from the committee it doesn’t need a second. Any discussion? And what the committee recommended is exactly what Mr. Wooten said, for them to pull out moving the pump station to a different area, give us a price cost and also alternative to B and also see some upgrades to Hurricane Creek Station that’s in very great need of what the cost would be and what the recommendation on that would be. Are there any discussion on that matter? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed? Abstentions? Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 14, appointments. Anybody have any?

Seeing and hearing none, moving on to Item number 15, request by Council members. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: (Inaudible.)
TOMMY DUNN: You’re the only one that’s got one that I’m seeing unless somebody’s got anything.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I have a couple of them; okay? As you all know, every dime of my --

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Every dime of my recreational fund goes to recreational -- to recreation. We have a lot of children in our area with nothing to do and nowhere to go. We are not like the city where they have a recreational center for the kids. So each Council member is provided with twenty-five thousand dollars a year for money to go toward recreational programs for our children. And I’ve got some here.

For the New Foundation home, I would like to allocate one thousand dollars of District 2’s recreational fund to New Foundation. And with this money they are going to try to get ready -- get the children ready for the Christmas season, to get them out and to get them -- to make it available to them to have some things to do around Christmas time. That’s a thousand dollars.

For Shalom, they’re having -- they had a bicycle extravaganza. And they were asking for a thousand dollars to do that, for the Shalom House.

Okay. And here’s a new one for me, as well, it’s South Carolina Dog Therapy. All right. This is not money for the dogs. This is money to take the dogs out to the children at the different schools. They buy books for the children about the dogs and they expose one to the other. This is something that I am told that the kids really look forward to. And District 2 would like to allocate three -- excuse me -- one thousand dollars to them. Okay. And seems like I had another one here. One, two, three, four. I said New Foundation; I said the dogs. I’m missing one.

But anyway, the other one, now this is a big one, but I prepared for it last year. Every other year the group by the name of Men At Work take the children out of Anderson County to experience different things. They’re asking -- for this year they’re asking for ten thousand dollars. And they feel like this will accommodate the children. I think it’s thirty -- I want to say thirty-something kids. Yeah, thirty-something kids. I think they’re going to Alabama this year. This is something brand new. And it’ll be really good for the kids to follow this. This is white kids, black kids, purple kids
and green and yellow kids. Any kid who want to go
with them, they have a group of children of all ages
and all races they take out every other year, I
think. Every other year. Last year they went to
Washington, D.C. The year before last they went to
Washington, D.C. I’m really proud of this
organization because they do a lot of good in the
community and as well as for our children. So that’s
a total of ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen thousand
dollars. I know there was one more. But I’ll have
to come back later on and do it. And I put that in
the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a second?
KEN WATERS: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. Any
discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
carries unanimously.

Mr. Graham?
RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
bring this forth in the form of a motion from
District 3 recreational account. This is a request
for the City of Belton, twenty-five hundred dollars
to go toward the Standpipe Festival. That’s as far
as putting it on. I bring this in the form of a
motion.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
KEN WATERS: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr. Graham.
Second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor
of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
Show the motion carries unanimously.
Anyone else have anything? Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I
reappropriate the thirty-five hundred dollars that
was approved for the Cheddar Youth Center on 10/16/18
back to the recreational account for District 7?
TOMMY DUNN: You’re putting it back in
your District 7 recreational account. Have a motion
by Ms. Wilson, second by Mr. Graham. Any discussion?
All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed
like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Anyone else?
Moving on to Item number 16, Administrator’s
report.
RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.
Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 17,
citizens comments. Again, when Mr. Harmon calls your
name please, for the record, state your name and
district and address the chair. You’ve got three
minutes.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first citizen
signed up is Mary Ashley.
MARY ASHLEY: My name is Mary Ashley. I
live at 918 ---

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, make sure that
mic’s on. It’s hard to hear.
MARY ASHLEY: Can you hear me now?
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
MARY ASHLEY: I’m here to complain about a
health hazard in my neighborhood. We had the West
Nile virus at Highway 81 and 86 months ago. That is
within two miles of my home. I not only have
mosquitos; now I have big rats at my home. My
neighbor has a yard full of junk. He has four large
boats that are never used, tarps half on half off,
and they’re holding water, causing mosquitos. I’m
trying to get through in three minute. He has moved
some of his cars, but he still has old sheds that he
has built and put junk in them and they are not
enclosed and they’re holding water and causing
mosquitos and rats. Not only has -- not only has he
got boats, but he has old cars with tarps that have
been sitting there for years. I have some picture
that I would like to submit to the County Council of
the back yard. This is not the side or the back
yard. It’s facing my house. I have been told that
there are no laws against him having as many boats as
he wants to have. My question is if there are boats
that are holding water causing mosquitos and rats,
which is a health hazard, what can I do about it?
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns will see you after
the meeting and we’ll get your information and get it
addressed to the proper people and see what can be
done. I think that would probably be Mr. Allen’s
district -- Ken’s district, so we’ll see what can be
done. Mr. Burns will get the information after the
meeting; okay?
MARY ASHLEY: I spoke with Mr. Johnson
yesterday.
TOMMY DUNN: Like I said, Mr. Burns will
get your information after the meeting to see what
can be done; okay? He’s the administrator. He’s Mr.
Johnson’s boss man.
Thank you, Mr. Burns.
Mr. Harmon?
LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next person I
am having some trouble reading his name. I think
he’s a gentleman from District 1.
CRAIG WOOTEN: I was hoping to introduce him because he and I got to know each other these past couple of months. We met on a couple of occasions and I invited him to County Council and he’s going to be able to speak tonight briefly. But hope to have him back on the agenda to speak in more depth if possible. But his name is Andy Moore. And he has got a powerful story that’s been encouraging and uplifting to me. He’s had -- he lost his son, but through that he’s seeking to honor his son through a potential memorial at the Anderson Civic Center. And he’s got a powerful story. And he’s a quality person who really tells it better than I do. And with that I’d like to introduce him and thank him for being here.

TOMMY DUNN: Get that light fixed for him, Mr. Burns.

ANDY MOORE: Mr. Chairman, ---

TOMMY DUNN: You can pull it up to you.

I don’t think it’ll break it or what you call it, where you can get it.

ANDY MOORE: Thank you for your time. I appreciate it Mr. Chairman, Council. Like Mr. Wooten said, we’ve spoke over several months. Also Mr. Burns and myself and Todd McCormick at the Civic Center, we’ve been talking about several things about what maybe could possibly happen or I could do for Anderson County.

This is my son Parker Moore. He was murdered in Barberitos in January of this year. I don’t want this to turn into a bitter tragedy for me or my family. I want to make a positive out of this, not just for my life but for his life. Parker’s passion was soccer. And we pretty much -- he would wear me out playing soccer; let’s just put it that way. So I’ve been thinking of things of what I could do for Anderson County to honor him and to understand -- get other kids and other people to understand his passion for soccer. And I want other kids to enjoy his passion and know who he is.

What I’ve been talking to Mr. Burns and Mr. Wooten and Mr. McCormick is actually I know the KidVenture is getting ready to be remodeled. I would like to -- what we’ve been talking about is actually remodeling the corner of the top soccer field up there, go ahead and move the flag poles. Have a memorial up there for Parker stating who he is, his love for soccer and renaming the top field the Parker Killian Moore Soccer Fields. And it’s not just the memorial, but it’s also I want to be able to -- with
that said I want to be able to sponsor two kids to go
to camp every year and I’d like to be able to sponsor
maybe from each division jerseys from each division.
And I’d like to work with the coaches on more of what
they need. I’m not sure exactly what they may need.
But I would like to sponsor more and be able to help
more kids to be able to play soccer, go to camp and
be on teams. And even further maybe help develop the
field a little more, whatever, you know, the soccer
field needs. I’d like to be able to raise money.
We’re raising money now. We’ve got a Go Fund Me
page. People are already pouring money in it. I try
to tell them just to kind of hold off until we start
doing this. But so far we’ve got approximately over
four thousand some odd people that are already
joining into this and they really want to see to go
forward. And with great -- I apologize.
TOMMY DUNN: I’m sorry. Your three
minutes is up, but we’d love to hear more about it
and any way we can work with you. We have to be fair
to everybody. But our deepest sympathies and
thoughts and prayers with you and your family. Hope
we can do something to make your son’s life to go on
to the betterment of Anderson County and kids. We’ll
see what we can do. And I appreciate Mr. Wooten
bringing this to our attention and for you and your
family wanting to do something another about it.
Admire you very much for not wanting to turn this
into bitter but betterment very much and I hope you
don’t. Hope we can get something worked out; okay?
ANDY MOORE: Thank you very much.
GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, can we ask for
him to introduce his wife.
TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, go ahead. You want to
introduce your family while you’re here?
ANDY MOORE: Yes. This is my wife Misty,
my youngest daughter Haley. I have twins that are
seventeen; Hannah, she just left, and I had an
autistic son, her brother, her twin, Hayden. And of
course, Parker was my oldest. I had four kids.
To give you a brief history of me, I grew up in
Anderson County, EMS and fire for almost thirty
years.
TOMMY DUNN: We appreciate you. Thank
you very much.
ANDY MOORE: Yes, sir. Thank you for
your time.
LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker
is Elizabeth Fant.
ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3.
Atax money, we need to publicize the things that are
great events for people to participate in in Anderson
County. Last time I mentioned that one county does
these little handouts. Both of these are from
Williamston from different years. They’re great.
You can pick them up, carry them with you all year.
You already know what the events are going to be.
Williamston and the little town of West Pelzer seem
to be doing a better job of advertising their events
than some of the other small towns. I also got one
in the mail from the museum this time wanting me to
be a member and it listed thirty events of things
that are going on in the museum. And I thought the
museum really didn’t do anything. But when you
publicize and you tell people what it is that you do
and you show that there are events for kids, there
are events for people who want to be budding artists,
whatever, that’s when you get people interested. So
you’ve got to publicize those things.

It’s interesting that the study that Ms. Wilson
gave was exactly what I had said last week about the
fact that we don’t need more offices downtown. We
don’t need more offices. We don’t have parking
places for what we have, as Ms. Floyd said. I don’t
know if they put rental properties in a facility
behind us where those people are going to park.
Those people are going to have cars. Where are they
going to park?

The third thing is, you have to look back that
it’s been ten years since 2008, almost to the date,
November the 18th. The horrible night in Anderson
County, miscarriage of justice. The thing I think
that bothered me the most about that night was the
lies and the lack of transparency of what happened
that night. We’re still not over it. I had a
conversation with two Council members last night and
I mentioned to them that I really did not like the
way the budget was done this year, or lack of done
this year. One Council person told me, well, it was
done through the committee meetings and that was the
best place to do it. Well, I grant you that you all
have done a lot of work on the committee meetings.
That part I certainly approve of. But in no way were
those budget meetings advertised. I mean were those
committee meetings advertised as budget meetings.
Those of you who know me know that I’ve been going
for the last five years to all of them. We didn’t
have a budget meeting until almost at the very end.
I hope we’re not going backwards to a lack of
transparency again. I understand a lot of the
reasons why you did what you did this year. But I’m not the only person that you have to please. You need to let everybody in Anderson County know what hand washes what, who gets what, how it works, and we did not have a good budget process this year.

LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Anyone else?

LEON HARMON: No one else.

TOMMY DUNN: Now remarks from Council members. Mr. Waters.

KEN WATERS: I have none at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters.

Mr. Allen?

TOM ALLEN: Nothing at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen.

Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I have something. First of all, I don’t even like to think about November the 8th or whatever year it was because out of all the people that was involved in that, I got the worst of it. I was cussed at. I was prodded. I was talked about. I was abused. And why? All because I belong in the regime that just left. A lot of the stuff that was going on, half of it was not the truth. I’ll stand before God and man and said that half of it was not the truth. I was -- all of the, all of the stuff that was going on, I was treated very, very badly. Very bad. You don’t see these people here now because after giving it their best for I don’t know how many years, I’m still here. I am still here. But nobody, nobody stood up for me or with me. I was by myself. And I couldn’t hear nobody pray. It was just me by myself. So I don’t want to hear how bad it was that night. Tell me how bad it was since that night for me. I’m still nobody’s sweetheart. I’m still -- I still have not backed down. I still stand to the gates of hell and I will not back down. Yeah, I hate to think about those times. It was awful. It was awful. And nobody stood for me. Nobody. And somebody just snickered (verbatim) just now, I believe, but you know, I’m strong. I’m strong. I can take it.

The budget meeting, it was never announced that you were having budget meetings within your other meetings. I asked for a budget workshop. I wasn’t even -- that wasn’t even granted. A workshop where we could go in and ask questions about the new budget. No, not a one. Not one person could see the need to have a budget workshop. And then it came out
that there was a tax increase in the budget and there
were other things in the budget that we didn’t know
about it.

It has not been easy for me. I have not
complained. I just came through another election
where I said, if I win I win. If I lose I still win.
Because I have fought a long, hard battle. And I’m
still fighting.

I wish that we would -- when it comes to the atax
meeting, I wish that on the sheet that we would
advertise what needs to be placed -- just more
information on the sheet; what’s going to be -- what
needs to be in there and what needs to be out. Like
I said, we have people dipping three times. Not
double dipping but triple dipping and they even get
more money. And those who are trying to do it don’t
get anything.

All right. I wanted to introduce you to Men At
Work, but some of them have left. But those of you
who are still in here, please stand up. Please stand
up. Good. These are the Men At Work. The leader of
that group is Marion Tarrant. Mr. Tarrant, could you
tell us how many men do you have in the group? Ten
men in the group. Okay. And how many children do
you have on your rolls now? Forty-five children.
Ranging in ages what to what? Six to eighteen.
These men -- thank you so much. These men are worth
every penny, every dime, everything that they do for
Anderson County, y’all. It’s helping us. They are
making a difference. We can actually see the
difference coming from them.

And Mr. Chairman, I thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?
RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

First off, before I get started, Mr. Moore, I just
wanted to acknowledge the effort that you’re putting
forth as far as honoring your son. My prayers is
definitely for your family. I cannot imagine that
type of loss. But to see you take that type of
tragedy and move forward with it in such a positive
direction, I definitely commend you and your family
for that effort. And definitely looking forward to
seeing what’s able to become of that.

A couple of other things. One thing in
particular I’m going to address. It seems like every
time we get off on economic development when we’re
trying to identify what type of growth is coming into
the county, it always, to me, comes out as a
criticism toward farmers. Because we’re always
worried about it being a chicken farm. My district
is Starr, Iva and Belton area, which is a big part of a rural community in our county where we actually house a lot of chicken farms and also a lot of other farms, which also brings a huge tax base into Anderson County, brings a huge amount of jobs into Anderson County, provides for a lot of families in Anderson County. And believe it or not, they provide a lot of food on the tables for Anderson County. So with that being said, we always seem to get a lot of criticism on that. But there is some good that comes out of chicken farms and also regular farms. And just wanted to make that mention tonight, as well.

One other thing, I just came back from the South Carolina COG conference and I hate Burriss has left on this because this is actually a compliment toward his group. But one of the presentations down there, they got to talking about basically multi -- counties working together with industrial parks and basically teaming up attracting industry into the areas. And there's so many counties -- and believe it or not, I was proud to sit there when they was looking at some of these presentations because Anderson County is shining right now. We're very blessed with the economic development we have. But there are so many counties that is struggling with no growth or very little growth. And one of the things that they were presenting on was for them to basically go out with other counties and to form these industrial parks, these joint parks that Burriss Nelson, I think we done one tonight and it's almost a regular event that they bring forth for us at the Council meetings. So I mean we definitely want to thank his group for the efforts that they're putting toward economic development. And according to the state level and one of the presenters was actually on a federal level, it's definitely the way to go right now. Our guys is doing it. So definitely wanted to commend them on that.

Also, one other thing. I just want to congratulate -- I know he's not here tonight, but Dan Cooper was promoted to Chief of Staff with Tri-County Tech. That is a huge accomplishment on his part. I think it definitely brings great opportunities for Anderson County. We've got a very close relationship. He's always on our side as far as moving things forward. And Tri-County Tech, the partnership that we as a county has with them is just unreal. And I mean, it just brings so much economic development growth to our county. It brings educational opportunities to our youth. And
basically gives an opportunity for our citizens to be able to go to that next level as far as job opportunities. So it’s great to see Dan promoted to that position. Definitely look forward to his continuation working with Anderson County.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Mr. Wooten?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yeah. I also want to thank Mr. Moore for coming tonight. I apologize that our format dictates only so much time because I look forward to you coming back. But I did want everybody to hear at least a portion of what you’ve told me because of how encouraging it is. Just in talking to him, it’s amazing in the fact that we talked about many things but he was talking to Todd McCormick about, you know, working with us to help with the trees and the clearing to make it just a comprehensively better experience for the kids. And so I really appreciate that and look forward to him being back.

I’ll echo one thing that Ms. Floyd talked about. And I could probably myself better understand how atax works, how the eight provisions of the state law work, and if there are efficiencies that we can have by working with different avenues of the budget to either get more bang for the buck or include more people or work to better provide park, rec, hospitality, tourism; I’m all for that. So you know, if that could be taken up in the new budget season, I would welcome that.

But a lot of positive things going on in Anderson. Getting a lot of positive feedback from constituents and staff and feel like the morale is good. I look forward to the Christmas season and tackling the new year.

Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.

Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Please accept my deepest condolences at your loss. And I believe that as we go forward with your project that not only you will be richly blessed by that effort, but I believe our county and posterity will, too.

I just wanted to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving. It’s been an incredible year of a lot of hard work that everybody worked so hard together to accomplish. The county budget has so many working parts, it’s very hard to digest it all at one
sitting. And we do have a joint industrial park that we've been working with. Mr. Burns has helped try to put things together with the Abbeville and Anderson County partnership, bringing economic development to an area that so badly needs it. It’s been a real blessing from my perspective to have everyone working so hard for this county. And I’m so glad to be a part of it. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Short and brief. I’m going to start off with a few things about the atax. Everybody keep in mind, you can’t get it if you don’t apply for it. So if any groups out here -- I know Mr. Waters has had trouble over the years in his district trying to get people asking for this. You’ve got to apply for it. Two, you've got to meet certain criteria. But y'all do realize there’s a board that comes with this recommendation tonight, each Council member has got two members on there. I believe I would talk to them, have interface with them instead of getting on Council meeting tonight trying to grandstand or this, that and the other and try to find out what it is.

As Mr. Brill said tonight, there’s a reason why one of them groups did not get no money is because they didn’t meet the criteria. Two, a group getting money out of three pots of money there’s a good chance that group is meeting all the criteria and bringing people in from outside of Anderson County which is what this is meant to do and getting help on. That’s what this is about. Let’s keep that in mind.

Two, the budget process this year, like I said, it’s well known that since Mr. Crowder was the finance committee chairman, he took great pride in the finance committee, taking great pride in writing the budget and in our ordinance it says about how it meets the house and ways committee thing on that.

About writing the budget, all open. One thing different is you can go online and look at anything -- any money that’s being spent in Anderson County. And Ms. Fant, you can shake your head because you can ?? all you want to. And you always like to go back, like going back ten years. That’s one thing I hope the new Council won’t have to fight. You got to know what your history is so it won’t defeat itself. But to keep reliving it, reliving it, reliving it is ridiculous on both sides. It’s time to move forward. I hope Anderson County is better than that and has that to look forward to. Hope everybody has a great Thanksgiving.

Mr. Moore, again, as your family makes it through
Thanksgiving our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Look forward to working with y’all for the betterment of this. I really do. God bless. We’re adjourned.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:04 P.M.)