ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
RAY GRAHAM
TOM ALLEN
CRAIG WOOTEN
CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: Call to order the November 6th special presentation part of the council meeting to order. At this time we’ll go to Resolution 2(a) R2018-055. Ms. Wilson or Mr. Allen. Mr. Allen?

TOM ALLEN: Yes. This will be for the Hopewell Baptist Church.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes.

TOM ALLEN: Yes. It’s my pleasure this evening to get to read this resolution regarding the Hopewell Baptist Church. This is Resolution 2018-055. It’s a Resolution to honor and recognize Hopewell Baptist Church on their 215th year anniversary and other matters related thereto.

WHEREAS, Hopewell Baptist Church implements ministry in the church and throughout the community by building right relationships, pursuing right beliefs and engaging in the right actions; and

WHEREAS, Hopewell Baptist Church was constituted on September 23rd, 1803, becoming the third church to join the Saluda Association with 83 members who attended church services in a building constructed of logs; and

WHEREAS, in 1891, the old log structure was torn down and a one-room, one-story structure was built. The building was 60 feet by 40 feet in size, with nice pews and two wood stoves, with a building cost of approximately $2,500.00. It was considered one of the finer churches in the Saluda Association; and

WHEREAS, in February of 1949, members of the church voted to rebuild the church. And by August 1949, the new church was completed. The building was a brick structure with hardwood floors, a commodious arched auditorium, a baptistry, eight Sunday school rooms and oil heat. On October 2nd, 1949, a dedication service was held; and

WHEREAS, on June 30th, 1959, the Men’s Brotherhood was organized and the church voted to sponsor a youth fellowship hour for the young people of the church. And in October 1960, the Young Women’s Auxiliary was organized; and

WHEREAS, on March 2nd, 1963, Hopewell voted to incorporate as the Hopewell Baptist Church of Anderson, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, a lighted sign for Hopewell Church was placed on Highway 81; and

WHEREAS, on September 21st, 1986, the church celebrated its 183rd year anniversary and homecoming; and

WHEREAS, on September 23rd, 2018, Hopewell Baptist Church celebrated their anniversary commemorating 215 years of service; and
WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council is pleased to congratulate the members of Hopewell Baptist Church on their 215th year anniversary and salutes their efforts to continue to minister to the needs of others; and WHEREAS, the administration, residents and the County Council of Anderson County are pleased to honor Hopewell Baptist Church for their contributions to the community and Anderson County.

RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled this 6th day of November, 2018.

And Mr. Chair, I’ll put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion from Mr. Allen. Second Ms. Wilson. Any further discussions?

CINDY WILSON: Just a quick comment. This is such an historical church. My ancestors are buried out, I guess, in the old original Hopewell cemetery. And it’s been a cornerstone for the community for not just decades but now going over two centuries. It’s such a blessing to our county. So I’m very proud of y’all and really look forward to the ministry continuing. Thank you.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, Mr. Allen?

TOM ALLEN: Yes. I’d like to thank Ms. Wilson for allowing me to read this because I have constituents that also attend the Hopewell Baptist Church, even though it sits in her district. So thank you, Ms. Wilson, for allowing me to do that.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously. Y’all need to do anything? You got to present them?

(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)

TOMMY DUNN: At this time we’ll move on to Item 2(b), Resolution 2(b), R2018-057. Ms. Cindy Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is indeed an honor to recognize a young man. This is a resolution to honor and recognize Palmetto High School student Logan Hawkins for his dedicated sportsmanship and outstanding performances during the Earl Wooten Memorial Golf Tournament and the Watson Cup, and other matters related thereto.

WHEREAS, Logan Hawkins is a 16 year old junior attending Palmetto High School. He is a member of the Palmetto Mustang Varsity Golf Team; and WHEREAS, on August 26th, 2018, Logan Hawkins did compete in the Earl Wooten Memorial Golf Tournament at
the Saluda Valley Country Club in Williamston, South Carolina. Logan shot two straight rounds of three under par, 69, to win the Earl Wooten Memorial. Logan is the youngest golfer to win this title in the tournament; and

WHEREAS, on October 15th, 2018, Logan Hawkins did compete as a member of the South Carolina Junior Golf Association Team, consisting of eight golfers in the 2018 Inaugural Watson Cup held at the Ocean and Catsuit Course on Kiawah Island, South Carolina. Logan helped score the final three points for his South Carolina Junior Golf Team, representing the United States of America, to win the competition and defeat Team Scotland with a final score of 19.5 to 16.5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anderson County Council wishes to commend our young adults who demonstrate high levels of sportsmanship and professionalism required to compete in a highly competitive environment, developing life skills such as leadership, responsibility, dedication and teamwork, reflecting the pride of their community and setting an example for peers to emulate. We are proud of your accomplishments and would like to wish you great success in all of your future endeavors.

RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled this 6th day of November, 2018. And Mr. Chairman, may I put that into the form of a motion?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. Have a motion.

Have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

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

Show the motion carries unanimously.

CINDY WILSON: If we may have my fellow council members and this young man and his team and family down front.

(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)

TOMMY DUNN: At this time this part of our council meeting presentations will adjourn. We’ll meet back and start our regular council meeting at 6:30.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:13 P.M.)
IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
RAY GRAHAM
TOM ALLEN
CRAIG WOOTEN
CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call the regular Anderson County Council meeting of November the 6th to order. I’d like to welcome each and every one of you here, extend a special welcome and gratitude and thanks for coming. I believe we’ve got members of Oakwood Christian School here, their government class. Appreciate y’all coming out and hope y’all will enjoy y’all’s time here.

Also, for the record, Mr. Ken Waters will be unable to attend. He’s out of town. He’s got a son getting married. And Ms. Floyd has called, I believe, Mr. Burns and let him know she was going to be unable to attend tonight.

With that we’ll be moving on. At this time I’d like Council Lady, Ms. Cindy Wilson, to lead us in the invocation and pledge of allegiance. If we’d all rise, please.

(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CINDY WILSON)

TOMMY DUNN: At this time are there any corrections to be made to the October 6th Council meeting -- October 16th? Seeing and hearing none, do we have a motion to move these forward?

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may we accept the minutes as presented?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes a motion. Have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

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

At this time citizens comments.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, there are no citizens signed up to speak.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon. For the record, we have three minutes to speak at the first of the meeting and three minutes at the last. First of the meeting is public comments of anything on the agenda. The last three -- at the last of the meeting you have three minutes and you can talk about anything on your mind within reason.

We’ll be moving on now, Presentation from the Anderson Future Farmers of America. Do they need some help, Mr. Burns, with anything? Lacey? They got everything they need?

BRYCE KILEO: Hello. My name is Bryce Kileo, and I’m the Sentinel of the Anderson FFA Chapter. I joined the FFA in hopes that I would learn more about the field of agriculture and further advance myself as a leader. After school I plan to go on to college as a pre-vet major. Thank you for allowing us...
SADIE WOOD: My name is Sadie Wood and I’m the reporter of the Anderson FFA Chapter. Due to family traditions, I joined the FFA in order to better include myself in agriculture. After high school I plan to attend Clemson University and advance to Cornell University to study veterinary science.

DAJON BURTS: My name is DaJon Burts and I am the Vice President of the Anderson FFA Chapter. I joined FFA because it provides opportunities to gain leadership experience. I want to go to college to be a vet and hopefully have my own clinic one day. The FFA is a youth organization that helps students grow by giving them opportunities for personal growth, premier leadership and career success. Our officers’ goal this year is to make students feel inclusive and a part of our chapter. We have developed social activities throughout the year to accomplish this goal. We also want to get more involved in the community. Currently we volunteer at the Clemson Kennel Club Dog Show. We also go to the elementary schools and help educate students about agriculture through our hands-on instructions and demonstrations.

The horticulture classes have been propagating and growing plants. They are currently growing plants in the greenhouse and through a hydroponic system. The variety of plants includes wandering Jude, golden pathos, basil, nasturtium, collard greens and vascular. Please accept these tokens of our appreciation and gratitude for allowing us to come speak, for all that you do.

Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: If we’d all step down, if you would.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all again. Appreciate y’all coming out tonight. Good luck in y’all’s future endeavors. Thank you very much.

Moving on now to Item number 6, update and thank you by Ms. Angel Wheeler. Ms. Wheeler. Mr. Burns, you make sure she gets a mic.

ANGE WHEELER: Good evening. My name is Angel Wheeler and I wanted to come and officially thank everyone here for playing such a vital role in my life. Just this time last year, almost a year ago, I competed representing Anderson County at the Miss South Carolina USA pageant and it was my first pageant. And I tell you, it is an experience I feel like every young woman should really take. Pageants tend to have a bad stigma behind them, but in its true origin I think pageants
have a great way of building self-esteem, building your
certainty and just knowing who you are, learning who
you are as a woman and as anyone you want to become.
And so I would like to officially thank you guys for
your generous gifts to be able to afford me the
opportunity to compete.

Since then, I want to tell you -- update you guys
on what is going on since then. Like I said, the
pageant really spiraled and it was a domino effect in a
positive way. And after I competed in Charleston at
the Miss South Carolina USA Pageant, I was approached
to compete in a different system. And so I competed
representing the State of South Carolina, not just
Anderson County, but I represented the State of South
Carolina at Miss Black USA in Washington, D.C. And I
am proud to say that that was my first national
pageant, and I placed in the top 12 out of I think it
was thirty-six contestants. So from there I realized
that pageants were something that I wanted to continue
and I want to spread that same joy that I get from
pageants. And everything that I’ve learned from it has
made a better person.

And so let me just explain first the Miss Black
South Carolina system. So currently before I came into
position, there was no one who is the director for the
pageant. And so what that means is that you go through
an interview process versus an actual pageant to
compete. So I was awarded the opportunity to represent
South Carolina through an interview process. And
again, I went on to place in the top 12. And now I
have the wonderful position of being state director for
the State of South Carolina. And so we will be doing a
pageant this year for Miss Black South Carolina USA and
Miss Black South Carolina Talented Teen USA. And I am
excited about that opportunity. And again, it’s thanks
to you guys and for your supported that spiraled.

Oh, also, I do have some invitations that I would
like to give you if that’s okay. In about two weeks
we’ll be doing an official meet and greet Miss Black
South Carolina, and it’ll be a token of my
appreciation. I can really show you how much I really
appreciate you guys. May I give it out?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

Give Ms. Wheeler a big hand. She’s done Anderson
County proud.

Mr. Burns?

RUSTY BURNS: There’s a lady with her
that would like to come say a few words.

TOMMY DUNN: Come on up if you want to
say a few things. Give her that mic right there, Mr.
I’m just so excited about the opportunity that you all have given to Angel and supported her. I just wanted to say thank you, as well.

TOMMY DUNN: You’re more than welcome.

Appreciate -- she’s done Anderson County very proud.

Moving on to Item number 7, Ordinance third readings; there are none.

Moving on to Item number 8, Ordinance second reading, 8(a) 2018-045, Ordinance proposing prohibition of certain motor vehicle traffic on Ballard Road in District 7. Do we have a motion to move this forward on second reading? Ms. Wilson makes the motion. Have a second? Second Mr. Allen. Are there any discussions? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to 8(b), 2018-046, an Ordinance to provide approval of Anderson County to quit claim an area of 84 square feet to the current owner of Lot 1 of Buckwood Subdivision in order that the garage located on Lot 1 does not encroach the right-of-way of Oswego Road. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen. Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Hearing none all in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 8(c), 2018-047, an Ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park, 2010 Park of Anderson and Greenville Counties, as to enlarge the park. Project Fox. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Second Mr. Wooten. Any discussion? Mr. Nelson, do you have anything you want to add or say?

BURRIS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is what we normally do for Greenville County when they have a project and placing it in the Multi-County Park Agreement. Thank you for your consideration for this particular project.

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

Moving on to 8(d), 2018-048, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 70-9:2 of the Anderson County Code of
Ordinances as to provide compensation for the members of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Second

Mr. Graham. Are there any discussions? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to 2018-049. This will be 8(e) an Ordinance to amend Chapter 38-311 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances so as to clarify decision-making and public record and notification process for preliminary subdivision proposals. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Second

Mr. Allen. Are there any discussions? Hearing and seeing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to 8(f), 2018-050, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 38-66 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances as to provide compensation for the Planning Commission. Same thing we just done for the Zoning and Appeals Board. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Second

Mr. Wooten. Are there any discussion? Hearing and seeing none all in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on now to Item number 9. This will be first readings. Be 9(a), Ordinance amending zoning map to rezone +/- one acre from R20 Single Family Residential, to RD Residential Duplex District at Grate Road, District 4. Mr. Parkey.

JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes, this is a request to rezone the said property at 284 Grate Road from R20, which is the single family residential district 20,000 square foot lots, to RD residential duplex. The applicant wishes to build a duplex on the property. Staff recommended approval. Zoning Advisory Group did not meet at their October 3rd meeting for a lack of quorum. Therefore the item comes forward technically as a recommendation for approval. And the Planning Commission recommended denial of the request, I believe at their October 9th meeting. I believe the applicant is present this evening, as well. That’s all we have, Mr. Chair.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Dr. Parkey. At this time we’ll go into a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please step forward, state your name, your district where you live and address the chair, please. Public hearing.

Mr. Burns, make sure he’s good with that.

RANDY WILLIAMS: Hello, my name is Randy Williams. Yes, I’m trying to transfer that to a duplex property. It would be my residential where I would actually stay. And the other side I would try to rent out or use it as family purposes. Actually that whole surrounding area is family. The whole community is family and friends, is pretty much related to us. That’s why I’m here today to try to get it transferred. And plus I went to the community and asked them would they have a problem with me rezoning the area. And unfortunately they couldn’t make it due to other circumstances they have. So I have documentation, signatures.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, will you get that, please? I hate to have to work you like this tonight.

RANDY WILLIAMS: Those are the people that are surrounding that area where I’m going to put the duplex at. And pretty much they have no problem with me doing it. They actually, you know, want me, you know, encouraging me to do it for they’ve been knowing me all my life. I’ve been living in the neighborhood for thirty-three years, so that’s the reason why I’m trying to build it.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Appreciate it.

RANDY WILLIAMS: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else wishing to speak to this matter? Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none -- anyone at all? Hearing none, the public hearing will be closed. Dr. Parkey, may I ask you why the Planning Commission denied this? What was their reason? Did they have one?

JEFF PARKEY: I do. I have that. They indicated concerns with the compatibility of surrounding properties, concerns with use and value of surrounding properties. This was their reason for the motion to deny despite staff’s recommendation for approval.

TOMMY DUNN: Dr. Parkey, do you remember -- were you at the Planning Commission meeting that night?

JEFF PARKEY: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Any opposition speak against this?
JEFF PARKEY: I believe there -- I don't have the minutes, but I do believe that there was at least one speaker in opposition, perhaps two. I don't have the minutes from the meeting.

TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. I'm got it in front of me. I'm trying to thumb through it. Did staff recommended approval or deny?

JEFF PARKEY: Staff recommended approval.

CINDY WILSON: May I ask a question?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

CINDY WILSON: This doesn't directly relate to this as much as in the future. Would it be possible for us to be copied with the minutes from the Planning Commission relating to these things? I looked through and I didn’t see them.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen, do you have anything you want to say?

TOM ALLEN: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yeah, I spoke to the individual involved here that wants to do this. And after talking to him and getting a better idea where the property is located and so on, I have no objection to it. And I've not received any objections from any residents out there. And in my opinion I would go ahead and approve this. And I think the staff has already done that, too. But I think it would be a good location to put this.

TOMMY DUNN: Are you making a motion to approve?

TOM ALLEN: I would make a motion to approve this change.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen makes the motion to accept this recommendation from the staff. Ms. Wilson, I believe seconds it. Now, are there any other discussions? Seeing none -- and it is in Mr. Allen's district -- all I favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

We'll be moving on -- and sir, where you’ll know -- I don’t know how well you know the process -- we have to vote on this two more times. We’ve got to vote on this two more times. I just want you to understand that for the record. The process has to go through three readings, if it passes. Okay.

Moving on to Item number 9(b), 2018-052, an Ordinance amending the zoning map to rezone plus or minus .33 acres from R-M1, mixed residential district, to C2 highway commercial, at 3 Beaverdam Road. Dr. Parkey.

JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This request is to rezone from RM-1 the mixed residential
district to C-2 highway commercial that property on Beaverdam Road just outside the town limits of Williamston. The applicant is requesting the change for a car lot. Staff recommended approval of the request. Zoning Advisory Group did not meet at their October 3rd meeting for a lack of quorum. Technically the item comes forward as a recommendation for approval. The Planning Commission recommended approval at their October 9 meeting. That’s all I have. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Dr. Parkey. At this time we’ll go into a public hearing on this matter. Anyone wishing to speak to this, please come forward, state your name, district you’re from, address the Chair, please. Anyone at all? Anyone? Hearing and seeing none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we have any questions or comments for Dr. Parkey? Do we have a motion for this?

CINDY WILSON: I’ll make the motion that we approve.

RAY GRAHAM: I’ll second that.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Ms. Wilson to accept staff’s recommendation for approval.

CINDY WILSON: But I do have some comments, please.

TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Graham. Now, Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: It would be very helpful if we had a set of those minutes so we could understand what the concerns were that were expressed at the Planning Commission. There were four in favor and two opposed and one absent. And we don’t really know what took place there. And I’ve driven by that area a number of times in the last few days. The house is really run down. It’s across the street from the Hardee’s that has a lot of traffic and next to, I guess the Masonic Lodge and some other things. I can just hope and pray that the buyers of this property will upgrade it and make it look better because right now it looks kind of slummy. So one of the comments that I did hear was that Williamston doesn’t need another car lot. But hopefully they’ll make it look nice over there. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Any other comments? I would just to say any time something like this, I hope our -- person on the Planning Commission should stay in touch with them and talk with them and get their input and whatnot. That’s what we appoint them for, to give us feedback and let us know the feel of the community on these things. And I know it’s -- also, let me say
this, it’s getting to be a regular habit -- I know Dr. Parkey is having trouble -- we need to tune -- do something to our neighborhoods groups because it’s getting to be -- an I’m not pointing a finger. It’s all seven of us that’s having trouble getting quorums up. And it really puts a hardship on the people that want something zoned or don’t want it zoned or whatnot to go to these meetings and can’t have a quorum to vote on nothing to go through or something another.

CINDY WILSON: It’s also a hardship on the people living around a proposal because they get the date, but they may not get an update that it’s been cancelled because of lack of a quorum. So it really is not a very good situation.

TOMMY DUNN: It is. But once it’s cancelled, as Dr. Parkey said, it really just moves forward. So it’s another process about going on through it. Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: If I may address Dr. Parkey? In the future is there any way we, as council, can get an attendance record? I think it’s very important, number one, that our representation are making themselves available at the meetings. But one thing, when we have people in the community that’s trying to move something forward, in their mind it’s a positive manner. Now, whether or not we agree or disagree, it doesn’t matter. But I mean there’s a citizen that is truly trying to move something forward in a positive manner. And with that being said, I think it’s our responsibility as council members to ensure our representation. Naturally they’re going to miss meetings, but we do need to try to make a quorum. And I think if we were able to keep a better close look at that through attendance it would probably help us as council. But we definitely appreciate what you guys do with this. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Now we’re moving on to Item number 9(c), 2018-053, Ordinance to amend agreement for the development of a joint county industrial business park, 2010 park, of Anderson and Greenville Counties, so as to enlarge the park. This is Project Triple. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

TOM ALLEN: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen. Second Ms. Wilson. Now, discussion? Mr. Burris, have you got any comments you’d like to say or anything?

BURRIS NELSON: (Inaudible.)
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We have a -- anymore discussion? Hearing and seeing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed? Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number (d), 2018-053 (verbatim), Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an infrastructure credit agreement to provide for infrastructure credits to Armada Development LLC to address -- to assist in the development of a senior housing project. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

TOM ALLEN: (Inaudible.)

TOMMY DUNN: 54, I said, I thought. Yeah, we’re on (d), 9(d). 2018-054. You’ve got too much time on your hands tonight. Mr. Ken ain’t here playing with you and interrupting me. We have a motion by Mr. Allen and second by Ms. Wilson. Mr. Burris Nelson?

BURRIS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This project has a lot of great potential. But we were approached by the Town of Pendleton. And if you’ll note there’s a letter from Mayor Frank Crenshaw in the back requesting our participation and cooperation with the Town of Pendleton in the development of this particular project. But this is a senior living -- assisted living facility to be constructed in the Pendleton town limits. And we would be partners in this agreement with them. Creating a hundred jobs with the average wage of eighteen twenty-six an hour. New annual payroll of 3.6 million. Capital investment approximately twenty million. This is a twenty year agreement. I realize I’ve got thirty in another place there. But anyway a twenty year agreement. No, I’m sorry, it’s a thirty year agreement. Forty-one percent 30 year SSRC and because it’s commercial it would have to be in a multi county park agreement. But this is kind of a little different wrinkle which I think we would like. They add one percent back to the project every year on the property tax and the SSRC. So it’s a reduction of the credit. And we receive more dollars back over the thirty year period.

The first payment is three hundred and thirty thousand dollars. Last payment would be four hundred and forty thousand three hundred and eighty-six. Total taxes on this property paid last year, twelve thousand five hundred dollars. Over thirty years it would be a little over eight million dollars in property tax collected. And the first year community impact, ten million. Thirty year community impact, sixty-seven million. This comes from staff and from the Advisory
Board with a recommendation to give positive consideration. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We have anymore discussion?

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?

TOM ALLEN: If I could, yeah. This is going to be, again, located off Wild Hog Road I think in conjunction with a large RV park that’s going in out there. And when you combine those two things along with all that development going on on Clemson Boulevard on 76 and then Arthrex on down the road, Pendleton is really going to be booming over the next few years. So I think this would be a very good thing for that area out there. It’s going to be in a good location. Thank you.

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

Moving on to Item number 9(e), 2018-055, an Ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial business park, 2010 park, of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Second Mr. Allen. Any discussion? Mr. Nelson, do you have anything?

BURRIS NELSON: Nothing other than this is a request to put this in the Greenville multi county park agreement and receive the benefits from the park agreement. Thank you, sir.

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

Moving on now to 9(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 tax agreement, Project Trio, with respect to a project in the county whereby the project will be subject to payments of certain fee in lieu of taxes and would be provided certain special source credits against fee payments and infrastructure improvement grants. Project Trio. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

TOM ALLEN: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen. Second Ms. Wilson. Open the floor for discussion. Mr. Nelson?
BURRIS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This is one of our existing industries and one of our really good and great existing industries. Continuing to expand, forty-five million capital investment, creating twenty new jobs, with an average pay of twenty-four dollars and forty-four cents and hour. That new payroll alone is almost a million dollars a year annual payroll. This is a fifty percent SSRC for fifteen years on this project. Taxes paid last year on what they have existing is three hundred and fifty-six thousand. This new project will bring three hundred and seventy thousand in property tax. Over a thirty-year period that property tax will total -- just on the forty-five million -- will total three million eighty-four thousand. First year community impact is 4.5 million. And thirty year community impact is a hundred and eight million. And then there is a fee in lieu of tax illustration following that. This is a great project and comes to council with recommendation from staff and from the advisory board for your consideration and hopeful approval.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.

Anymore discussion? Anyone have any? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to 9(g), 2018-057, an Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of special resource credit agreements by and between Anderson County, South Carolina, Ace Solar, LLC, and Pelzer Solar I, LLC, with respect to certain economic development in the county, including provisions of certain special source revenue credits. Project Avocado. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Second Mr. Allen. I’ll open the floor for discussion. Mr. Nelson?

BURRIS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, thank you. Appreciate you allowing us to bring this to council floor with apology. This is a little bit of an inconvenience because this is addressing the solar project that we passed several months ago, Project Avocado. And they also called it Fruit Punch. But it was a number of properties that were set aside for solar panel farms and different acreage amounts. And as they have proceeded forward, they realized that it might be better to keep them in multi county park agreements and not in negotiated fee agreements. And so they haven’t entered into our actual tax books yet. So there’s not a real inconvenience for our tax office.
Just the inconvenience of council for having to address this. But they would like to change those to multi county park agreements. And that comes with a recommendation from our staff and from the advisory board.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.

Anyone else have anymore? Anything?

CINDY WILSON: A quick comment.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: I drove by and saw the one in Pelzer, and it truly looks like a crop of magnificent proportion popping up in that field. It was astonishing to see.

BURRIS NELSON: They go up quick.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Mr. Nelson, appreciate all the hard work you and your staff’s done. And keep moving stuff forward and let’s keep getting it.

BURRIS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 10, Resolution 10(a), R2018-058, a Resolution to adopt the fiscal year 2018-2019 road improvement plan for Anderson County. Do we have a motion?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second?

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

Moving on to Item 10(b), 2018-059, a Resolution to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Pelzer for Anderson County to provide certain services within the town limits which the County presently provides to unincorporated areas. We have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Second Mr. Allen. Open the floor for discussion. Mr. Burns, you just want to highlight this just a little bit for everybody.

RUSTY BURNS: You know Pelzer has increased the size of their town. They have no funds available to provide building code services and other services. We’ve going to do this same agreement as we do in other towns; do their building inspections and all of the other necessary services.
CINDY WILSON: Very quickly.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: This is one of the unintended consequences of Act 388. They voted to be annexed into Pelzer over there, hoping to create a tax base for better public safety and all these other services, and yet they can’t. So we’re trying to help.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

LEON HARMON: If I may add one comment? The Town of Pelzer has adopted our ordinance in these various areas. I have a list of those ordinances here. They should have been attached to the intergovernmental agreement, but they weren’t. I’m going to hand them up to you right now.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair, if I could?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?

TOM ALLEN: Did we receive any kind of fees? We’ve getting the fees from it?

TOMMY DUNN: For the building permit, like if somebody purchases it, we’ll be getting that.

TOM ALLEN: All right. That’s all I wondered.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion on the floor. Let’s just clean this up. Somebody make a motion to amend the motion to make -- to show that these ordinances are included in this?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes the motion. Do we have a second? We have a second Mr. Allen. Are there any discussion on the amendment? All in favor of the amendment show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the amendment vote is unanimous.

Now, back, are there any discussion to the main motion? Hearing none, all in favor of the main motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Now we’re going to be moving on to Item number 10(c), Resolution R2018-60, a Resolution in support of Clemson University’s acquisition of real property in Anderson County for legal access to a portion of the Clemson Experimental Forest that does presently exist to enhance the university’s program for research, teaching, education, demonstration activities and for the community. Do we have a motion to move this forward? Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second?

Second Mr. Allen. Now, open the floor for discussion. Mr. Burns, do you want to elaborate on this a little bit?

RUSTY BURNS: Clemson University is going
to purchase this land. They’re going to increase the
trail opportunities off of Wild Hog Road with
greenways. They will eventually connect to the trail
project that the Town of Pendleton currently has.
They’re going to be building a pavilion up there. It
will increase tourism and revenue in that part of the
world. It’s really going to be really, really nice and
it’s going to be a big benefit to us.

TOMMY DUNN: Big benefit and not costing
us nothing. This will be a big benefit for that part
-- as Mr. Allen said a minute ago for that growing
community up there. Anyone have anything else? All in
favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to number 10(d), R2018-61, a Resolution
authorizing under certain conditions the execution and
delivery by Anderson County, South Carolina, of a fee
in lieu of tax agreement, 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 payments -- against fee payments. Do we have a
motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Second
Mr. Allen. Any discussion? Mr. Nelson, do you have
anything?
BURRIS NELSON: Nothing other than, Mr.
Chairman, this is putting this project in the agreement
that we have with Greenville to receive all the
benefits that a multi county park allows.
TOMMY DUNN: Have anything else? All in
favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Going to be moving on to number 10(e), Resolution
R2018-62, Resolution authorizing the withdrawal of
certain real property from the fee in lieu of tax
agreement by and between Robert Bosch, LLC, AFCO and
Anderson County. Do we have a motion to move this
forward?

RAY GRAHAM: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen. Second
by Mr. Graham. Open the floor for discussion. Mr.
Nelson, do you want to hit on this?
BURRIS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr.
Chairman. As you know, AFCO, the two joint partners in
that were Bosch and Nippondenso. And about a year ago
they made a decision to dissolve their joint venture.
They had passed and Council passed in 2013 a fee in
lieu of tax agreement at that time for approximately
fourty-two million in capital investment and the
creation of some jobs. State law, state statute
requires that if it dissolves before the end of the
five years that the properties must be withdrawn from
the park agreement, as well as the division of those
two properties and assets. And that’s what this
Resolution is about; is providing that pathway for them
to carry out what the state statute requires.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone have
anything? Questions, comments? Anymore discussion?
All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed
like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Again, thank you very much, Mr. Nelson. Appreciate
you and your staff’s hard work. And keep moving
Anderson County forward.

BURRIS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you and
all the members of Council for your support.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number
11, report from the Personnel Committee meeting held on
November the 2nd, 2018. Chairman Allen. Chairman?

TOM ALLEN: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

As many of you know out here, we’ve had a personnel
study done by a management firm out of Texas which
occurred over the past several months. And they were
in here looking at job descriptions, job appraisals,
pay scales, the whole thing, comparing them to other
counties and private industry and so on. So we had a
meeting to look at this and see how it was going. Our
objective now is to make sure that all the job
descriptions are current, up to date and rewritten, if
necessary, and that annual job appraisals are being
done in a timely manner. And we have an individual in
personnel that’s working specifically on this. So
that’s something that we really needed to get cleaned
up because prior to this time it was kind of a hit and
miss process. But it looks like it’s going very well
and I think the management company that came in here
and presented that program did a fine job.

TOMMY DUNN: I agree, Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: And Mr. Allen, also, just
for the record, the Personnel Committee did make a
recommendation to come up later in Executive Session.

TOM ALLEN: Be in Executive Session;

right.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen, for
that report.

Moving on to Item number 12. Ms. Wilson has a
motion, I believe?

CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir. Thank you. I
would like to move, please, that we go into Executive
Session to discuss a personnel matter, receive legal
advice regarding resolution of a legal matter resulting
from an event at the Civic Center, and an Arthrex sewer
easement matter. Put that in the form of a motion.

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

(COMPETITIVE SESSION)

CINDY WILSON: ... having received
information regarding a personnel matter and legal
advice regarding a legal matter resulting from an event
at the Civic Center, and an Arthrex sewer easement
matter, without taking action.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion to come out
of executive session without taking any action. We
have a second? Second Mr. Allen. Motion was made by
Ms. Wilson. All in favor of the motion show of hands.
Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously.

Do we have a motion on the sewer property?

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, fellow Council, this is a motion to
authorize the County Administrator to take the
necessary actions to obtain a sewer easement across
property located at the corner of U.S. 76 and Milwee
Creek Road as discussed in Executive Session. I bring
this forth in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr.

discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously.

Now we have a motion about the legal matter?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. Mr. Chairman, I’d
like to make a motion to authorize a resolution of the
Edgar Loudermilk case against the county for the
mediated settlement amount as discussed in Executive
Session.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Wooten.

Have a second? Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?
All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Now, we have a motion coming from the Personnel
Committee about personnel. Chairman Allen?

TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chair. Thank you
so much. Yeah. I’d like to make the following motion.
It’s to approve a salary adjustment for the County
Administrator as discussed in Executive Session. And
what we’ve done here, and after reviewing all the
management studies that have been done and looking at
all the salaries that other administrators are making
around the county and prior administrators for that
matter, we had a discussion and would like to raise the
County Administrator’s salary to a hundred and seventy-
two thousand a year. And I’ll put that in the form of
a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion from the
Personnel Committee, but we’re going to take a second.
Ms. Wilson seconds. Are there any discussion? I just
want to add -- want to say that this is something
that’s long overdue. It’s been coming on. We looked
at this back in the budget time. Said we’d look at it
again in a year. This is trying to keep in line with
what other people of that job description make. I want
to point out any other county or city managers,
administrators, Mr. Burns did not take a vehicle. Mr.
Burns did not take a telephone. Mr. Burns is more
entitled to it for the ten years, almost ten years that
he’s been working for the county, the time I’ve known
him, to take time off if it wasn’t for sickness. He
takes one fishing trip a year and he leaves on Thursday
and comes back on a Monday. And he’s always -- works
over at nighttime, numerous times, and his service to
Anderson County has been valuable. I know the people
of Anderson County are indebted to his service. He’s
dedicated to Anderson County. And also, when I think
about when I first got on Council, the three years that
we went through some of the things that Council at that
has went through, most people would have left. And
some Councilmen, and I think we even thought about
about leaving. But he got us through it. Very proud.
As I said in Executive Session, I think Anderson County
has come out and been a shining star. Rusty, Mr.
Burns, is our CEO and he needs to be paid accordingly.
And this is not nothing he asked for. He does his job
because he truly does love it. And we’re very
fortunate to have him. And the money he brings to
Anderson County through the state, I can just look
around what the airport’s done, our sewer’s done, what
he’s done is well worth it and very, very proud to have
Mr. Burns as our administrator. Anyone else? And
hopefully this will make up for the bad night Mr. Burns
and his people are going to have tonight. Anybody make
a -- any other discussion? Hearing and seeing none,
all in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the
motion carries unanimously.

We’re going to move on now to the report from the
Public Safety Committee meeting held November the 2nd.
Chairman Graham. Chairman Graham?
RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, I bring forth in the form of a motion, this is in reference to agenda item number 3 from the Public Safety Committee where we met November the 2nd at 10:00 a.m. This is in reference to weapons released to retirees.

 Basically the sheriff has approached the Public Safety Committee in reference to when a sheriff’s deputy retires from Anderson County that they’re allowed to retain their duty weapon. That would be just the duty weapon itself. It would not include any long guns or it would not include the off-duty weapon. This has been a common practice in previous administrations. Sheriff McBride has just kind of stepped up and wanted to be very transparent and basically get the blessings on Council for him to continue doing this.

 This is also a common practice across the state with a lot of agencies when an officer has basically spent their career with an agency, whether it’s a county or a municipality that upon their retiring instead of getting a retirement gift or something of that nature, they basically get to keep their duty weapon. And once they retire it’s basically reissued to that individual and taken out of -- in this case it’ll be taken out of the county’s name.

 The Public Safety Committee did vote on this and approved a hundred percent to bring it before full Council. And I do bring that forth in the form of a motion for full Council to support this.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Public Safety Committee, it doesn’t need a second. Are there any discussion? Mr. Allen?

TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Just correct me, Ray, if I don’t clarify this correctly, but this only applies to people that are going to be retiring; correct?

RAY GRAHAM: That’s correct.

TOM ALLEN: Which means twenty -- what is it now twenty-seven ---

RAY GRAHAM: Actually for new individuals that’s coming into service now, it’ll be twenty-seven years. If you were already in law enforcement previously from 2016; I think somewhere around in there, it’ll be at twenty-five years.

One other thing, you’re correct, it is specifically for -- you have to be retiring from law enforcement and from Anderson County. The Sheriff had asked that we put in that they basically had to serve at least five years of that service with Anderson County. Councilman
Waters also asked that we put in on the same motion that if you’ve got less than five years of service with Anderson County; one, you would have the option of purchasing the value of that weapon and keeping it; and two, the Sheriff could decide to give it through the Sheriff’s Department’s — what’s the correct term for that? Foundation? Where they would actually compensate the county for that weapon.

To give you an idea of about a dollar figure on this, we’re not talking about a new weapon. We’re talking about a weapon that odds is they have had for several years. And realistically while this seems like a small amount for a — in this case a Glock 40 caliber, you’re probably looking at about a two hundred to three hundred dollar value, which is what it would cost the Sheriff’s Department for that weapon or what we would get on a trade-in value in the event to purchase a new weapon.

Again, this is more of a -- I guess just something for the officer. I assure you, coming from law enforcement, it would be much more meaning to get that duty weapon that you had utilized during your career than it would to be getting a watch or something of that nature that would truly be the same value; probably two to three hundred dollars. So again, we bring that in forth in the form of a motion.

TOM ALLEN: I’d also just like to say, too, just to clarify this. It’s not just saying if a sheriff’s deputy leaves here and wants to go to the police department, he’s not getting the weapon. He’s got to be able to retire. And we’re only talking about, what was it, two or three, maybe four a year at the very most. Somewhere in that ballpark. It’s not going to be dozens and dozens of officers every year that would be getting that.

RAY GRAHAM: Possibly in the event of a new administration -- with that, and I would say possibly a number of six to eight. But again the way they’ve changed the retirement system, you’ve almost got to be in a position where you’re truly going to retire to even have this opportunity. So with that being said, you’re literally getting out of law enforcement because again once you retire you cannot come back unless you’re only willing to make like ten thousand dollars a year. So there’s some criteria on the state level that kind of protects us a little bit. There’s a couple of individuals that has retired out since the sheriff has came on that he wants to go back and basically incorporate with this program. And I think that’s number is like two or three. But again,
we’re talking about a small amount. You’re probably looking at, I would say by all means, less than five a year, if that. That would probably be on the high end.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. We’ll move on with this. I’d just like to add it don’t matter to me how many there are. Somebody that’s give their service especially to Anderson County, they deserve -- I don’t care if they get a watch, too. They deserve that service weapon. That’s the least we can do for them, I think, putting their life on the line. It’s only the right thing to do. I’m glad the sheriff has brought this forth to make it right to legitimately be done. They’ve got every right for it, I think. Justly deserved.

All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Chairman?

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The second thing is we’ve been approached and would like to look into purchasing chairs for dispatch which would be upgrading their chairs. Keep in mind this is something that literally someone sits in, literally, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred sixty-five days a year. So naturally over a period of time there’s wear and tear on the chairs. And with that being said, we’re asking from Public Safety that full Council would support an RFB to be put out to determine what type of cost this would be. And we ask that -- we bring this forth in the form of a motion, as well, from Public Safety Committee support that we do a RFB on this.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Coming from the Public Safety Committee it doesn’t need a second. Keep in mind, anything that is purchased or whatnot, it’ll come back and be voted on by Council. I just ask that whoever is involved in this does a good study to look at it to make sure they get the right, appropriate equipment for this. I know they’ve got a lot around to look at and everything and to get something. I asked Mr. Carroll to look back -- it is what it is -- but we purchased chairs several years ago, to see how long ago that was about it and we can get sort of the life expectancy. But they are, as Mr. Graham said, somebody sitting in those chairs. And not only twenty-four seven, a lot of those people, I think, are working twelve hour shifts. They’re twelve hours in that thing for a good part of the time. Anymore discussion? All in favor of the Public Safety Committee’s recommendation, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank
you, Mr. Chairman.

Moving on to Item number 14, appointments. Are there -- I don’t have none here. Has anybody got anything that come up?

Moving on -- hearing none, moving on to request by Council members. Mr. Allen?

TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I have one I’d like to do. I’d like to do five hundred dollars for the Lights of Hope, the Christmas lights. And I’ll put that in the form of a motion.

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

Anything else, Mr. Allen?

TOM ALLEN: That’s all.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: None at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I’ve got two I’d like to put together. The Anderson Area YMCA does an annual Reindeer Run that actually brings in more runners than the Midnight Flight. I’d like to appropriate three thousand dollars for this.

Also, the Anderson Free Clinic, it’s a combination of events; it’s Walk with the Docs, it’s Run with the Nurses, and it’s Party on the Porch. But I’d like to allocate four thousand dollars from District 1 for this. And I’d like to put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr. Wooten. Second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Anything else, Mr. Wooten?

CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

From District 7's recreation account, please appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for Lights of Hope and five thousand dollars for the Town of Pelzer, which will be held and managed by Anderson County, for their benefit for the Master Plan Project. I’d like to put that in the form of a motion.


Anything else, Ms. Wilson?
CINDY WILSON: That’s all.

TOMMY DUNN: From District 5’s rec account I’d like to transfer one thousand one hundred and ten dollars out of District 5’s rec account for the Civic Center. Put that in the form of a motion. Have a motion and second Mr. Allen. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

And I’d also like to take a thousand dollars out of District 5’s rec account to the Christmas Lights, Hopes of -- Lights of Hope, I’m sorry. Put that in the form of a motion.

TOM ALLEN: Second.

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

Hearing and seeing no one, nothing else.

We’ll move on to the administrator’s report.

RUSTY BURNS: Thank you. Nothing further to report. But thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: You’re welcome.

Moving on to Item number 17, citizens comments. Please state your name and district, address the chair and you’ve got three minutes.

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

ELIZABETH FANT: Good evening, friends. I have the new Anderson Magazine, if you haven’t seen it. It’s great. This really showcases some of the nice things that happen in Anderson, including some of the things like the Reindeer Run and the Lights of Hope, and all the other things. Anderson has a lot going for it.

There’s one article in here, Shock the Block, which is talking about what’s going on in downtown Anderson. I was shocked when I read it because it says -- one thing, in downtown Anderson a hundred and seventy-five events were coordinated and promoted by the City of Anderson, and I think that’s in 2017. I don’t know what they were. I know some of them. But certainly not a hundred and seventy-five.

One of the things that Anderson County is doing a better job with, but still needs to go further with, is advertising the good stuff that’s going on. If there are a hundred and seventy-five events that are going on, and I know very few of them and you know how much I stay on top of stuff, then I’m missing a whole lot and somehow another it’s not getting out to the public because I probably would know about it.
One thing I picked up recently was Williamston had a placard about yay long and it listed all the major events that happen in Williamston from January all the way through December. You know when they’re going to be. You know when they’re going to have the Spring Water Festival, the party -- Boo in the Park, the barbecue thing. They’re all listed on one little piece of paper. I used to think the library didn’t do anything. I now have seen a sheet, big sheet, where just for the months of November/December they’ve listed day and what, day and what event. That’s the kind of thing we need to have out for people to pick up so that they know when there are things going on that interest their children or whatever, including what goes on the internet and Facebook. And I think that some of the agencies like the museum are using and doing a better job of doing that on Facebook.

We as individuals are -- or rather you as individuals as Council people, I don’t want to hear anybody say I, me, I did so and so, because of me, because of my program, and I think I’ve mentioned that before. I don’t say that either. I don’t get up here and say I do, I, whatever. It’s a we thing. We together. Us together. And we need to advertise together and tell people the good things that we’re doing and not let it get personal.

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

Now we’ll be moving on to remarks from Council members. Mr. Allen?

TOM ALLEN: I have nothing at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?
RAY GRAHAM: Just one thing, Mr. Chairman. And I failed to put this on the agenda, but I just want to update Council. We do have -- currently have MedShore Dispatch over in Central Dispatch. It hasn’t officially went live yet, but they did work this past week, worked through some kinks on a couple of days that went very smoothly, a couple of days that was a lot of kinks on it. But definitely commend our dispatch and MedShore with trying to move our program forward with EMS. And definitely hope to update you guys more so in the future with the goodness of this.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.

Mr. Wooten?
CRAIG WOOTEN: Nothing at this time.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson?
CINDY WILSON: There’s some really, really exciting news to enjoy. After decades of people begging over in the Cheddar area for water, an economic development issue over there that was very corrupt in its founding and it was supposed to put the waterlines in and they didn’t. They don’t have sufficient size lines for fire hydrants or anything. But Mr. Burns gave me this as I came in. The County has received verbal, unofficial notification this afternoon that the Rural Infrastructure Authority intends to offer five hundred thousand dollars grant award. The funds will be used to install sprinklers and higher capacity waterlines along Big Creek Road. The waterline improvements will extend from Youth Center Road to Highway 20 Sherrard Road, and will provide water volumes and pressures adequate for providing fire service to structures in the area of the tank farms. It cannot be emphasized enough how vital this will be for that area. So I’m very thankful for our county people, Mr. Burns, Mr. Newton, Mr. Harmon, everyone who worked so hard to put this forward. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

I’d just like to remind everybody if they would -- I think they got it in the mailbox this past weekend -- the A-Tax money. Be looking at that. Probably have -- be voting on that next Council meeting. So be looking at that, questions and whatnot to get with staff on, please.

And I just want to -- also just want to commend -- Mr. Graham was talking about public safety a while ago, is our Emergency Preparedness Department. There was a chance this last weekend of storms coming up and getting serious. I just want you to know they’re on top of that, constantly keeping Mr. Burns and Council up to date on that. And we really appreciate the fine job Lieutenant Baker and his staff is doing there.

I also want to commend -- I’ll yield the floor back to Mr. Graham if he wants to say a few words -- Casey, about what all she’s doing and her thing. And I think y’all got a meeting coming up very soon on the fine work she’s been doing and been about to get the Magistrates together and solicitors and all of that and everything. Do you want to say a few words about that, Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Casey has done just an extremely well job on managing this whole program and bringing it together to fruition. You know, in the start we kind of piggybacked off of Charleston and some of their actions on what they’ve done as far as moving their agency
forward and basically kind of took some of the success stories down there and tried to implement them up here. But Casey has been very instrumental -- there’s not a week goes by that someone in the criminal justice system, you know, whether it’s through the solicitor’s office, public defender, magistrate level, law enforcement themselves, chaplain, I mean the list just goes on and on, that is not commending Anderson County on the steps that we’ve made. And it’s not we. You know, with that being said, I definitely want to give credit where it is. And that’s Casey. Casey has brought them groups together. I’d love to say we all have came a long ways. Well, we as a county, we have, but it’s through her leadership with this. She has just been very instrumental in bringing the key players together to the table at different meetings. And you know, we have these regular monthly meetings, but it is so many other micro meetings that just continually take place throughout the weeks, throughout the months, just getting things together. It’s been a slow process. But then again, the ones that’s involved, looking back at where we were and where we are today, especially just on a communication level amongst each other, we have come so far. And I’m definitely excited to see where we’re going with this.

And again, if you see Casey out and about, definitely commend her. Because I mean, she has been very instrumental in moving this program forward. So definitely just a great job on her part on that.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham. We’re very fortunate to have her.

And last but not least, I’d just like to say it’s good to sort of be back home, get back in our old Council chambers tonight. Appreciate the staff’s work in getting our elevator back and getting it back in shape and everything. Did you test it out this morning?

Appreciate everybody coming out. Meeting will be adjourned.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:53 P.M.)