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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 2, 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

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1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to
2 call the regular Anderson County Council meeting of
3 October 2nd to order. I'd like to welcome each and
4 every one of you here tonight. Sorry for any
5 inconvenience of having the meeting over here. We've
6 got some issues with the elevator over there, so we
7 moved it over here. I want to appreciate and thank
8 the Clerk of Court, Mr. Shirley, and his staff for
9 allowing us to have it over here, and feeding us a
10 little bit before the meeting. So thank them very
11 much for their hospitality.

12 So at this time we'll move on to Item number 2 on
13 the agenda, our invocation and pledge of allegiance by
14 Councilman Wooten. If we'll all rise, please.

15 (INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CRAIG WOOTEN)

16 TOMMY DUNN: At this time, moving on to
17 Item number 3, approval of the minutes of the
18 September 18, 2018 meeting. Are there any corrections
19 or changes that needs to be made?

20 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

21 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

22 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. On page 51,
23 line 48, instead of follow, the word should be
24 following. And on page 37, line 2, Welpine is spelled
25 W-E-L-P-I-N-E. And then on page 61, the names of
26 Patricia Seawright, that's spelled together. And
27 instead of Clary, that's Clardy, on lines 20 and 21.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else?

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

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

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Page 25, line 15, it says
32 Maggie. It says the place was called Maggie's. But
33 the word is Mattie's, M-A-T-T-I-E-S. Maggie's is
34 listed two or three times, but the company or the
35 place's name is Mattie's.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Any other corrections? Do
37 we have a motion to accept the minutes with those
38 corrections?

39 CINDY WILSON: I make a motion that we
40 accept the minutes as amended.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson.
42 Have a second?

43 TOM ALLEN: Second.

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

47 Now we're going to be moving on to Item number 4,
48 Citizens Comments. At this time the attorney, Mr.
49 Harmon, will call your name. These are for comments
50 that's on the agenda items only for the first go-

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1 around. At the end of the meeting will be comments
2 for any other discussion that's not other -- on the
3 agenda. You have three minutes. Please address the
4 chair. Please state your name and district for the
5 record. Mr. Harmon?

6 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chair, the first
7 speaker is Michael Acquilano.

8 MICHAEL ACQUILANO: Hello. Thank you for
9 having us here this evening. I am here representing
10 the Catholic Diocese of Charleston, the project Saint
11 Clare's home, which we have discussed, I believe it
12 was early August and now we're at the first week of
13 October. And we appreciate you giving us this time to
14 chat with residents and discuss this further because I
15 think it was very fruitful. I think we came down to
16 what their real concerns were. We spent time
17 responding to them and getting down to the real issue,
18 which for them is the rezoning piece. And that is why
19 you'll notice in the folder that I provided to you
20 with the red, blue, green and yellow tabs, we provided
21 them in the red section -- if you go to the first tab
22 -- a proposal. Because they're most concerned about
23 rezoning. And being around town today, I can
24 understand why, because there's traffic. And we are
25 proposing to restrict the use of the property so that
26 even though the rezoning, which was requested by
27 planning staff has to occur for us to operate, we're
28 willing to permanently restrict the property through a
29 restricted covenant forever that would pass with the
30 deed. So this is something that we would give to them
31 on the whole hundred and five acres; not just the four
32 percent or the 3.8 acres we're talked about. And
33 we're hoping that that resolves their concerns. It is
34 a rezoning and we understand that that's a concern.
35 But they defer to you in our most recent communication
36 which is in the blue tab. You'll see that they
37 deferred to council rather than providing a yes, no,
38 maybe so. They're deferring to you on this. And we
39 believe what their concerns are, are rezoning, and
40 that growth and impact on the community. And we
41 believe our proposal restricting it completely
42 forever, in perpetuity is great for them, as it is for
43 us, because it provides that buffer we all want.

44 In addition we also are providing in the
45 restricted easements their votes. If we ever were to
46 change it or if we ever sold or changed hands, fifty-
47 one percent of them, the residents of Massey Estates,
48 would have to authorize that. We're not looking to
49 bring in anything that they don't want. They've even
50 admitted that it was not the women, it wasn't the

1 mission. They even said that that night. It wasn't
2 about that. It's about the rezoning and the potential
3 growth that could occur on a hundred and five acres,
4 which is a lot. It could turn into something they
5 don't want.

6 So we are pretty confident that we've offered the
7 best alternative for you all to review. And after
8 speaking to many of you over the last several days, I
9 think that many of us agree that it is a good decision
10 for the protection of that area. I live in a rural
11 community myself south of Charleston, which it sounds
12 crazy that there's rural country there, but there is.
13 And I can appreciate their desire to preserve the
14 quiet countryside. And that's why we selected the
15 property.

16 So you can see that the red is the proposal we
17 offered them at the end of August; blue is all of our
18 correspondence; green is a letter from a sheriff that
19 lives next to a home just like this in Alabama and she
20 provides that there's no crime there whatsoever and
21 the community has actually been blessed by it; and the
22 last one is actually a letter from Palmetto Family
23 Council. They just gave this to me today. It's not
24 necessarily the best report, but it's an endorsement.
25 Thank you.

26 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, the next
27 speaker is Seth Thompson.

28 SETH THOMPSON: How you doing? I'm Seth
29 Thompson. I live at 1460 Massey Road. I'm against
30 the rezoning for this. We spoke last time. I had the
31 same thoughts then that I do now. I just don't think
32 it's the right place. Even that proposal sounds nice,
33 I just don't agree with it. I don't understand why
34 they can't find a different place to go to. We have
35 -- it's just a small town community. We want to keep
36 it that way. The people who are in favor for it, most
37 of them don't live here; not in Anderson County. If
38 they do live in Anderson County, they don't live next
39 to it. And that's -- you know, they don't have to
40 deal with the things that could arise from this being
41 here. And I know they said they're going to try to
42 deal with all the traffic and rezoning and all that.
43 I'm not a lawyer. I don't have a law degree like that
44 fellow there, but I don't speak as well as he does,
45 but you know, I understand what's going on. And so do
46 my neighbors. And we just don't appreciate it. We
47 don't want it. I think what they're doing is great,
48 but I think there's just another place for it. And on
49 Massey Road is not it.

50 We have kids that live in the neighborhood. We

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1 have people that live behind where this house is going
2 to go that are up to no good. I had a tree stand
3 stolen out of the woods last week, last Wednesday
4 night. Went to my tree stand, stand was not there,
5 camera is not there. I don't know who took it. I've
6 got a pretty good idea where they came from and it's
7 right over there across behind the woods where that
8 house is going. And I know the last time you said
9 you're going to have security. But I don't think
10 you're going to have enough security if something goes
11 wrong. That's just what I'm saying. That's how I
12 believe; that's what I think. I think they can find a
13 different area for this to go. Thank you for your
14 time.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon?

16 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker
17 is Kim Bryant.

18 KIM BRYANT: Hey. I'm Kim Bryant. I
19 just have a lot of reservation for what they're trying
20 to do. I know he said that they did try to contact
21 us. They did email us. But they never tried to come
22 and have a meeting. We went to all of the people that
23 live on Massey Road and put flyers in their mailboxes
24 and talked to them, and you know, told them, I think
25 pretty diplomatically, what could happen; what's the
26 good and the bad. And everybody just had more cons
27 than they did pros on it. I think it's a good thing.
28 I just don't think they need to be in our
29 neighborhood. It is a business. You know, I don't
30 want to get into a contest about what the Catholic
31 Church is doing right now. I think there's a lot of
32 things that they need to do besides this. You know, I
33 don't know if anybody knows if this piece of property
34 has been sold to them. Anybody know? Is it already
35 sold to them or not?

36 TOMMY DUNN: We don't know.

37 KIM BRYANT: Okay. No? Okay. So with
38 that being said, he told us that night that it was
39 going to be bought regardless, in two days, after the
40 first meeting we had when we talked with him. Because
41 we really wanted to know what was going on, you know.
42 We didn't have any information. We really wanted to
43 know what they were planning to do. So we stayed with
44 them for a long time. And I spoke to several people
45 after that; several Council members after that. He
46 said that it would be bought within two days no matter
47 what and they would put nuns in there if they didn't
48 put the whole pregnancy deal. So that's a lie. So
49 that tells me that I really can't believe what he
50 says.

1 Number two, I've talked with several of the
2 Council members and they say that all this stuff that
3 he's trying to say that he wants to do, it's never
4 been done. It doesn't hold. So that being said, you
5 know, if they restrict it and do all this stuff, that
6 doesn't really mean anything. Once it's rezoned, it's
7 rezoned; if I understand correctly. There is no,
8 we'll restrict it and we'll send it back to you and
9 we'll give it back to you. It's done; it's done. So
10 I think that's a good idea that he would like to
11 restrict it, but there's no -- it's never been done so
12 I don't understand how he thinks it could be done.

13 And as far as the road itself, I'm probably one of
14 the first people that lived on that road and there was
15 nothing there. My father-in-law was a developer and I
16 was like, I'm scared to be here. I came out of a
17 neighborhood and my husband loves land. He'd love to
18 own tons of land. He's love to own Anderson County.
19 But he just ---

20 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

21 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. That's time.

22 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker
23 is Amber McGraw.

24 AMBER MCGRAW: My name is Amber McGraw and
25 I reside at 103 Saluda Way, which is the first house
26 on the left as you come into Massey Estates. I grew
27 up in this area and lived in the Wren School District
28 for about twenty years. Coming back from college, I
29 knew I wanted to live back in this area, especially
30 after living four years in Spartanburg. I bought my
31 home a year out of college and I reside in the first
32 house on the left as you come into Massey Estates.
33 This community and neighborhood, on Sundays feels like
34 a time capsule. Neighbors actually talk to each
35 other. Kids ride their bikes and people watch out for
36 one another and their homes. It's quiet and peaceful
37 and we aren't dealing with bright lights and heavy
38 traffic from people running errands. I am by no means
39 saying that Saint Clare's new mission will take that
40 away. But rezoning this piece of property will, in
41 fact, start that process. Saint Clare is a very
42 positive mission. However, it's asking our community
43 to approve something that we view as negative.

44 In the first meeting when I spoke I mentioned how
45 Powdersville has grown, and I believe this example
46 should be considered. It has developed and grown at a
47 rate I'm sure nobody expected or probably didn't want.
48 People who live in Massey Estates and the surrounding
49 community clearly do not care about driving twenty to
50 thirty minutes to a large town or that the community

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1 is kind of considered under-developed. We chose to
2 live out this far. We chose to live in this area the
3 way it is. And we have a choice to say we do not want
4 it to change.

5 A few weeks ago, Saint Clare graciously offered a
6 proposal where various restrictions could be set on
7 the property, not including the rezoning. However,
8 after speaking with the neighborhood and taking a
9 vote, we have chosen to let you, the City Council,
10 vote on this matter. Although we are very
11 appreciative of the gesture by Saint Clare's, it is
12 imperative to point out this issue is between Massey
13 Estates and the rezoning; not us versus aint. Clare's;
14 not us versus the Catholic Church; not us versus their
15 mission. This is an us versus the rezoning of the
16 three acres. We understand who Saint Clare's home is,
17 what mixed residential rezoning includes and have
18 considered the information that we have provided. I
19 speak on behalf of Massey Estates when I say we ask
20 that you deny this request to rezone 1226 Massey
21 Estates to make it multi residential. Thank you.

22 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker
23 is Elizabeth Fant.

24 ELIZABETH FANT: Good evening. I'm speaking
25 on number 19. Not 19; excuse me. It's 16, sheriff's
26 report; and also on 5 and 6, hospitality tax and
27 alcohol sales.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns.

29 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Hold on just a minute,
31 Ms. Fant. Could you get the mic closer to her or turn
32 it up. Ms. Floyd can't hear her real good.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: I can hear very well. I
34 just couldn't hear her.

35 TOMMY DUNN: I said you can't hear her
36 real good. That's what I was saying.

37 RUSTY BURNS: Try that.

38 ELIZABETH FANT: That better?

39 GRACIE FLOYD: That's better. Thank
40 you.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Start over.

42 ELIZABETH FANT: All right. My name is
43 Elizabeth Fant, District 3. I'm speaking on number
44 16, the sheriff's report, and number 5 and 6, hospital
45 and alcohol sales. I'll start with the sheriff's
46 report first. You're getting a lot of bang for the
47 buck with your sheriff. If any of you don't see this
48 report that he puts out once a month, this is a total
49 compilation of all the calls, the warrants, the
50 fingerprints, meals served, how many bags of litter

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1 are picked up. Our sheriff is doing a wonderful job
2 in Anderson County, he and his staff.

3 On numbers 5 and 6, the hospitality tax and the
4 alcohol tax, everybody has their opinion one or the
5 other, I guess, on which way it should go, but the
6 outlaying areas of the county, yes, we could be making
7 money through the tax, through people who come
8 through, especially up at the Clemson exit. But as in
9 a lot of things that are happening in the county with
10 fee-in-lieu of and all the business stuff that's
11 happening, they're mostly happening and helping big
12 business. We don't talk about the small mom and pop
13 businesses. If you go to a restaurant and you buy a
14 lunch, it's going to cost you ten bucks probably, and
15 then all the taxes and fees is probably going to be
16 another dollars. And then generally three dollars
17 maybe for the tip. That simple lunch has already cost
18 almost fifteen, and that's without alcohol or any of
19 the perks, that's just a plain old lunch. Your mom
20 and pop businesses are the ones that are going to
21 suffer with this.

22 Hospitality tax, yes, it generates money for
23 recreation. But we've already had a report in the
24 last council meeting that we're not being able to keep
25 up with the projects that we've got going, so we're
26 probably making too many recreation projects and not
27 doing a very good job of keeping up what we've got.

28 Anderson is a wonderful town to live, to play, to
29 work. But we're fast becoming and jamming too much
30 into Anderson County, including the hotel that's
31 coming downtown. We're fast taking away the ambience,
32 the parking places, the le ze faire atmosphere, the
33 family atmosphere. We're not Greenville, and I don't
34 ever want to be. Thank you.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

36 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Karen
37 Fox.

38 KAREN FOX: Hi. I'm Karen Fox. I
39 live at 133 McAlister Drive, Pendleton, 29670. I am
40 in support of Saint Clare's Home. I recently spoke
41 with someone who ran a similar home as Saint Clare's.
42 And because I heard the concerns. And I, like the
43 folks on Massey Road, live in that area. I'm about
44 six miles away, but I live in a rural area. So I
45 understood the concerns and my heart went out to them
46 about their concerns. I wanted to do some more
47 research. So I spoke with someone, like I said, who
48 ran a similar home, and asked, did you have security
49 issues? No. Do you put measures in place, which
50 they've already indicated that they will do that?

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1 It's going be twenty-four monitored and secured. And
2 they want to keep it quiet. It's imperative that they
3 keep it quiet and they protect these very vulnerable,
4 precious woman and the precious cargo that they're
5 carrying.

6 So for that reason, and some of the other research
7 that I, you know, did in addition to that indicated
8 exactly that, that the concerns that were stated are
9 valid. However when a place like this is run
10 correctly, those concerns can really be allayed. So
11 it may be a benefit, you know, as far as security goes
12 that they have twenty-four hour security. And I'm
13 sure, as this previous person spoke, our sheriff is
14 doing a lot in Anderson County, and I'm in full
15 support of him and really thankful for him for what
16 he's doing to make our county safe again. Thank you.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon?

18 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one else
19 is signed up.

20 TOMMY DUNN: I want to make sure there
21 wasn't no mistake or confusion about the sign-up
22 sheet, signing up on the right side or the left side
23 of the issue. Is anybody signed up that signed that
24 sign-up sheet that wants to speak on this issue. Did
25 you sign up?

26 UNKNOWN: I didn't sign up.

27 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am, you had to
28 sign up. Did anybody at all that signed up that
29 didn't get to talk before council on a -- that's
30 signed up but he didn't call your name out, that
31 thought they was signing up to talk at first on agenda
32 matters? Anybody?

33 Okay. Moving on. Be moving on now to Item number
34 5, and 5 and 6 sort of goes together. The Chamber of
35 Commerce going to do a presentation on hospitality
36 tax. And after that there will be -- I don't know how
37 they want to do it, but might intertwine; they're
38 going to do a presentation of the local alcohol sales
39 tax. Local alcohol sales; I'm sorry, on Sunday. Ms.
40 Christopher?

41 PAMELA CHRISTOPHER: Yes, thank you. I've
42 got to come up here to run the presentation. I just
43 want to let you know that's what I'm doing. And we
44 wanted to come and bring this before you.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Give us just a second and
46 let us get situated. Ms. Floyd, do you need to move
47 somewhere where you can see?

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, because I sure
49 can't twist like that.

50 PAMELA CHRISTOPHER: And I did make copies

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1 for all of you also, for you to have all along but to
2 also have later to look at.

3 We wanted to be very respectful. We brought the
4 hospitality tax and alcohol sales before you at your
5 meeting, I believe it was in August. And since then
6 we have come forward with a marketing proposal of what
7 we want to do. And we wanted to bring that before
8 you, be very respectful and do that, and let you know
9 what we wanted to propose forward and how we would be
10 moving forward on the initiative.

11 So this is the beginning of a power point
12 presentation. We have a speaker's bureau that will be
13 going out and speaking on behalf of the hospitality
14 tax and the alcohol sales. So I wanted to kind of go
15 through that with you. This is the power point. I
16 won't go through everything because I know it's pretty
17 lengthy. But you're going to see we go through
18 everything when we're talking to someone about what is
19 a local hospitality tax. Just so y'all know, it's a
20 two percent fee. A lot of people are saying it's
21 going to be four percent if we do this two percent,
22 like the city already has one. It doesn't double it.
23 If the city has a two percent, it's still a two
24 percent for them, but it's not going to make it an
25 additional two. So that's a misnomer. I will say
26 that. And then just so you know, it's two cents on
27 every dollar. So for ten dollars, that would just be
28 twenty cents on a bill. So a fifty dollar dinner --
29 we put that up there as an example -- a fifty dollar
30 restaurant bill would only be fifty-one dollars with
31 tax. So it'll only a dollar for the tax for fifty
32 dollars on food. So I wanted to go through that and
33 let you know that. Then we also put why vote yes, how
34 it would benefit the county. Obviously improving
35 recreation, tourism and other sports for our county;
36 updating and adding new public facilities in all
37 communities; increase the number and variety of
38 entertainment options for all ages. The bottom line
39 is it would bring a great deal to our future and to
40 our kids. This with our chamber board and Imagine
41 Anderson is really about the future. We're doing this
42 because we feel like this is our opportunity to leave
43 a legacy. Because it'll offer so much for them.

44 Talking about a significant portion of the
45 proceeds generated by this tax will be paid by the
46 people outside of Anderson County. But a hundred
47 percent of the funds raised would stay within Anderson
48 County. There have been reports that have been done
49 anything as low as sixty-five percent will be paid
50 when they did two different studies. Sixty-five

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1 percent of it is paid by tourists to our area and they
2 were all out-of-state tags; not even out-of-county,
3 but out-of-state tax. So basically that would be like
4 -- if it's the seventy percent, that would be like me
5 laying a hundred dollar bill down on the table and
6 saying, I tell you what, if you'll give me thirty
7 dollars, I'll let you take that hundred. So, you
8 know, it's a deal for us. If we don't do this, we're
9 passing up money that's sitting on the table for us
10 because tourists would be paying a great deal of it
11 when they come through our area.

12 Went through the Anderson County today. This just
13 kind of goes through the population because a lot of
14 people are saying there's a great deal of age over
15 sixty-five. It's actually 17.8 percent. So out of
16 our Anderson County age distribution and, again,
17 talking about our future and our legacy, sixty percent
18 of our population is age eighteen to sixty-four.

19 Then kind of going through the Anderson County
20 tomorrow, what it could do for us, more funding for
21 hospitality tax frees up more of the general funding
22 for the community, so it would be able to be utilized
23 in other areas when you have things for your general
24 budget that are needs. Anderson County population is
25 expected to grow to two hundred and ninety thousand by
26 2026. So as that grows you'll continue to see -- and
27 also tourists coming to our area, you'll continue to
28 see more money generated from that hospitality tax.

29 We did ask, and I know that was proposed at the
30 last meeting, that the projects will be decided on in
31 an independent feasibility study because I know at
32 some of the meetings prior it's been a concern over
33 which project or what would be funded. And so we felt
34 like if we had an independent feasibility study, which
35 is what they did in Spartanburg, by a third party,
36 they could come in and tell us the highest and best
37 use. Because we're not about trying to lobby for one
38 project over another. We want the betterment for
39 Anderson County as a whole. So whatever comes down to
40 the highest and best use is what we're for. We're all
41 willing to stand behind that. Because when one of us
42 wins, we all win in Anderson County.

43 And to kind of give you a synopsis, the latest
44 Anderson City hospitality tax generated approximately
45 three million. So that's how they did the Wren Park
46 and all of the changes that have been done in downtown
47 Anderson.

48 Then we just kind of go through the hospitality
49 tax revenue. It shows you for food and beverage
50 service sales, what's being generated from the

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1 unincorporated areas, what it will do for the
2 unincorporated areas, and what's happening currently
3 with the towns and municipalities. So they're getting
4 over one hundred and eighty million. And then from
5 the approximate hospitality tax, it's over 3.6 million
6 that's coming into the areas of the towns that do have
7 it. Because they do have some towns that have it in
8 Anderson County. But there's many areas that don't in
9 unincorporated like Exhibit 19B, Exhibit 40. So
10 there's a lot that do not have that area. And let me
11 very clear on where we are on that. We want to make
12 sure that we are supporting all of Anderson County and
13 having opportunities for all with this tax to support
14 tourism.

15 Went through where are the current hospitality
16 taxes and you'll see the light blue area, the
17 unincorporated areas are the ones with no; in other
18 words, our county does not have a hospitality tax.
19 The little stars do show the cities within the
20 different counties that have it, but you can see to
21 this right of this, all of those counties to the right
22 shaded green have the hospitality tax. So if you have
23 ever gone to the other counties and you said, why
24 can't we have this? Well, that's why we can't because
25 they're using the hospitality tax to pay for the
26 things that they're seeing improving their community.

27 Hospitality tax usage, it talks about the examples
28 that we could use it for, all the tourism related,
29 cultural, recreation, historic, so it goes on and on
30 what we can utilize it for, as long as it's related to
31 tourism. So if you have water and sewer that needed
32 to be running for tourism, or promotions for tourism;
33 all those things can take place. If highways, roads,
34 streets or bridges were needed to be provided to
35 access those tourism destinations, it can be utilized
36 for that.

37 We just want to show you some potential areas of
38 interest for hospitality tax funds. Now you can see
39 there are arts and historic preservation, equestrian,
40 senior recreation, Lake Hartwell, Broadway Lake, parks
41 and infrastructure. They gave you several
42 opportunities to look at what it could do. Then we
43 went through what items would be taxed, because not
44 all food is taxed. And then what items are exempt.
45 And then we did a case study in Greenville to let you
46 see that that's how they established their hospitality
47 tax, was a way to pay for the hundred thousand in
48 projects needed for recreation. And it was initially
49 voted down in 2001 and then approved in 2006. And
50 going through showing it provides funding for both new

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1 capital projects and operating and maintaining
2 existing facilities and estimated to produce for them
3 7.5 million annually.

4 We went through and had testimonials and all the
5 mayors are in support of this. So if you didn't know,
6 we've got a letter of support that did come to all of
7 the council, that the Anderson County Municipal
8 Association is in support. That's every mayor, that's
9 every council person in all the towns. So they're all
10 going to give testimonials. But for right now I have
11 one from Mack Durham and I'm going to go through it to
12 kind of -- you know, give a synopsis of it. There's
13 another thing I want to show you, so I won't read the
14 whole thing. I have one from Rex Maynard out of
15 Belton. We have one from Mayor Roberts with the City
16 of Anderson. And at the end, there's kind of a tag
17 line when we had at the beginning, vote yes,
18 hospitality tax, a vote for Anderson County's
19 Tomorrow, November 6, 2018. And on the back there we
20 have opportunity awaits. Andersonhospitalitytax.com
21 is a website that we have for this marketing. And so
22 you can go there. We don't have it filtered in yet,
23 but as soon as you guys have it tonight then we will.
24 We wanted to be respectful and bring it to you first.

25 And I wanted to show you a couple of other things.
26 I went ahead and brought this targeted digital
27 strategy for you. I'll go through it pretty quickly.
28 Basically you're going to see everything from
29 billboard advertising that we're going to be doing,
30 you're going to obviously see that we're going to be
31 doing a power point and marketing out to the
32 community. We have several community leaders that are
33 behind the initiative. We will have information for
34 you on our Facebook site and also on our website so we
35 can send people to it when they have questions. But I
36 wanted to kind of tell you a little thing that we're
37 going to do too, which is a little different. How
38 many of you get those circulars in the mail, vote for
39 me, vote for this, vote for that; right? How many get
40 those? Let's just see. Where does it usually wind
41 up? In your circle file; right? In your trash can.
42 But because that happens, we don't want to waste
43 funds. A new way of doing that is by going to this
44 geofencing and doing things through social media.
45 There is now a way that they can go through geofencing
46 and hit your phones. Everybody I'm seeing has one
47 sitting here at your areas. So the thing is you might
48 throw a piece of paper away, but you're going to have
49 that with you at all times; right? So it's going to
50 ping information to you and you'll get it on your

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1 phones. It's going to talk to you about hospitality
2 tax. We're also going to do the same thing with the
3 alcohol sales. So it's going to send information to
4 you. When you read it, you're on the page long
5 enough, and you get educated on what's going on, they
6 will know that and then they will move on from that
7 person. If they don't have enough read -- it's been
8 proven that if you read it long enough, they know
9 you're educated on it and you're usually going to vote
10 for it. If you aren't then what they'll do is
11 continue to ping that person and give them more
12 information on it so we can hopefully get them to a
13 yes vote.

14 It's very intelligent that it knows all that data.
15 They actually can go down to know who the person is.
16 They won't share that with us though from Martin
17 Holland, and we wouldn't ask them to do that because
18 they can't. But it's addressable geofencing that
19 they'll have that and have all the information. Also
20 go to Instagram. We'll have an Instagram exchange and
21 Facebook because Facebook is typically my age and
22 older. And Instagram is for the younger group. So
23 we're trying to make sure we hit all groups. So this
24 is a little bit about the geofencing and I gave that
25 to you guys so you can look at it a little bit more.
26 It talks to you about that.

27 Now, the outdoor strategy on the billboards, we're
28 going to have the Pendleton Digital billboard at
29 Clemson Boulevard and Mechanics Street and that's the
30 one when you're going to the games for Clemson
31 University. And then we will have four digital
32 billboards in Anderson. There will be two on Clemson
33 Boulevard and there will be two off of like 81. So
34 just listed those there for you guys so you can kind
35 of see where they are. They did it by the one at Reed
36 and the one at Whitehall is a good one because it's
37 long; you're sitting there long so you've got a long
38 time to look at it as they rotate through. I wanted
39 to let you see the story board with what you're going
40 to see with some of the advertisement that will go on
41 the billboards. Those will be going up two weeks out
42 from the November 6th vote because that is the
43 strategy that is suggested of what we need to do and
44 then advertising says that's the best. So this is one
45 of them that they'll see. These are two other
46 examples that they'll see. And I love it that, you
47 know, Major Roberts, in this economy we're able to
48 lead from a position of opportunity. Vote yes
49 hospitality tax. And then Rex Maynard, opportunity
50 benefits in our future, vote yes hospitality tax.

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1 So I wanted to you those as some examples. And I
2 wanted to kind of bring up a couple of things. The
3 hospitality handout, you'll see this. You have it a
4 little bit bigger in your area, but it first says, and
5 that's what we just showed on the front of it, vote
6 yes hospitality tax, the date. Vote for Anderson
7 County's tomorrow and the backside says Opportunity
8 Awaits at andersonhospitalitytax.com. Those will be
9 leave-behinds at restaurants. And we'll have them at
10 bars. So they will be able to have those so that
11 they're seeing that and there's advertisement on one
12 side and the other. So hopefully it'll help us get
13 that word out. And the restaurants have agreed to put
14 them out. That's awesome. So I wanted to let you
15 guys see that.

16 And then the other thing I wanted you to see is
17 the web page. On the web landing page, again, Martin
18 Holland Advertising, we want to thank them for what
19 they've done on this. I'm wondering of there's a way
20 I can push it over. And I want to get it to the whole
21 page so they can see. It's made it large for whatever
22 reason. I'm trying to look for a scroll. Maybe
23 that'll scroll it. Okay. At least you can kind of
24 see what it is. So vote yes hospitality, a vote for
25 Anderson County. It's taking it really big and I
26 don't know why it's doing that. Let me see if I can
27 go back out and back in if it'll ... For some reason
28 it's made it really big. But anyway -- now it's back
29 to regular size. Okay. So you see where it goes
30 through what it is, the two percent fee, and we gave
31 an example. They can go in when they see this
32 opportunity awaits, there will be an area for them to
33 register to vote. They can click here and register to
34 vote if they haven't registered already. And an area
35 where it can give them where to vote. Then we go
36 through why vote yes and then go through the benefits.
37 Anderson County today, showing the population.
38 Anderson County tomorrow. And again, I think these
39 pictures are real important. This is about our future
40 and that's what we wanted to convey. And again
41 hitting on the hospitality tax revenue, showing food
42 and beverage for the towns and for the county, the
43 unincorporated. And then here's where our current
44 hospitality taxes in the upstate, we went through the
45 different areas and showed where they are in different
46 cities within Greenville, York County, Spartanburg.
47 And of course, you don't see Anderson on there because
48 we don't have it yet. Note, I say yet.

49 Hospitality tax uses examples and we have the
50 Garden House. We went there. They're all in support

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1 of that, too. And we're going to the Senior Center.
2 They're in support of it, as well. And we're going to
3 be able to talk to them about it. And the potential
4 areas of interest for the hospitality tax funds, what
5 items will be taxed and what items are exempt. And
6 then going through the case study and then doing the
7 testimonies. I wanted you to see that and kind of
8 have that little bit of a handout. I want to see if I
9 -- I think this one might go into the media. No.
10 Billboard marketing display. Here it is. So this
11 kind of lets you see some of the billboards. And
12 there's so much more that I can show you with the
13 billboards. And there's also some bites, some sound
14 bites we have and some clips that'll be like little
15 movie clips. But I know you don't have a lot of time
16 to go through that.

17 So let me kind of move into the Sunday sales
18 referendum. On the alcohol sales, we went through,
19 you'll see it saying vote yes for Sunday sales. The
20 tag line is more choices, more freedom, more jobs. It
21 goes through and talks about why it's a brighter
22 future for Anderson County. The bottom line is the
23 Chamber believes that we need to put everybody on a
24 level playing field. You know, we have some of the
25 restaurants that have it. Like downtown they have in
26 onsite premises. Like you can go to Sullivan's or
27 some of the restaurants downtown and you're able to
28 buy on Sunday. But let me give you an example. When
29 you go to Carolina Bauernhaus House, you can -- they
30 only have it onsite. So you can buy a drink there but
31 if you went in and you wanted to buy some brews or you
32 wanted to take some home or some of your friends or
33 families wanted to take some, they can't because they
34 don't have offsite. So if this passes, it'll cover
35 the whole thing for all of the county. But also on
36 19B and 40, we're not allowing them to be able to have
37 alcohol sales. But they can in the city of Anderson.
38 And you can have offsite and onsite in Pendleton, but
39 the rest of the county doesn't. So we're not putting
40 our businesses on a level playing field and we think
41 there should be opportunity for all businesses. And
42 as the largest business organization in Anderson
43 County, we feel like it's time for us to step up and
44 stand behind our businesses. It's just the right
45 thing to do.

46 So basically we're saying we firmly believe that
47 our local business centers throughout the county
48 should have an opportunity to compete on a level
49 playing field. And also with the neighboring
50 counties. Guess what, if they can't come here and

1 buy, they're going to go to our neighboring counties
2 and that money goes there. We're trying to keep it
3 local.

4 And it talks about keeping it local. The
5 restaurants, our convenience stores, our entertainment
6 venues and the community impact is greater than the
7 value of the products.

8 It talks about new business how that many
9 entrepreneurial ventures are based off of Sunday sales
10 and it gives you a list of them there. Then dining
11 and entertainment. Many national chains -- I don't
12 know if y'all realize this -- will not consider a
13 location in a county that limits their Sunday sales.
14 And all of the restaurants at 19B are saying, yes,
15 please get this passed. Because alcohol sales bring
16 more into them than food does. So again, we're not
17 letting them have their full potential.

18 It will spur growth and development and we give
19 you the reasons why. And then at the end just
20 bringing more opportunities to our community and your
21 neighbors with a yes vote. Vote yes for Sunday sales
22 and it gives you the web address there. Like the
23 other, we have a web address, and we're going through
24 the same geofencing with all the information that we
25 told you about with the phones, with Facebook, with
26 Instagram, with the websites and the whole thing is
27 going to happen there, too.

28 And then I wanted to show you the digital
29 marketing and display that we have for -- this is
30 going to be printed like we just told you before,
31 like the leave behind napkin, there will be one for
32 the vote yes for Sunday sales, too. This will be what
33 it looks like. Just saying keep Anderson tax dollars
34 in Anderson County. If voters approve the change it
35 will make Anderson County beer and wine sales uniform
36 with surrounding counties and cities.

37 And then on the creative strategy, that is the
38 logo in red, white and blue, more choices, more
39 freedom, more jobs. Vote yes for Sunday sales. And
40 then you're going to see this targeted digital on the
41 billboards. So I wanted to let you see some of the
42 examples we have. And this one, as well. So more
43 digital board -- billboard creative that we'll have
44 going forward.

45 So in a synopsis, that's both of the strategies
46 that we wanted to come before you and let you know
47 what we're going to be pushing out. And we're excited
48 about this. And we've got lots of people backing the
49 program. I want to definitely thank on the
50 hospitality tax, the Anderson Municipal Association is

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1 behind us, Imagine Anderson, obviously the Anderson
2 Area Chamber of Commerce, and Western Upstate
3 Association of Realtors. I was looking for Peggy.
4 She might have left. But they're definitely behind
5 that, as well, with us.

6 On the alcohol sales, the Chamber and the South
7 Carolina Retail Association is moving that forward.
8 So we have outlaid a great deal of money. I won't
9 tell you -- I won't go into the total figures, but the
10 Chamber is willing to do that because we believe we
11 need to take a stand. This is our community. We need
12 to have a better quality of life and things to attract
13 for our citizens and our tourists coming into the
14 area. We need to do that for our futures. That's on
15 the hospitality tax. And we need to have a level
16 playing field for Sunday alcohol sales for all of our
17 businesses. Thank you.

18 If anybody has any questions I'll be happy to
19 address those.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate that.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

22 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Are we going to be allowed
24 to make comments?

25 TOMMY DUNN: You can.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I'm going to
27 try to be as brief as I possibly can on this
28 situation. How did it get started? It started with
29 me. I don't know how many years now. Was it a year
30 ago or two years ago when I first started with this
31 council. There were no takers whatsoever. People did
32 not understand what we don't have in Anderson County.
33 We don't have a recreational program for our seniors,
34 our children; nobody. We did not look at the fact
35 that we could use funds from this thing to provide our
36 children with some of what the city has. We have
37 nothing. Each person up here is given thirty thousand
38 dollars, or thirty-five dollars a year. And with that
39 we are supposed to provide recreational opportunities
40 for the people in our district. Each one of us have
41 close to twenty-two thousand people in each district
42 that we serve. And that thirty thousand dollars is
43 supposed to help us provide recreation. Some of it
44 goes toward recreation. Some of it is paid to fire
45 stations. The health organization -- I can't think of
46 one right now off the top of my head -- but you know,
47 like home for pregnancy mothers and da-da-da. All of
48 it doesn't go to all recreation. This thing would
49 have helped us immensely.

50 But I knew a way to get this done that wouldn't

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1 have cost us one penny, one penny. And that was to
2 get council members on board to help them see what
3 this money could have done. In every other entity
4 that I am aware of it was voted on by the County
5 Council people and it was over; it was over. But of
6 course, being Anderson County, we had to go through
7 some sham and jumps, I want it, I don't want it, they
8 don't want me to have it, my people won't support it,
9 da-da-da. So now we've got a big thing going. We've
10 got a referendum that everybody is going to have to
11 support.

12 But I just read this for the first time. And I
13 saw something in here a few minutes ago that I want to
14 know -- I don't have to stand, but I need someone -- I
15 need someone; it's about the referendum. It was
16 printed on this. Okay. Did you see the
17 representative in this, Mr. Allen, the representative
18 for the ordinance in here.

19 FEMALE: I think it's in the red
20 one.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: It's where? In the red
22 one? No, no. I am fully -- I fully support that
23 recreational hospitality tax. I fully support it. I
24 support it for the children of Anderson County. I
25 support it for the seniors of Anderson County. I
26 support it for the people who want the soccer thing
27 for the children in Anderson County. I support it for
28 the men who like to play baseball in Anderson County.
29 I fully support it.

30 When we got to the liquor thing, it says here, the
31 whereas, the Anderson County Council has been informed
32 and believes that Sunday sales of alcohol beverages
33 for on-premises and off-premises consumption may allow
34 restaurants and businesses to remain competitive with.
35 Folks, I am an Anderson Council member; nineteen
36 years. I have never fully supported this, nor have I
37 ever said I fully supported this, nor have I ever
38 voted on anything saying that I supported this. Some
39 people like beer, like beer, like beer. That's up to
40 you. Okay? But I am not going to tell you -- or I'm
41 not going to support something that I can't believe
42 in, that I don't believe in it. If you support it,
43 then vote for it by all means. If you don't support
44 it, then don't support it. But please don't say
45 about me, being one of the seven up here, that as a
46 Anderson County Council member, I have been informed
47 and believe that the sale of -- I don't know if it's
48 going to be good for business or not on Sunday. I
49 don't know that. And I just resent having that being
50 said without my being asked about it, without my

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1 voting on it, and without my reading this ordinance
2 for the first time today. And I thank you. My voice
3 is a little shaky because my blood sugar is going up.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Any other council members
5 have any comments?
6 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman?
7 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.
8 CRAIG WOOTEN: I just wanted to take the
9 time to thank the Chamber of Commerce and Ms.
10 Christopher for coming forward. Whether you agree
11 with the initiative or not, we have so few in the
12 county who set a vision, actually take action to do
13 something and go out and inform people. We have so
14 many instances where in hindsight everything is
15 critiqued and very few people say, well, where do we
16 want to go and what do we want to be? So for me I
17 really appreciate that. I thank you and your staff.
18 I thank the groups that you're working for, because at
19 the end of the day, what it'll allow is for a vote to
20 happen. But it'll allow for an informed vote. And so
21 many times things are complicated and people don't
22 have all the facts when they're making the decision
23 because people are busy. And so I appreciate that
24 effort.
25 As to whether or not it's a conservative position
26 or not, support a referendum on the subject matter,
27 I'd like to point out that by anybody's measuring
28 stick South Carolina is one of the most conservative
29 states in the country. I think both sides would agree
30 on that. And out of the forty-two counties, Anderson,
31 Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, Greenville, York,
32 Greenwood, Laurens, are probably in the top eight
33 conservative counties in the state.
34 So when I look at this hospitality tax in the
35 upstate and I see Spartanburg County, Greenville
36 County, York County, Laurens County, it leads me to
37 believe that our conservative counterparts have seen
38 value in this. And that is not a conservative versus
39 liberal position, but it's actually just a fiscal
40 policy position where we decide what we want to do or
41 we don't want to do. And none of those rationales say
42 you have to vote for it or not vote for it. But to
43 take the political items out of it -- and so many
44 times, and in the year and a half I've been on this
45 council, I've probably heard the term 2008 a hundred
46 times because of what happened in 2008. Well, it's
47 time we started talking about 2028 and 2038 and where
48 do we want to go and what do we want to do. And if
49 you don't support it, that's fine. But recognize that
50 we have some projects that we want to do, come with

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1 other solutions, come with other ideas. Let's have
2 public discourse. Let's have the debate about it and
3 we can decide whether or not we move forward.

4 Under the Sunday alcohol sales, I've been clear,
5 it won't change my behavior on Sunday. But I do think
6 it is an item of equity and fairness. If you know,
7 one person's restaurant is dead empty on Sunday and
8 another person's restaurant is hopping, and they can
9 see each other, that seems a little bit unfair to the
10 business owner. I know I spoke with the Outback
11 proprietor and I believe he said out of seven states
12 in the southeast, over a hundred Outbacks, he's the
13 only Outback in the southeast who can't sell alcohol
14 on Sunday. That hits his bottom line. And so we
15 could make it very fair and say no alcohol for anybody
16 on Sunday. Or we can make it very fair and say, look,
17 everybody can be on the same playing field. I think
18 that's the most plausible and reasonable thing to do.
19 It has nothing to do with your personal taste or
20 distaste for alcohol.

21 So once again, I thank Ms. Christopher for her
22 efforts. She has shown true leadership in Anderson
23 and I appreciate the time she's given to this.

24 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.
26 Any other council members?

27 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?

28 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

29 RAY GRAHAM: I'd also like to take
30 this time to thank the Chamber and also Martin Holland
31 for the hard work and commitment that they have put
32 into this effort. Not only for the information that
33 you're willing to share, but the true impact on
34 educating the community on the pros of this -- both of
35 these opportunities, actually. So I definitely want
36 to thank all of you guys for all the hard work that
37 you've given.

38 And as far as Sunday alcohol sales, I did bring
39 that up to be put on as a referendum. You know, as I
40 made it clear before at one of the other meetings, I
41 don't serve alcohol in my restaurant currently and I
42 don't perceive doing it when we start doing Sunday
43 alcohol sales, if we do. However, at the end of the
44 day, as a business owner, I think it's very important
45 for us to offer for all businesses a fair opportunity
46 across the county. And right now we do not do that.
47 We literally have people coming into the city right
48 beside another restaurant that can serve alcohol. And
49 they'll come into the city and participate and
50 patronize them on Sunday when the restaurant right

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1 beside it outside the city cannot serve it. So it's
2 truly about fairness in my mind.

3 And you know, when I got on council, the purpose
4 of getting on council was to represent all of Anderson
5 County, you know, not just my district. And so that's
6 the very reason that I have brought that up. And I do
7 look forward to see what people's choice is because I
8 think it's a very important choice. And I think
9 that's the fair way to do it. But again, thank you,
10 Chamber, for all y'all have done with this in
11 educating the community. And looking forward to how
12 these outcomes are.

13 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.
15 Any other council members? I appreciate y'all taking
16 y'all's time out and educating the county to have an
17 informed decision to make. Appreciate it.

18 Again, we'll be moving on to Item number 7, third
19 reading, Ordinance 2018-036, Ordinance authorizing the
20 execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax and
21 special source revenue credit agreement by and between
22 Anderson, South Carolina and Element Materials
23 Technology, a company, with respect to certain
24 economic development property in the County, whereby
25 such property will be subject to certain payments in
26 lieu of certain special source credits. Before we go
27 into the public hearing, I'd like to ask Mr. Nelson if
28 he would just say a few words so people will sort of
29 know. Appreciate that.

30 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
31 Project -- we have called it 20180430, but the company
32 is Element Materials Technology. This company does
33 the testing of a number of materials for aerospace
34 company; people like Lockheed, Boeing, GE, those kinds
35 of companies. They're going to create thirty-one new
36 jobs with an average hourly wage rate of twenty-three
37 dollars and eighty-one cents an hour. Basically this
38 thirty-one employees will be scientists in this
39 facility and they will be testing this material for
40 all of these companies. Annual payroll will be one
41 point four million dollars with only thirty-one
42 employees. In the ordinance and I'm sure some of you
43 noticed, it lists a total capital investment of three
44 point four two five million dollars. That does not
45 include the building, which is a two point eight. It
46 was not included in the fee agreement. So the total
47 capital investment is six point two two five million
48 dollars. Taxes that were paid last year of 2015 on
49 this property were three thousand four hundred and
50 ninety dollars. The projected taxes for 2020, the

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1 first year, sixty-nine thousand five hundred and
2 eighty-one dollars, and that does include the
3 incentive. And over a total of a twenty-year period,
4 it will general a projected amount of one point two
5 seven eight million dollars. First year community
6 impact, fifteen million. Twenty years, the total,
7 over a twenty year period, community impact, two
8 hundred sixty-one million. Great project. Great
9 opportunity. Fabulous company. It's worldwide.
10 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of council.
11 Appreciate the opportunity. Oh, and Mr. Chairman,
12 there are copies of the press release that came out
13 from the governor's office on the gate right there.
14 Thank you, sir.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman?
16 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burriss, would you
18 please come back? Okay. Mr. Burriss, we were talking
19 about two at the same time; right, 040 and 036? Or
20 just 040?

21 BURRISS NELSON: Let me see; I'm sorry.
22 40 will be the multi-county park agreement that goes
23 with 036. But we haven't gotten to that part yet.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Mr.
25 Burriss, you know me. You know how I like it. Could
26 you just put it in layman's terms? What are we
27 talking about? Just layman's terms so anybody -- a
28 six year old child will know exactly what you're
29 talking about.

30 BURRISS NELSON: Well, these jobs are
31 being created by this company.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. What's the name of
33 the company?

34 BURRISS NELSON: It's Element Materials
35 Technology.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And what type
37 company is it?

38 BURRISS NELSON: It's an American company
39 based in Hartford, Connecticut. The company tests
40 materials. For example, the pins in GE turbines, they
41 flex those. They exert stress on those items to see
42 if they will crack, add heat, cold ---

43 GRACIE FLOYD: They're coming down here
44 to us now; right?

45 BURRISS NELSON: Oh, yes, ma'am.
46 GRACIE FLOYD: They're building ---
47 BURRISS NELSON: At exit 35.
48 GRACIE FLOYD: And how many jobs are
49 they going to bring us?
50 BURRISS NELSON: Thirty-one.

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1 GRACIE FLOYD: And it's a fee in lieu
2 of? In other words they don't pay any taxes?
3 BURRISS NELSON: No. They'll pay taxes.
4 They'll be paying sixty-nine thousand dollars a year.
5 At your desk there's -- the announcement is right
6 there. There's an explanation on the third page.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Did it come today?
8 BURRISS NELSON: I just got it to you.
9 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't have time to read
10 it.
11 BURRISS NELSON: Sure. On the third page
12 ---
13 GRACIE FLOYD: So it's not a fee in lieu
14 of?
15 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am. It is a fee
16 in lieu.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right.
18 BURRISS NELSON: The fee in lieu simply
19 gives a discounted property tax.
20 GRACIE FLOYD: Good. Just wanted folks
21 to hear that.
22 BURRISS NELSON: Sure.
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Now, did I ask you this
24 one already? How many jobs?
25 BURRISS NELSON: Thirty-one.
26 GRACIE FLOYD: Thirty-one jobs. Okay.
27 Mr. Burriss, I thank you so much.
28 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am. You're
29 welcome.
30 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll go
31 into a public hearing on this. Anyone wishing to
32 speak to this matter, please step forward, state your
33 name and district and address the chair, please.
34 Public hearing. Anyone at all? Anyone? Public
35 hearing will be closed. We have a motion to put this
36 on the floor?
37 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
38 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second
40 Mr. Graham. Now are there any discussion? All in
41 favor of the motion show of hands? Opposed like sign.
42 Show the motion carries unanimously.
43 Moving on to Item number 7(b), 2018-039, and this
44 is third reading, an ordinance to amend the zoning map
45 to rezone plus or minus 72.28 acres from PD (Planned
46 Development) to IZOD (Innovative Zoning District) at
47 Crestview Road, Harriet Circle and Midway Road. Do we
48 have a motion to move this forward?
49 CRAIG WOOTEN: So moved.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Wooten, second

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1 by Mr. Allen. Any discussion?

2 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?

4 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. This is an on an
5 acreage in District 1. It's third reading. We've
6 passed it on first and second reading. Just to give a
7 recap of where it came from was, this originally was
8 for rezoning as a PD, planned development, I think
9 going back to 2008, 2009. It's at a busy intersection
10 where Harriet Circle, Midway Road and Crestview come
11 together. There was considerable concern about the
12 development creating more congestion and traffic and
13 what was going there.

14 What I'd like to point out is this PD that was
15 approved ten years before some of us were on Council
16 was a commercial, a multi-family and a higher density
17 residential. So just by nature that was going to
18 create a lot of traffic problems. Well, because of
19 the layout of that, they were not able to do exactly
20 that because of permits and requirements, even though
21 we had rezoned it that way. So they had come back and
22 said, look, we want to scrap the commercial. We want
23 to leave the multi-family out. We want to actually
24 take the density of the houses from over two hundred
25 down to one seventy. These are all positive things
26 for acreage that was going to be developed. It's in a
27 hot area of Anderson. And so from that standpoint, I
28 felt like the developers were coming full force in
29 everything that they could do to help the community.
30 They gave right-of-way to the county. They offered
31 even more right-of-way to help build an intersection
32 and widen the roads. Council members have gone
33 together to try to look for funding and to prioritize
34 funding so that this intersection can become more
35 amenable to the local traffic. So I believe these are
36 all good things considering where it came from. And I
37 believe the developer and owners of this property have
38 made extraordinary efforts in something that could
39 have had a commercial or multi-family component to it,
40 and I believe this is going to be a quality
41 development for District 1.

42 So thank you, Mr. Chairman.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.

44 At this time we'll go into public hearing on this.
45 Anyone wishing to speak to -- I'm sorry. This is not
46 a public hearing. I lost my place. I'm sorry.
47 Anymore discussion on zoning? Hearing none, all in
48 favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
49 Show the motion carries unanimously.

50 I jumped ahead of myself. The next one is a

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1 public hearing, 2018-040, an ordinance to amend an
2 agreement for the development of a joint county
3 industrial and business park (2010 park) of Anderson
4 and Greenville Counties as to enlarge the park,
5 Project 20180430. This will be a public hearing.
6 Anyone wishing to speak to this please step forward,
7 state your name and district and address the chair.
8 Anyone at all? Anybody? Hearing and seeing none,
9 public hearing will be closed.
10 This will be the third reading. Pertains to item
11 number 7(a). This is putting it, in theory only,
12 putting it in a joint park with Greenville. It's not
13 moving. It's still in Anderson. Perfectly legal.
14 Anything you want to add on that, Mr. Nelson?
15 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, sir. It
16 merely allows the company, if they can qualify for any
17 additional state incentives, it allows them to qualify
18 for those. There's a jobs creation tax credit that
19 they may or may not be able to qualify for. Thank
20 you, sir.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anybody want
22 to move this forward?
23 TOM ALLEN: So moved.
24 CINDY WILSON: Second.
25 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen, second
26 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?
27 CINDY WILSON: May I quickly?
28 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?
29 CINDY WILSON: The driving force behind
30 having to do fee in lieu of taxes and multi-county
31 parks and special source revenue credits and that sort
32 of thing, our state has the highest industrial tax
33 assessment ratio in the nation at ten and a half
34 percent. And that was put in place in 1895 with **our**
35 reconstruction constitution. And this body with maybe
36 a few other different council members made at least
37 two efforts over the years to respectfully request our
38 general assembly to change that. Even our **adjoining**
39 state of Georgia is four percent and they can actually
40 decree if it's a neighboring county to South Carolina
41 zero taxes. So we're at a serious disadvantage in
42 South Carolina. So just wanted to point that out.
43 That's why we go through all these convoluted
44 agreements. And I have to say that one of the top
45 attorneys for this took me to task. He would rather
46 keep fee in lieu taxes and all of that in place. It
47 does cut down on legal fees should we go the other
48 way. Thank you.
49 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
50 Anyone else? Anymore discussion? Hearing none, all

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1 in favor show of hands. Opposed like sign. Motion
2 carries.

3 Moving on to item number 8(a). Mr. Waters, you
4 going to recuse yourself from this?

5 KEN WATERS: Yeah. I forgot where we
6 were.

7 TOMMY DUNN: This will be item number
8 8(a), ordinance second reading, ordinance number 2018-
9 035, an ordinance authorizing the lease of a portion
10 of the Anderson Sports and Entertainment Center
11 consisting of approximately .75 acre of Tax Parcel No.
12 122-00-01-001 to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for
13 relocation of an energy storage system.

14 Mr. Burns, do you want to just speak to this for a
15 second?

16 RUSTY BURNS: Yes. As we discussed last
17 time, this will be an emergency power source for the
18 civic center which is a regionally designated
19 emergency shelter operation. It will also come in
20 handy for our day to day operations in case of power
21 outage.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Let the record show that
23 Mr. Waters has recused himself and stepped out of the
24 room. Anybody want to make a motion to move this
25 forward?

26 TOM ALLEN: So moved.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen, second
28 Mr. Graham. Now any discussion? All in favor of the
29 motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Let the
30 show the motion carries unanimously.

31 Will you ask Mr. Waters to step back inside.

32 Moving on to 2018-041, an ordinance approving the
33 sale of approximately 4.04 acres of property owned by
34 Anderson County, South Carolina and located near the
35 southwest corner of Orange Way and Martin Road to One
36 World Technologies, Inc. This is a piece of property
37 that we bought to put the road in, help put the road
38 at TTI. It's been accomplished. They've offered to
39 buy this property. Mr. Burns, you want to talk on
40 this for a second?

41 RUSTY BURNS: We will sell the property
42 for a hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars.
43 TTI/Ryobi intends to put a major operation on that
44 piece of property that will be of benefit to the
45 citizens of Anderson County and create more jobs.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, that property
47 was -- the county had it appraised?

48 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir, and we're
49 selling it for the appraised price; yes, sir.

50 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to move

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1 this forward?
2 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham, second
4 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns?
8 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
9 GRACIE FLOYD: We owned it, we sold it,
10 they bought it?
11 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: What they going to put
13 there?
14 RUSTY BURNS: They're going to put a
15 commercial enterprise that they would like to reveal
16 at a later time that will be of great benefit to
17 Anderson County and will attract people from all over
18 to Anderson County.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: A chicken farm would be a
20 great thing for Anderson County.
21 RUSTY BURNS: I have some of those, Ms.
22 Floyd. This is not it.
23 GRACIE FLOYD: This is going to be
24 another chicken farm?
25 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. Nor a turkey
26 farm or a beef cattle farm. It will be a commercial
27 enterprise.
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And we're supposed
29 to vote for something we don't know what it's going to
30 be about; right?
31 RUSTY BURNS: I think that we have a
32 good idea that it will be a continuation of the
33 development of the TTI site at 81 and 85.
34 GRACIE FLOYD: Does our chairman know
35 what it's going to be?
36 RUSTY BURNS: I think -- we think it
37 will be a store.
38 GRACIE FLOYD: One of those little cutie
39 stores, I think?
40 RUSTY BURNS: No. I was going to put
41 that up there but they wouldn't let me do that.
42 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. So we don't
43 know what kind of store it's going to be?
44 RUSTY BURNS: They're going to sell
45 materials that are produced by TTI.
46 GRACIE FLOYD: I can hold you to that.
47 Good. Thank you.
48 RUSTY BURNS: Okay.
49 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in
50 favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.

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1 Show the motion carries.

2 Moving on to Item 8(c), 2018-044, an ordinance to
3 amend an agreement for the development of a joint
4 county industrial and business park (2010) of Anderson
5 and Greenville Counties so to enlarge the park. Mr.
6 Nelson, you want to speak to that for a second?

7 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman,
8 members of council. If you'll remember back two
9 months ago we had a solar project called Southern
10 Current. And they put -- or have worked on putting
11 solar panel farms on six different properties in
12 Anderson County. And this is the continuation of
13 putting those properties -- we finished the ordinance
14 for that creation of those projects. And this will
15 continue -- be the continuation of putting it in the
16 multi-county industrial park to allow them to garner
17 any state incentives that might be available to them.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a
19 motion to move this forward?

20 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second
22 Ms. Wilson. Any further discussions? All in favor of
23 the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show
24 the motion carries unanimously.

25 Moving on to item number 9, ordinance first
26 reading. This will be 9(a), 2018-026, an ordinance
27 amending the zoning map to rezone plus or minus 3.86
28 acres from R-A (residential-agricultural) to R-M1
29 (mixed residential district) at 1226 Massey Road.
30 Before I entertain is there any motions.

31 KEN WATERS: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
32 make a motion that we deny the rezoning of this due to
33 the residents in that area just doesn't want it to be
34 zoned.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters, for the
36 record, this is in your area, your district?

37 KEN WATERS: It is.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Motion made by Mr.
39 Waters, it's in his district, that we deny the
40 application. Do we have a second?

41 CINDY WILSON: I'll second that.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Now,
43 discussion?

44 CINDY WILSON: May I quickly ask ---

45 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?

46 CINDY WILSON: I have many conflicting
47 thoughts about this, but we have always respected the
48 people who live in the area, at least since 2009. Did
49 the Diocese give this package to the property owners
50 over there of what you were willing to do?

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1 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. I believe
2 so.

3 MICHAEL ACQUILANO: Yes, ma'am. (Inaudible)

4 CINDY WILSON: Property owners over
5 there need to be admonished that if we don't go with
6 restrictions and covenants on the property and they
7 work out with the church the ground rules, the
8 restrictive covenants and restrictions trump zoning.
9 So you would -- that would put you into a position of
10 controlling far better what goes on to that property
11 than without. And I do fear that with it being
12 residential agriculture property, all over the county
13 we're being hit with these slab homes. You could have
14 a hundred slab homes over there and they would meet
15 all the criteria. And I would like for folks to know
16 that before we make a final vote here tonight. It
17 does -- I can tell you from my perspective from real
18 estate and farming and so forth, in reviewing what
19 we've been provided this go-round, I would far rather
20 have the church clustered onto 3.86 acres with the
21 rest of the property, all of it, entailed with
22 covenants and restrictions than take my chances on a
23 hundred slab houses. If you want to take a look, go
24 drive through our district and see what that brings.
25 And it would be able to go into RA, residential ag,
26 and that would be a great concern, I would think.
27 Thank you.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
29 Ms. Floyd?

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I know we have a
31 lot of people here tonight interested in this
32 particular piece on the agenda. I want you to know
33 that I don't do things haphazard. You know that if
34 you know me. I have spent some time today going over
35 this entire thing. Had a wonderful talk with the
36 person from Charleston, South Carolina who is working
37 with this. Found out that I like **him** very, very much.
38 He's a good man. He's a family man. He believes in
39 this project, and that's good. I am a community,
40 family person. I believe in the, I believe in the --
41 in communities. I believe in neighborhood. I had
42 promised myself when I took this position September
43 the 14th, 1999 that I would never vote for anything
44 that I couldn't live with myself. I would not put
45 anything in your neighborhood that I would not put in
46 mine or anybody else's neighborhood that I would not
47 put in mine.

48 This is a worthwhile entity. We need places like
49 this. Years and years ago when I worked for an
50 organization that dealt with things like this; drugs,

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1 alcohol abuse, mentally ill, the pregnancy thing.
2 When we were looking for places to help the mothers,
3 very, very young mothers, we had to go all the way to
4 Charlotte to find a place because we couldn't any
5 anywhere else. And I went to Charlotte to do it.

6 Now, the question is, what about now? I don't
7 think we have a place like this already here. And
8 folks, as much as we need this place, as much as this
9 thing that's looking us in the face, we need it, and
10 it's a viable, good Christian thing to do, I cannot
11 vote for it. Why? I don't want it in my neighborhood
12 either. I live in a close knit community. We have
13 children there. We have -- in my community there is
14 seventy percent widows there, and I'm one of them. I
15 don't want the traffic in and out of my neighborhood.
16 I don't want that in my neighborhood. I don't want
17 the police coming in my neighborhood in the middle of
18 the night. I don't want ambulances or EMS they're
19 called now, and I don't want doctors. I just want to
20 sleep peacefully at night. I cannot put that in
21 whatever your neighborhood if I won't put it in mine.

22 But just because we don't feel that that is the
23 place for it, what we need to do is help find a place
24 that would be conducive for this type thing. We need
25 it. We need it. I don't like the idea of little
26 children growing up around that. The world is bad
27 enough for them now. I don't want that thing there to
28 look -- be sitting for them all the time and they know
29 what it is. There's one other thing. There's 103
30 acres, 103 acres. Years from now when I'm in my
31 glory, and I will be in my glory. For all the ?? I do
32 go through for this county, I know I'm going to
33 heaven; okay? But the thing is this, you do it now
34 for a hundred and three acres. You can't tell me that
35 in a couple of years from now it won't be something
36 else. I look at a situation right here in Anderson
37 County; it started out as a home for battered women in
38 a neighborhood. Nice neighborhood. Now, there's one
39 across the street from it now. There are houses now
40 that are vacant and they're gone and the houses are
41 dilapidated. I don't want that for your community. I
42 don't want it for mine.

43 So I'll -- our ordinance says we can why we are
44 not going to vote for a particular thing. And I'm not
45 going to vote for it, even though the man who called
46 me, I wish I could just move him up to Anderson. Wish
47 you could get to know him. He is a nice, a nice
48 person. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
50 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair?

1 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?
2 TOM ALLEN: Oh, okay. Thank you.
3 Yeah, this has been a very difficult situation and I
4 think both Ms. Wilson and Ms. Floyd made very good
5 points. I think the Diocese has really bent over
6 backwards to make all kinds of concessions to do this.
7 Because as Ms. Wilson said, something could move in
8 there that you really don't want in there. So it does
9 become a difficult situation. I can sympathize with
10 the Diocese. I understand what they're trying to do.
11 I would like also, if this doesn't pass, see the
12 county try to help out somehow, if you'll still like
13 to try to find a location in this county. But the
14 thing is, we are representatives, as I've said so many
15 times, of the people. And that's what we do. It's
16 not my opinion. I think it's a great service. But I
17 can't just say the heck with the citizens out there, I
18 think it should go there; I'm voting for it even if
19 they don't want it. And I don't think you would want
20 to be in a location where you might have a lot of
21 hostile neighbors right around, either. So it's a
22 difficult one. Again, I really sympathize with you.
23 And if I can help, or any of us up here can help in
24 any way to find a location suitable, be glad to work
25 with you on that. But in my opinion, I'm going to
26 have to go with the citizens who we represent in that
27 area. That's all I had.
28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen.
29 Go ahead, Mr. Wooten.
30 CRAIG WOOTEN: With all due respect to
31 my fellow council members, I can't wholeheartedly
32 disagree more. And I say this not because I'm
33 discounting the feelings of the residents, but at the
34 end of the day we have to look at individual property
35 rights. And we are so ready in this county to jump
36 and tell everybody what they can do with their own
37 property. And at the end of the day the person who
38 pays for the property is the name who's on the deed.
39 And they should have the right to do with that
40 property what they see fit as long as it is reasonable
41 for the community and is not bringing any undue harm.
42 So in my opinion, I believe four pregnant women
43 could probably live in this house and not even apply
44 for rezoning. So the fact that we're adding five or
45 six or seven, you're basically saying three pregnant
46 women are going to cause the police to come, they're
47 going to cause the ambulances to come, they're going
48 to cause so much traffic that we can't have like
49 quality of life. And then the comments that I've been
50 so disappointed in is, it's irrelevant if it's the

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1 Catholic Church, the Baptist Church or the Church of
2 God. But whether Charles Stanley came down here or
3 Franklin Graham, we need to look at it as, is it an
4 okay use for the owner of that property? I feel like
5 with a hundred and five acre buffer, that is not going
6 to bring any undue harm on the residents around it. I
7 believe that the church has gone to great lengths that
8 they did not have to. There's even a question here if
9 they had to come get rezoning in the first place.
10 They've been forthright. They've answered everybody's
11 questions. And you may dislike it. But at the end of
12 the day they'll be the ones writing the check for the
13 property and they'll be the ones owing the property.

14 And so I respect my council members on this. I
15 have a conviction for this cause. I've always had a
16 conviction for this cause. I've asked as many people
17 as I could separate from me that had different
18 backgrounds, I lay out the scenario and say tell me
19 what you think. And I felt like the general consensus
20 was they did not see how it would negatively or
21 adversely affect the people around it. So I can't
22 guarantee the future for everybody in this community.
23 I can't guarantee the future for my own community in
24 Anderson. But what is at hand I do not think is an
25 egregious act by anybody. I think it's something that
26 would generally be okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

28 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?

29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?

30 RAY GRAHAM: This has been a very hot
31 topic item among council members, throughout the
32 community. And while I sit here tonight, I would love
33 to support my fellow council member, Mr. Waters, we
34 well on this, and we've kind of went back and forth
35 over the weekend, kind of going back and forth trying
36 to figure out what's the best direction. And you
37 know, at the end of the day I definitely respect the
38 property owners and also Mr. Waters and the opinions
39 that's been given. In talking with different members
40 of the community that has contacted me, just like the
41 deer stand earlier; I assure you, sir, that deer stand
42 had nothing to do with these individuals here. And I
43 know that was not your intent in making that
44 statement. But the point being, while we have a
45 sheriff here in Anderson County, and I come from the
46 sheriff's department and I speak that straight from
47 the heart, our guys is out on the road on a daily
48 basis trying to make our community safer. But we have
49 knuckleheads throughout our community and they're
50 going to steal your deer stand and they're going to

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1 steal your camera. And this issue here truly has
2 nothing to do with that. By all means I appreciate
3 everyone that's taken the time to call me, to email
4 me. There was several members of the community even
5 made statements about they wanted their property
6 rezoned on different issues as far as development or
7 what not. And you know, I come back to the same
8 realization. I've told this numerous times to my
9 fellow council members. And that is that I feel as a
10 property owner, without any type of restrictions in a
11 subdivision that's already in place, if you live in a
12 rural community you should have somewhat of an ability
13 to do what you want with your property. And I offered
14 that same opportunity to the neighbors that's in that
15 community.

16 I don't know if this will pass tonight, but one
17 thing I would like to see if it does pass, I would
18 love to see you guys come together with some true pros
19 and cons. So far on the ones that you have given me,
20 personally, and the phone calls -- and again I
21 appreciate those -- there are truly not no issues on
22 whether or not that facility should be allowed to be
23 there. I agree with Councilman Wooten as far as who's
24 putting it there, whether it's a private organization,
25 whether it's the Salvation Army, whether it's a
26 church, none of that even matters. At the end of the
27 day, they're trying to make the community better.
28 Because realistically speaking, some of the people
29 that will be there will be from your neighborhood or
30 be from your community. And also will be from mine.

31 Again, I respect Ms. Floyd's wishes that she
32 wouldn't want it in her backyard. I can honestly say,
33 I live down in Starr, and I would not have a problem
34 with that being in my yard. I don't foresee it
35 creating a lot of traffic, a lot of crime rate, you
36 know, drug activity. You know, I don't foresee that.
37 What I do foresee is if we don't do this, someone
38 coming in and developing that hundred acres, and you
39 truly have a traffic problem and you truly have a
40 crime rate, because with a hundred houses, you're
41 going to have a crime rate spike. And there's
42 statistics that back that up. That's not just a
43 statement. There's statistics that shows that. And
44 sometime I can't help but think, you're almost cutting
45 your nose off to spite your face on this. And I mean
46 that respectfully. And if it does pass, I truly hope
47 y'all -- because if it does there will be two other
48 readings and there will be plenty of opportunity to
49 change the council members' minds supporting it
50 tonight. But I would truly like it to be a truly con

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1 your side that you see that it's a disadvantage to
2 your community.

3 Again, I appreciate everyone that's taken the time
4 to contact me personally on this. Thank you.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.

6 I'd just like to say a few words. I've always,
7 since I've been on council, taken very seriously the
8 people whose district it's in. I want the same
9 respect when it comes to a thing in my district.
10 Also, of all the things in Anderson County, this had
11 to be picked out having to be the only precinct, I
12 think, in District 6 that's zoned. And I have to
13 respect the people that voted for zoning that want
14 zoning. I mean, I don't necessarily agree all the
15 time with zoning, but it's the law we live by.
16 People's got a right to that and they've got a right
17 to the expectations of what zoning brings to them.
18 But I also want to say I wholeheartedly agree with Ms.
19 Wilson. I hope y'all don't come back here if this
20 thing comes, because you've got a lot more
21 restrictions and covenants on this piece of property
22 that the church is looking at than what you're going
23 to have in the future.

24 Saying that, if nothing else, we're going to call
25 for a vote. All in favor of Mr. Waters' motion to
26 deny, show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion
27 carries with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd, Mr.
28 Dunn, Mr. Graham in favor. Ms. Wilson, did you vote
29 to deny? Vote to not deny Mr. Graham and Mr. Wooten.

30 We're going to take about a five minute recess.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Tell me ---

32 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman?

33 TOMMY DUNN: It was denied.

34 TOM ALLEN: I'd just like to say that
35 was a very difficult vote. And my offer is still out
36 there if we can help you in any way, shape or form to
37 try to do something. Thank you.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: May I say something?

39 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I want to tell you
41 that it was denied. Let me tell you something I
42 didn't tell you now. I don't want it in my backyard,
43 but you know what I've got instead, I got Fafard, the
44 company that makes the fertilizer. All right. And
45 what do we hear first thing in the morning, we hear
46 trains loading up the fertilizer. What do we smell
47 late at night, what do we smell? The fertilizer.
48 They have since moved it a little bit away from us
49 now. But I have been where you're going. I know how
50 it is. And I wish you all the best. I wish you all

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1 the best. You're building up a good, strong
2 neighborhood in your area. Thank you.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number
4 11, road acceptance into the county inventory, Wild
5 Hickory Circle. Do we have a motion to accept this
6 into the county with meeting all county criteria.

7 RAY GRAHAM: Motion.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham. Have a
9 second?

10 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

12 KEN WATERS: Second.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. Any
14 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: On the road?

16 TOMMY DUNN: The road, yes, ma'am.
17 Show the motion carries unanimously.

18 Moving on to Item number 12, district paving
19 funds. Mr. Burns.

20 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, this is a
21 request I believe that we have talked with every
22 member of council today. We are going to be taking
23 some existing funds and putting them with the 1.5
24 million dollars that council approved. Take that up
25 to around a hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.
26 We will take a portion of that money, sixty thousand
27 dollars, and pave the parking lot at the Mental Health
28 Department. If we put that money together with the
29 money we're getting from C-funds, it's going to be
30 around five million dollars.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to
32 move this forward?

33 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Second
35 Mr. Allen. Now, discussion.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Floyd.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Whatever happened this
39 morning was terrible. I got your message. It was
40 explained to me. But evidently I didn't understand
41 the explanation. Because when I called to get some
42 more, I said what I thought I was told. In fact, I
43 said what I was sure I was told. But I wasn't told
44 everything.

45 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: And I don't understand it.
47 I don't understand why -- I think this is called for a
48 vote tonight; am I correct?

49 RUSTY BURNS: Yes.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't understand why we

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1 are having to vote on this tonight when we just
2 realized how much the C-fund was going to give us
3 after waiting for years -- for a lot of months to get
4 that. And all of a sudden we know. Two weeks ago we
5 knew what the C-fund was going to give us. C-fund;
6 right?

7 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: But this morning, this
9 morning I get a phone call to explain something that I
10 think that we're going to vote on tonight about it;
11 right?

12 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't understand that,
14 Mr. ...

15 FEMALE: Burns.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Burns. Thank you. I
17 don't understand that, Mr. Burns. I don't understand
18 why we always have to rush, rush, rush to get things
19 through.

20 RUSTY BURNS: We basically knew the
21 amount of money we were going to get from C-funds. It
22 was the amount we requested some time ago. At the
23 meeting that we attended we were assured at the next
24 meeting that they would vote to approve those funds.
25 So we knew well before two weeks ago that we were
26 going to get those monies.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: We didn't. Well, excuse
28 me, I didn't.

29 RUSTY BURNS: Well, okay. So what we're
30 trying to do is increase the amount of money that we
31 have to go with our paving list. We put money aside
32 to match the C-fund money. So in essence we're going
33 to be getting around five million dollars for paving
34 in Anderson County, which is only what we're going to
35 be responsible for; not what the state is also going
36 to be paving, and what the state is going to be paving
37 in another situation with different money. And the
38 reason that we contacted all members of council today
39 while this was in the agenda packet mailed out Friday,
40 is we wanted to give every council member a chance to
41 ask questions so we could be perfectly clear and
42 everyone would have an idea of what we wanted to do.
43 The paving list that we will be going by is the same
44 paving list that council has been presented before.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: That was -- we were
46 presented that in 19 -- I think it was in June of 19
47 -- I'm sorry, 2017; that's how long ago. Yeah, 2017.
48 And then somehow this showed up. This is the
49 requested paving list and estimated cost for Anderson
50 County. Okay. At the time we got this, nobody knew

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1 what it was. And still if I showed this to you right
2 now, you wouldn't know what I was talking about. But
3 on this it talks about what each of us are going to
4 get and for what roads. I think these are for the C-
5 fund roads. All right. This was never explained,
6 just as the rest of our information. It just showed
7 up in the folder. Okay. But I think whatever is
8 planned, I am respectfully, if I know how, asking that
9 we table this until the next week or the next time we
10 meet after we have understood it more. I want to know
11 what I'm getting for District 2. All right. I know
12 that things don't work out fairly for us, and I said
13 before God and man, things in District 2 don't always
14 work our fairly for us. And I cannot take a chance of
15 leaving this to the powers that be, that we're going
16 to get our fair share of that money. I respectfully
17 ask. Do you want to see this, Mr. Allen?

18 TOM ALLEN: That's okay.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Have you seen it?

20 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: You've seen it. Have you
22 seen it?

23 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. When I get to be
25 chair maybe I'll understand it, too. But right now I
26 don't. And I thank you.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion ---

28 KEN WATERS: Mr. Chairman, may I? Over
29 here. Would you explain that one more time, how much
30 money we will be given?

31 RUSTY BURNS: If you took the sources
32 that I just mentioned, we will have a little over five
33 million dollars to pave in Anderson County, which
34 doesn't include money that ANATS will provide in the
35 ANATS district or money that will come from the GPATS.
36 It also doesn't include the portion of the C-fund
37 money that will go on state roads. Nor does it
38 include the remainder of the money that was passed by
39 the general assembly last year. They're finishing up
40 that portion now. Does that make sense?

41 KEN WATERS: Could I say this is the
42 most money we've had to pave in ten years?

43 RUSTY BURNS: It's a lot of money, and I
44 can't recall that off the top of my head, Mr. Waters.
45 But if it's not, it's awfully close.

46 KEN WATERS: So we've finally got some
47 money to pave with; is that correct?

48 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

49 KEN WATERS: Well, how about that?

50 Thank you, sir.

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1 GRACIE FLOYD: But ---
2 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?
3 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?
4 RAY GRAHAM: This might be -- what is
5 the percentage that we're putting in our -- between
6 our paving accounts?
7 RITA DAVIS: It's very minuscule, sir.
8 RAY GRAHAM: Right.
9 RITA DAVIS: It's only -- there will be
10 an additional two hundred and forty-three thousand
11 over the 1.5 that's ?? incorporated.
12 RAY GRAHAM: Right.
13 RITA DAVIS: So it will make it seven
14 forty-three.
15 RAY GRAHAM: In essence this is what we
16 done last year to get the biggest bang for the buck
17 with our paving funds?
18 RITA DAVIS: That's correct, sir.
19 RAY GRAHAM: This is being fiscally
20 responsible as council members to basically take the
21 paving money and basically multiply it with this money
22 to get the biggest paving jobs throughout Anderson
23 County? Throughout Anderson County; not a certain
24 district?
25 RITA DAVIS: That's right.
26 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair? Okay. Mr.
28 Burns?
29 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: This money is supposed to
31 be after we have spent whatever? This money is
32 supposed to be collected and put all together. And
33 from that money that's put all together out of each of
34 our paving accounts we can -- we're going to use it as
35 a -- somebody's favorite word -- a slush fund?
36 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.
37 GRACIE FLOYD: We're going to put -- wait
38 a minute. We've going to put it in a -- wait a
39 minute. This is what I have been told. Now listen to
40 me. We're supposed to take all the money that's left
41 over from the paving account and we're supposed to put
42 it all together. And from that money we're going to
43 pave whatever? Now, we didn't do this last year. We
44 were supposed to have done it. But we didn't get the
45 money to do it last year.
46 RUSTY BURNS: This list comes from the
47 road maintenance department and it is based on their
48 best estimation of what we need to pave, being done
49 scientifically. It is not this, that or the other.
50 This is their recommendation, which council asked us

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1 to follow, and that's what we're trying to do.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Who is their
3 recommendation?
4 RUSTY BURNS: Road maintenance
5 department. Roads and bridges; yes, ma'am.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. The road
7 maintenance department gave each of us last year a
8 sheet with our things on it. All right. We haven't
9 seen that sheet since last year; I think it was June
10 the 17th, because there was no money. We didn't get
11 the money that we thought we was going to get from the
12 C-fund so we didn't do it. So that's how I know that
13 it couldn't have been done last year.
14 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. There was a time
16 when District 3 used to get a lot of money. I think
17 the thing was fifty percent roads and fifty percent
18 something else. Okay? They got most of the money.
19 All right. And a lot of money. But that was changed
20 four ---
21 RUSTY BURNS: It certainly was.
22 GRACIE FLOYD: --- four years ago that
23 was changed?
24 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
25 GRACIE FLOYD: And since then we have not
26 had a situation with road money that was continuous.
27 It's the same thing every year like it used to be.
28 Okay. So now every year we have to go through
29 something to see what it's going to be. Okay. And I
30 don't understand this time.
31 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
32 GRACIE FLOYD: All I know that a lot has
33 been done to District 2, but not enough has been for
34 it. I've been there nineteen years and I'll say it
35 until the day I die, I've been here for nineteen years
36 and I don't trust the system.
37 Now, until we can get this money worked out --
38 everybody else may know and everybody's probably got
39 their minds are made up, because that's how things are
40 done. All right. But until we can all get the same
41 report of who's going to get what and who is going to
42 put in the pile and who's going to get the money from
43 the pile can be worked out, I would like to postpone
44 the vote until we can get that done. Thank you.
45 KEN WATERS: Mr. Chair, can I ask one
46 more question? You did say this did not include the
47 GPATS and the ANATS?
48 RUSTY BURNS: No, sir, it does not.
49 KEN WATERS: So that's even more ---
50 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

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1 KEN WATERS: --- projects that'll be
2 done. So you're looking at over five million; is that
3 correct?

4 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

5 KEN WATERS: Okay. Thank you, sir.

6 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the
7 recommendation from the staff, show of hands. All
8 opposed. Show the motion carries with Mr. Waters, Mr.
9 Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten, Ms. Wilson in
10 favor. Ms. Floyd opposes.

11 Moving on to Item 13, executive session. We need
12 to go into executive session for legal advice
13 regarding Iva sewer contractual matters. We have a
14 motion?

15 RAY GRAHAM: So moved.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham, second
17 Mr. Allen. All in favor of the motion, show of hands.
18 All opposed? Show the motion carries. We'll go right
19 back here behind us. Is that right, Mr. Burns?

20 **(EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

21 TOMMY DUNN: We're back in session. Do
22 we have a motion to come out of executive session?

23 CINDY WILSON: May I make a motion that we
24 come out of executive session, having received legal
25 advice regarding the sewer matter.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Taking no votes?

27 CINDY WILSON: No action taken.

28 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. All in
30 favor of the motion show of hands. Shows the motion
31 carries.

32 Moving on to Item Number 14, Appointments.
33 District 7, Ms. Wilson.

34 CINDY WILSON: Yes. May I please
35 nominate Mr. Marion Middleton, Jr. for District 7's
36 position on the Museum Board.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Got a motion by Ms. Wilson
38 for Museum Advisory Board appointment. We have a
39 second?

40 KEN WATERS: Second.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Waters. Any
42 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
43 Like sign. Show the motion carries.

44 Do we have any more appointments?

45 Moving on to requests from council members. Mr.
46 Waters, do you have any?

47 KEN WATERS: I have none at this time.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?

49 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chair. I have
50 two that I'd like to make. The first one is for the

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1 Crescent Elite Shooters. They're a skeet trap
2 shooting club and I'd like to take five hundred
3 dollars out of my recreation account for them. And I
4 also have another one for the Townville Recreation
5 Department for four thousand dollars. And I put that
6 in the form of a motion.

7 KEN WATERS: Second.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Allen,
9 second by Mr. Waters. Any discussion? All in favor
10 of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries.
11 Anything else, Mr. Allen?

12 TOM ALLEN: That's all.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, do you have
14 any?

15 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I don't have any at
16 this time.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?
18 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
19 I'd like to take five hundred dollars out of my rec
20 account for the Crescent Elite Shooters. I bring this
21 forth in the form of a motion.

22 TOM ALLEN: Second.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham makes a motion
24 to take District 3's rec account five hundred dollars.
25 Mr. Allen seconds it. Any discussion? All in favor
26 of the motion? Motion carries. Anything else, Mr.
27 Graham?

28 RAY GRAHAM: No, Mr. Chairman.
29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?
30 CRAIG WOOTEN: I have none at this time,
31 sir.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson has none.
33 District 5 has none.
34 Moving on to Item 16, Administrator's Report.

35 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.
36 Chairman.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
38 Moving on now to Citizens Comments. When Mr.
39 Harmon calls your name, please state your name and
40 district for the record. You have three minutes.
41 Address the Chair.

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

44 ELIZABETH FANT: Boy, I mean to tell you,
45 this is right. I don't know how we do it, but we seem
46 to have telepathy or something about some of the
47 things that we think are important on the agenda, Ms.
48 Floyd and I. I was looking through the paving account
49 and somebody can explain it to me later, the districts
50 and so forth. You come to District 3, Mr. Graham,

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1 city of Belton, zero for paving. You come to District
2 2, city of Anderson, zero for paving. You come to ---
3 TOMMY DUNN: Wait a minute. Stop the
4 time a minute. Hold on a second.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: What are you talking
6 about?
7 ELIZABETH FANT: Paving account.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: In your what?
9 ELIZABETH FANT: Paving account, in your
10 folder. I think there was one other one. And
11 District 1 gets a hundred and nineteen thousand
12 dollars for the Civic Center. I don't know.
13 Something is just not equitable about that. I
14 remember in District 3, not too long ago, I believe a
15 hundred thousand dollars of paving went to not roads.
16 It went to paving alright, and if you remember where
17 it went to, you can talk to me about it later. Paving
18 is supposed to be road; period.
19 I talked to Mr. Burns after the last meeting. I
20 was kind of agitated, and he knew I was kind of
21 agitated. And I came up with this thing. And I told
22 him, I said, you know, a lot of the things that happen
23 in County Council could be exasperated -- no, that's
24 not the word I want -- eliminated if County Council
25 would only explain them better to the citizens. And I
26 mentioned to him that I thought he ought to have
27 different departments come up and explain their
28 department and what they were doing with enterprise
29 funds and sewer funds and how that worked out. Ms.
30 Wilson has several different times tried to explain
31 what fee-in-lieu of is. But you need to educate us.
32 We are trying the best of our ability to understand
33 what it is y'all are doing. And if you would just be
34 teachers first. A good teacher does that. A good
35 teacher doesn't come to the students and say, here's
36 the material, learn it, you're going to have a test on
37 it. A good teacher makes the ground so everybody
38 understands. If they don't understand they keep
39 bringing illustrations. They explain it so that the
40 public knows. You would get a lot more support and a
41 lot more participation if people felt like you
42 explained what it was and that you just didn't ram
43 through one ordinance after another ordinance.
44 This week particularly I've seen communication be
45 again important. I'm always teaching that with my
46 volunteers.
47 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.
48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.
49 Next?
50 LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.

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1 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.
2 Have comments from council members. Mr. Waters?

3 KEN WATERS: I want to apologize for
4 not wearing a suit and tie tonight. It's been a busy
5 day and I didn't have time to go by and change
6 clothes. We've had tornadoes in the last week and
7 everything else. So I want to apologize for that.
8 The next time I'll definitely be in a suit and tie.

9 It's been an interesting night tonight. Made some
10 difficult decisions. One of the things we talked
11 about in zoning, sometimes you may win the battle, you
12 know, but you don't win the war. It's like a two-
13 headed snake. Sometime or another one end is going to
14 get you. We were correct in doing what the citizens
15 wanted to do. That's pretty tough. You've got a good
16 program. I think somewhere else it'll do better.
17 Where, I don't know. And just wanted you to know that
18 was a touch decision for all of us. And it could have
19 been better; could have been worse. Who knows? You
20 know, you just don't know. So that was a very
21 difficult decision. I like what you're doing. You
22 could have done it beside my house, but I don't have
23 one. Anyway, I don't know if that helps you out any
24 or not, but you know, I felt like I needed to say
25 that.

26 A lot of good things going on. I really like the
27 money for paving. I almost feel like it's Christmas
28 because for so many years we've wanted this. For so
29 many years people's complained about it. For so many
30 years when they complained about it, we couldn't do
31 nothing about it. And so there's a sigh of relief
32 here, you know, having something to do. And I
33 appreciate the hard work that Mr. Burns did on that.
34 I know there's a lot of adding -- he can add and
35 subtract pretty good every once in a while. But I
36 appreciate all the hard work.

37 The jobs, the thirty-one news jobs; six and a half
38 million in capital projects; that's going to give
39 somebody a job. Any time somebody can get a job and
40 provide for themselves -- the economy is going great
41 right now. I was talking with a builder yesterday and
42 he told me that he was -- to either start planning
43 something you had to plan six months out, and that
44 don't guarantee you're going to get anything because
45 there's so many options out there right now.

46 And then talked with another gentleman today on a
47 commercial project. Same thing, people are -- you
48 know, they have so many choices now till they can
49 choose what they want to do. And I haven't seen it
50 like this in a long time. I noticed some of the stock

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1 markets that have been doing bad are starting to
2 improve. And you know, it's just we've got so many
3 good things going on right now till, you know, we're
4 very blessed in what we're doing. Looking at some of
5 the problems that we've had for over eight years and
6 we stand a good chance of correcting some of those.
7 And so, you know, I just feel good about the things
8 that's going on. I like them.

9 And I took a day off yesterday and went to the
10 lake. That was the first time all summer I had time
11 to do that. And done some relaxing and done a lot of
12 thinking about some things. Looking forward to
13 spending more time at the lake. Something I've always
14 wanted to do and it looks like I'm going to get to do
15 that.

16 Ms. Fant, you got something you'd like to say?
17 You spent about ten minutes of my time tonight, so I
18 thought we'd give you another couple of minutes if you
19 want to, to waste some more time. All right. Well, I
20 appreciate that. And you know, it's just -- just to
21 count all the good things that are going on, I mean,
22 just every which way you point there's something good
23 going on. And I just appreciate the comradery that
24 we've had here. We can respectfully disagree with
25 each other. We've worked out a lot of problems that
26 way. It's been a -- it's just been a pleasure, you
27 know, working with my cohorts here. And I still say
28 we've got probably one of the best councils in South
29 Carolina, and very proud to say that.

30 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

31 TOMMY DUNN: You sure you're through?
32 Mr. Allen?

33 TOM ALLEN: Yes, sir, Mr. Chair.

34 KEN WATERS: I don't get a good
35 microphone like this, so I'm kind of enjoying this.

36 TOMMY DUNN: And there's a reason for
37 that. Mr. Allen?

38 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I wanted to echo
39 what Ken had to say about the zoning situation
40 tonight. That was a very difficult decision. Hard to
41 swallow. But nonetheless, I'll just say that.

42 The other thing I wanted to do is make note of a
43 letter that was sent to the County Council here and
44 thanking Anderson County for the work that they did on
45 the Corporal Freddie Stowers monument up in Sandy
46 Springs. Corporate Stowers was a World War I
47 recipient of the Metal of Honor. He was the first
48 black soldier to receive the Metal of Honor. And
49 although he was killed on September 27th of 1918, the
50 paperwork for his metal was lost in this huge

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1 bureaucracy, like if you saw the *Indiana Jones* movie,
2 the big warehouse where things get lost. Apparently
3 his paperwork is in there. And it wasn't until George
4 W. Bush, it was brought up to his attention that his
5 paperwork was there and should have been honored, so
6 at that time, clear into the 1990s, the award at that
7 time was actually awarded to him. The monument was
8 refurbished, rededicated up there, and we were lucky
9 enough to have a Commanding General at Fort Jackson
10 there to say a few words. And I can tell you, when
11 you can get a Commanding General of an Installation to
12 come to your town sometime, that's quite a chore to
13 get that done. So we are very proud of that. And I,
14 too, want to thank the County. I know Rusty and the
15 crew did a tremendous job up there to get that all put
16 together. The family, the family members, have all
17 signed a letter and they were very appreciative of
18 what occurred that day. So thanks to the County and
19 County Council.

20 That's all I have, Mr. Chair.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Ms.
22 Floyd?

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I would like to
24 know, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Burns, and whoever, who wrote
25 that ordinance, that resolution to be placed on the
26 ballot about the alcohol sales? Who wrote that?

27 TOMMY DUNN: I think Mr. Harmon did.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Harmon, did you write
29 that?

30 LEON HARMON: I wrote most of that; yes,
31 ma'am, I did.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: You wrote the whereas'
33 too?

34 LEON HARMON: My recollection is that I
35 did.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Harmon, did we
37 vote on that for the Council?

38 LEON HARMON: Yes, ma'am.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't remember ---

40 LEON HARMON: You voted three times on
41 it because ---

42 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't remember voting
43 that says that we promoted the alcohol thing. I
44 probably voted on the referendum thing. But I never
45 voted that the County Council was promoting something
46 like that. Mr. Harmon, I wouldn't do that. And I
47 think that when it was done like that you put me in a
48 bad situation. I would not vote to have alcohol sales
49 on Sunday. I am a Council person, but I don't
50 remember we voted on that specific language. We

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1 didn't. No, I don't think so. But you put me in a
2 bad situation. I would not vote for that. I don't
3 believe in that. Okay. You did a good job in getting
4 it done. But since there was no vote on putting the
5 Council's name in there saying that, I would like for
6 it to be rewritten, please. And if you want to put
7 down the Council people's name who did it, who agreed
8 with it, then that's fine. But I don't want my name
9 as a Council person's name to be put down. It was a
10 generic, fine, but that's specific. I like my beer.

11 LEON HARMON: I understand what you're
12 saying. But it's already gone to the voter
13 registration and elections to be put on the ballot.
14 I'll be glad to look back at the minutes and show you
15 where it was voted on three times.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm sure it was. But the
17 language to include the County Council as a proponent
18 of that was not on that. The language to include the
19 County Council as someone who was promoting was not on
20 that. What was on there was the fact that somebody --
21 I think it was Mr. Wooten ... In fact, Mr. Wooten,
22 didn't you help write that? Wasn't you supposed to be
23 the one who wrote that?

24 CRAIG WOOTEN: No, ma'am. At no point
25 have I written a legal document.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me. I thought you
27 had wrote it. But anyway, at no point did it say
28 anything like that.

29 And Mr. Harmon, I'm saying it as politely and
30 respectfully as I know how, I wouldn't do that;
31 promote the alcohol on Sunday.

32 LEON HARMON: I understand.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?

34 GRACIE FLOYD: I guess what I could do --
35 excuse me. I guess what I could do is to write it
36 out. But if I did that, if I would make a statement
37 saying I did not do that, I did not do that ... What
38 am I going to do?

39 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?

40 RAY GRAHAM: I don't have nothing at
41 this time, Mr. Chair.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wooten?

43 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. Just briefly, you
44 know, to Michael and the Diocese of Charleston, I
45 guess I'm apologetic in nature for the time that you
46 put in and the correspondence you did. Thank you for
47 the way you handled yourself. And for me it was an
48 easy decision. And I respectfully disagree with my
49 fellow council members.

50 You know, there seems to be a reoccurring thing

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1 where we're sort of told, you can't have any more
2 money to do anything because the things you've got
3 right now are not being taken care of. Well, that's
4 really telling the poor guy who never had any money,
5 we can't give you any money because you never did
6 anything with it. We don't ever have any extra money.
7 So unless you let us take on certain projects, we're
8 never going to be able to tackle them. And then we'll
9 just be turned around and accused of not having vision
10 and doing things. So I'm all for efficiency. If
11 anybody can show the County where we can be more
12 efficient, I'm game for it. Could we find a hundred
13 thousand, five hundred thousand? Maybe. I guarantee
14 you we can't find ten million. I guarantee you we
15 can't find twenty million. And those are the price
16 tags of the projects that people are talking about.
17 So at the same time that we talk about hospitality or
18 investment in the County, I'll talk efficiency. We'll
19 get down to the root level where it can be more
20 efficient. But it's a myth if we think that we can be
21 more efficient and fund capital projects. That's like
22 saying, you know, cut the Secretary of Defense's
23 curtains in his office in DC and we're going to
24 balance the budget. If you don't tackle medicaid,
25 medicare and deficit spending, it won't happen. It's
26 just talk. And we go by year after year after year
27 and we don't accomplish the big things that we could
28 accomplish. So, I don't know. Little frustrated
29 tonight, but I mean we have so many positive things
30 going on in this county, this is, in my opinion, the
31 best county council in the fact that we do have
32 dissent, but we do communicate and I do appreciate
33 everybody's input. Thank you, sir.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.
35 Ms. Wilson?

36 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
37 I'm very sorry that the Massey Estates neighbors did
38 not more carefully review what was being offered by
39 the Diocese. I really believe that that would have
40 provided them concrete assurances from here on out.
41 And I fear for what can take place over there.
42 I do want to thank our Clerk of Court for the
43 hospitality here tonight. And I also wanted to remind
44 everybody who didn't notice it, the State Ethics
45 Commission is going to do training for us over at the
46 COG office Monday if anyone is wanting to go. I'm
47 going to try to take the Monday morning for the
48 meeting.

49 The Kinder Morgan meeting that we had with South
50 Carolina DHEC hopefully will provide greater cleanup

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1 efforts on the part of Kinder Morgan. We're very
2 grateful for the Southern Environmental Law Center's
3 efforts for the citizens of our county. And that will
4 be -- we will be having a town hall meeting over in
5 the Cheddar area pretty soon to deal with that and
6 also with the referendum questions. And I'll be
7 scheduling some town halls to go over the referendum
8 questions.

9 Anyway, thank y'all. It's always interesting.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
11 Mr. Harmon, if you would it's going to take me just a
12 little bit. Would you let me know when my five
13 minutes ... I'm going to have to have some energy to
14 get through this.

15 LEON HARMON: I'll be sure to get it
16 before I leave here.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Lord knows he don't need
18 it.

19 I want to thank my fellow council members. It's a
20 pleasure working with most of you. Sometimes you've
21 got some tough decisions, but that's what you get put
22 on here for, to do the best you can and respect one
23 another's opinions and votes. And I appreciate that.

24 I want to thank Mr. Burns and his staff for last
25 week at the airport dedication. I thought it was a
26 great turnout, a great job. And I think, as folks
27 will say, that's our gateway into Anderson County, and
28 I think that's going to be a great thing for Anderson
29 to keep on thriving, to keep growing, and to keep
30 prosperity going. If you're sitting still, we're
31 going to get overtaken. You can't sit on your
32 laurels. This county has been sitting still and
33 hasn't done nothing. The decade before this council
34 come on, the last ten years, we're progressing and
35 getting good paying jobs for the citizens of Anderson
36 County. It's going to make a better life for
37 themselves and their kids. And that's what we want.
38 I hope this council continues doing it and future
39 councils keep doing it and doing it in the best
40 interest of the citizens of Anderson County. And I
41 hope the citizens of Anderson County will be well
42 educated because they've got two very big votes coming
43 up on referendum on hospitality tax and alcohol sales
44 on Sunday. And we did vote on that three times. And
45 I think if you look at the votes you might be
46 surprised who voted for what.

47 KEN WATERS: Mr. Chairman, have we
48 worked enough overtime to turn it in on our time
49 sheets?

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1 **(MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 8:55 P.M.)**