ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
CRAIG WOOTEN
RAY GRAHAM
BRETT SANDERS
JIMMY DAVIS
CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: ... the January 22nd resolutions part of our County Council meeting, proclamations, to order. I want to welcome each and every one of you here tonight. Thank you for coming.

First of all we’ll do Resolution 2(a), it’s R-2019-003, Councilman Davis. Councilman Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This will be a resolution to recognize and honor Ms. Tamara Cox, librarian at Wren High School, Anderson School District 1, 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year, and other matters thereto.

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2018, Anderson School District 1 teachers and administrators gathered to celebrate the annual kickoff back to school meeting to include a ceremony recognizing district teachers of the year; and

WHEREAS, during the ceremony, Ms. Tamara Cox, librarian from Wren High School, was chosen at Anderson School District 1 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year. Tamara was selected as a result of the positive energy and support she brings to the school and community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cox is the sole librarian, serving almost twelve hundred students. She organizes and promotes summer reading programs, a Yahooligan Book Club, visits to middle school to share book talks to encourage students to check out books. Tamara works at the public library assisting the library with library card sign-up, teen event promotion and coordinating author visits. She not only encourages and supports students, she also encourages teachers to read by organizing book give-away contests and teacher summer reading challenges; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, December 4th, 2018, the American Library Association held its 2018 I Love My Librarian Awards Ceremony in New York to honor the librarians who have gone above and beyond the traditional library service. Tamara was one of ten librarians in the United States chosen for this national honor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anderson County Council wishes to recognize and honor Tamara Cox who passionately serves the children and families of our community. We appreciate your dedication, leadership and personal commitment to our youth who need guidance and support.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis puts that in the form of a motion. Do we have a second? Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion. I’d just like to congratulate you and appreciate what all you do for the community and people of Anderson County. Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
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sign. Show the motion carries unanimously with the councilmen here.

Mr. Davis, do you want to ask them to step up, or Mr. Burns?

(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)

TOMMY DUNN: At this time we’ll be moving on to 2(b). This will be a proclamation from Council members. At this time, Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is a proclamation proclaiming February 2019 as Black History Month in Anderson County, encouraging all residents to recognize the importance of black history throughout our county, to encourage participation in county-wide activities that promote unity for the betterment of our communities, and other matters relating thereto.

WHEREAS, Black History Month honors and affirms the importance of black history throughout our communities and the American experience; and

WHEREAS, the history of African heritage goes back thousands of years and includes some of the greatest, most advanced and innovative societies in the history of human existence; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time for all Americans to reflect on the rich history and teachings of African Americans whose contributions are vast and wide; and

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Human Relations Council, the local NAACP Chapter, the local African American churches and many individuals throughout our county are dedicated to the principal of fostering civic, economic and educational programs throughout Anderson County and are dedicated to encouraging reflection and the rich history and teachings of African Americans and bearing witness to the progress, beauty and achievements they have made throughout our county; and

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council sets aside a special time to acknowledge this important segment of our citizens in our county and their history.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anderson County Council does hereby proclaim the month of February 2019 as Black History Month in Anderson County. The County Council urges all citizens to join in celebrating the diversity and character of our community and highlights the importance of sharing our culture and customs as the county observes and commemorates Black History Month.

PROCLAIMED this 22nd day of January 2019.

And may I put that in the form of a motion.

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

BRET SANDERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously for the council members here.

We’ll adjourn and convene back here and start our regular council meeting at 6:30.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:10 P.M.)
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TOMMY DUNN: ... 22nd to order. At this time I’d like to welcome each and every one of you here and thank y’all for coming.

At this time I’d like to ask the Council Vice Chairman, Ray Graham, if he’ll lead us in the invocation and pledge of allegiance. If we’d all rise, please.

(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY RAY GRAHAM)

TOMMY DUNN: At this time moving on to Item number 3, approval of the minutes. Are there any corrections to be made to the January 8th Council meeting? Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: May I move that we accept the minutes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Have a second?

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

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

At this time, Item number 4, citizens comments. As Mr. Harmon calls your name, please restate your name for the record and your district and address the chair. You have three minutes. And this will be on agenda matters only the first go-around.

Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one speaker tonight, Kurt Gibson.

KURT GIBSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Mr. Harmon. Speaking on the executive session. Is that appropriate?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

KURT GIBSON: I’d like to speak to you about the executive session that you have and the items that you speak about. The Preston matter has been (inaudible) for ten years now and it’s something that we -- everybody would like to have resolved at this time. The severance matter that we had at 1.14 million dollars plus a luxury vehicle and other matters to Mr. Preston in November of 2008 is now before the Supreme Court and I understand you have a settlement offer on the table in order for you to settle the matter with Mr. Preston.

My understanding is that there’s some amount of money that Council will pay him even though we won the case in the Appellate Court. It would seem that if somebody had lost in the Appellate Court, they would be offering to pay less than they were entitled to pay or ordered to pay in the Appellate Court. And it seems to
me that we’re entitled to get 1.14 -- or 1.4 million
dollars back from him instead of having (inaudible).
And my understanding is that the offer on the table is
that he’s going to request that we pay him.
This case is more than just about money. This case
is about whether or not somebody can try to get money
from a Council by threatening the individual council
members. In Richland County in 2018, and I will send
this to you by email to each one of you, 2018, another
council member, (unintelligible), tried to do this and
did this successfully in Richland County; threatened to
sue the council members for -- if they didn’t give him
his settlement, at (inaudible) million dollars also.
I’ll send you that cite by email.
But this is a principal that you have to pursue to
the end so that we can prevail and prevent this kind of
corruption that continues in South Carolina. I think
this matter is more than just about dollars and cents.
Also about a matter even as a business principal as an
insurance industry or anything that would decide this
matter, they would decide based upon whether or not ---

LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Sorry, Mr.
Gibson, that’s it. Thank you.
Anyone else?
LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one else
is signed up.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns?
RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
TOMMY DUNN: Would you grab this,
please, before I forget it before we move on. Going to
be something for you and your people.
At this time we’ll move on to Item number 5, Parker
Memorial, Mr. Wooten.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
In November of this past year, I believe, I spoke
with Mr. Andy Moore. Now at that time I believe he had
already had conversation with staff and had been in
contact with the county, but he had approached the
county about putting a memorial for his son at the
Civic Center. And this was a result of a traffic
incident that happened last year, but it was rooted in
his desire to give back to the community, honor his
son, and do it in a way that helped other children at
the complex.

So from that, over multiple council meetings, and
some subcommittee meetings, he’s had a lead-up approach
of being transparent, working directly with county
staff, speaking directly with council members about his
intent. With that he is raising his own money for the
project through numerous donors that support his
efforts. And I believe at the end of the day it is
something that is allowing him, as a lifelong
Andersonian, to give back to the community. I think it
makes thing nicer. It’ll make the complex nicer. And
it will be an honor and a memorial to the memory of his
son.

There was some concern that if we do something like
this then we would maybe have to do it for everyone who
comes after that. And I think that’s a valid concern,
and I’m glad that question was brought up. I believe
at each step in these kind of scenarios that’s what
we’re elected to do as a council, to use discretion and
make decisions. But if other folks came forward to do
something similar and they did it in the same way that
Mr. Moore is doing it, then I think it could make our
community nicer and it could be a good thing.

So with that I did invite him to come back to speak
about his project and to answer any questions. And at
this time, Mr. Moore, would you like to say anything?

ANDY MOORE: Thank you again for allowing
me to come up again. Good to see y’all again tonight.

As far as Mr. Wooten was speaking, he is correct.
I feel like over the years I’ve given -- I’ve given my
life to Anderson County. I’ve lived here my whole life
with my family, my wife’s family, our parents and their
parents. Since I was sixteen years old I’ve given --
like I say, I’ve given myself to the county. I started
volunteering with Anderson Rescue Squad. I went into
EMS with MedShore Ambulance Service giving back to my
community taking care of people. Even working at the
Anderson Memorial Hospital. I’ve given -- even though
people that I brought in, I helped get better and
walked them back out. Over the years working with
Medshore, I volunteered with the City Fire Department
on the technical rescue team, volunteering my time
there for about fifteen years. So it’s something that
I’ve always done. I’ve always tried to make Anderson a
better place.

But this is something that I feel like would make
Anderson a better place. If there’s kids -- you know,
I know soccer was my son’s passion and I know there’s a
lot of kids that can’t afford it. So if there’s any
children out there that are willing to play his passion
and love it as much as he did, then I am willing to
take the time and the effort and the expense to make
sure that kid plays. I’d love to make that possible.
And I’m just asking the council tonight for permission
to make that happen.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore.
Appreciate your time.

ANDY MOORE: Thank you.

CRAIG WOOTEN: With that -- and I thank you, Mr. Moore, for saying that. I just want to make a simple motion to allow staff, under the direction of the administrator, to work with Mr. Moore and his (inaudible) based on the location that was outlined in your packet which would be right in between KidVenture and the first soccer field. And I would just like to put forth just a motion to give staff the permission to do that.

CINDY WILSON: May I second that and make an amendment to that motion, please, that before anything is finalized we would have an opportunity to review that and issue final approval.

TOMMY DUNN: If we can, let’s get just a little bit of clarification, because I think that’s where we were at last council meeting.

Mr. Burns.

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Have y’all or have y’all not worked out the details where something is going to be?

RUSTY BURNS: (Inaudible.)

TOMMY DUNN: Make sure you’re talking into ---

RUSTY BURNS: It will consist of a memorial and flag poles, which are going to be raised by private funds.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s what I’m saying is, Mr. Wooten, if you -- your motion, I think we done what you’re talking about doing last council meeting. I think they’ve already got everything worked out as far as the flag pole and memorial. Maybe not the wording or what not, but it should be to proceed ahead.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. I was just giving them permission to proceed ahead. I didn’t necessarily think that we needed, unless the council desires, that every single detail of the memorial down to the wording to approve as much as that it’s the ability for them to move ahead with what’s reasonable to the staff.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, where it’s at and what it’s going to be has been worked out. That’s what we asked them to do, I think, last council meeting.

They had come back and that’s what has been presented to us. So my thing is it shouldn’t be coming back before council again, is what I’m getting at.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yeah. Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: It should be worked out.

Isn’t that correct, Mr. Burns?
RUSTY BURNS: (Inaudible.)

CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay. Well, if it’s worked out then they can proceed without a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: No, no. You need to make the motion to proceed ahead.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Oh, okay, make the motion to proceed ahead.

CINDY WILSON: I’ll withdraw my motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Do we have a second?

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders -- Mr. Davis. Okay. Ms. Wilson seconds for the record. Now, any more discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: (Inaudible.)

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, what -- have you had any thoughts about how we will manage the next one? Would we -- are we going to have one site to do it all or will each person asking for this privilege have a -- can choose and pick their own sites? Do we have any rules or any kind of regulations in place of how we’re going to proceed with this kind of thing?

RUSTY BURNS: No. As Mr. Wooten stated, it would be on an individual basis. But during this process, we looked to find an appropriate site and this was the one because it’s in essence a very small corner right there between those two areas. And we discussed what would go there. And those were the items we discussed. But for anything in the future it would have to come before council on an individual basis. And the other thing on this one is the fact that the county would have no funds allocated to this project. It would all be raised with private donations.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: The one question that kind of crosses my mind, as things do always change and improve and if we get into a part to where we’re doing some facilities improvement or redesign out there, do we need to have something up front to say this is what we’ll need to do with this monument or this memorial to move it, if we need to move it. I mean, things change.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. And keep in mind, if I can answer your question, this council can’t bind another council. If another council comes up and
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1 wants to change and do it, you know, they can do it the
2 same way as this council. Six months from now if
3 something comes up, it’s not locked in stone. We would
4 have to vote to reverse it, but it would come up for a
5 vote, you know, be a vote.

6 JIMMY DAVIS: Do away ---
7 TOMMY DUNN: I know if it wants to be
8 moved or something else, it would have to come back for
9 a vote. The main thing is it will have to come back
10 before council and be voted on.

11 BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir, Mr. Sanders.
13 BRETT SANDERS: We haven’t had any issues
14 in the past or anyone else approach us to do something
15 like this; have we?
16 TOMMY DUNN: No.
17 BRETT SANDERS: And as long as it’s been,
18 I’d like to thank Mr. Moore for his service to Anderson
19 County. I don’t have a problem with it. I would think
20 I would be willing to support what he wants to do.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Like I said, Lord forbid
22 something like this happens again. Anything that comes
23 up, like Mr. Wooten said, I think it should be looked
24 at. You can’t have a one glove fit all. You’ve got to
25 have a case-by-case basis comes up and council look at
26 it and judge it with staff and staff’s recommendation.

27 RUSTY BURNS: The only rule/ordinance in
28 place at this time, Mr. Chairman, is that no building
29 can be named after a living person.
30 TOMMY DUNN: That’s right.
31 Mr. Graham, do you have something?
32 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, as far as
33 currently there is no flag poles at the soccer fields’
34 site?
35 RUSTY BURNS: No, sir, there’s one in
36 front ---
37 RAY GRAHAM: All fields needs a flag
38 pole.
39 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
40 RAY GRAHAM: So this is basically
41 accomplishing that?
42 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
43 RAY GRAHAM: And on top of that, they’re
44 putting a memorial -- a marker with the information
45 about his son; correct?
46 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
47 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you.
48 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
49 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
carries unanimously.
Be took care of and the staff will be working with
you, Mr. Moore, and your family to make sure this
happens. If we can be of more service just get with
Mr. Wooten or any of us. Be glad to work with you;
okay? Sorry for your loss and what you went through.
But maybe we can turn something tragic into something
good. Appreciate it. Okay? Thank y’all.
We have no 6, third readings. No 7, second
readings.
Ordinance 8(a), ordinance first reading, 2019-001,
an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development
of a joint county industrial and business park, 2010
park, of Anderson and Greenville Counties to enlarge
the park. And this will be Project Treehouse.
Mr. Nelson, do you want to ---
BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, members of
Council, thank you for the opportunity to discuss
Project Treehouse. This is a Greenville County project
that’s not announced yet and we don’t know the name of
the company yet. But as we have done many times, we
are being asked to include Treehouse to the multi-
county park agreement that we have existing. And it’s
a reciprocal agreement that we have. They many times
have allowed our projects into the park itself. And
we’ve received benefits likewise from that.
And this is an opportunity, as well, for the
company to receive state benefits that otherwise would
not be available. And this comes as a recommendation
from the Economic Development Advisory Board, from the
Development Corporation of Anderson County and from our
staff. Thank you, sir.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson. Do
we have a motion to move this forward?
CINDY WILSON: So moved.
RAY GRAHAM: Make a motion.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham. Second
by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?
CINDY WILSON: Real quick comment.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: Whatever their fee in lieu
of taxes revenue to Greenville County, we would get one
percent of that. And sometimes it adds up. So it’s a
very nice reciprocal arrangement. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor
of the motion to move this forward show of hands. All
opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously.
At this time Item 8(b), 2019-002, an ordinance
consenting to the conversion by Anderson County of
certain rights of Orian Rugs, Inc., the company, under
that certain lease agreement with Anderson County dated
December 1, 1997 to a fee agreement arrangement as
provided in Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of
South Carolina 1976, as amended, The Agreement, and
authorizing the execution and delivery of such Fee
Agreements between the County and the Company in place
of said Lease Agreement; authorizing the reconveyance
of the property subject to such lease agreement by the
County to the Company. Mr. Nelson.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
and members of Council. You did a great job reading
all that. Thank you. This is -- and we’ve done this
several times before in the past of converting -- the
company is requesting we convert our lease agreements
where the county is actually in the chair of title to
the simplified fee. And if you don’t mind I’d like to
address both of these at the same time.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

BURRISS NELSON: These are identical. It’s
just one was dated 1997 and the other one in 2003. And
the company is trying to streamline its business model
and simply would like to change the fee agreement. It
doesn’t change the agreement at all. They’re up-to-
date with the jobs creation and the capital investment.
They paid a little over -- well, they paid a hundred
and ninety-two thousand dollars in property tax this
year alone for -- based on the agreements that they
currently have. So this comes as a recommendation from
the Economic Development staff and from the Economic
Development Advisory Board and the Development
Corporation of Anderson County.

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

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

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

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you for your support.

TOMMY DUNN: We’re going to move on to
Item number 8(c), 2019-033 (verbatim), ordinance
consenting to the conversion by Anderson County of
certain rights of Orian Rugs. I’m not going to read
that whole thing. The company is in it for the record.
As Mr. Nelson said this is -- he’s still here if you’ve
got any questions. Do we have a motion to move this
forward? Motion by Ms. Wilson; second by Mr. Davis.

Any discussion?
RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, you ---
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: --- stated it’s 033. It’s actually 003.
TOMMY DUNN: I’m sorry. For the record that’s 003. Anything else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Nelson.

Moving on to Item number 8(d), 2019-004, an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Anderson County, South Carolina, by adding Section 38-184 titled Substance Abuse Treatment facilities. Mr. Harmon, would you like to touch on this, or Mr. Burns, either one, what this is about?

LEON HARMON: Yes, Mr. Chairman and member of Council. This ordinance would add a new section to Division 5 of Chapter 38 titled Supplemental Development Standards for certain land uses and large scale projects. And what this ordinance would do would place location limits on drug treatment facilities that would be located within the county. It’s similar in nature to other items that are located in Division 5. For example, tattoo facilities, adult uses, certain public service uses like landfills, waste water treatment plants, electric substations; that type of thing.

I’ll be glad to answer any questions anybody might have.

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Harmon.
LEON HARMON: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: When I read this I didn’t understand it to be where the location was the most important thing. I thought it was to establish a facility in Anderson County for dependency of drug and stuff.

LEON HARMON: No, ma’am. At least I didn’t intend to draft it that way. What it does is place a limit on where it can be located. In other words it can’t be located any closer than twenty-five hundred feet ---
GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I read all that.
LEON HARMON: --- within a church or a school or a playground.
GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I read all of that. But first of all let me start my questioning from the top; okay?
LEON HARMON: Okay.
GRACIE FLOYD: What -- did this come from the Administrator’s office? I see his name is on it.
Or did it come from one of those committees?

TOMMY DUNN: It come from me. I asked Mr. Harmon to draft this.

GRACIE FLOYD: I was wondering why we are going to do this? First of all because we have a facility right here in Anderson that could accommodate this type thing. It’s barely being used. It’s not that much activity involved in it and it wouldn’t cost us a whole lot of money because you have to find a place to have this. Have y’all found a place to have this yet?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, excuse me, you misunderstood. This ain’t -- this has got nothing to do with starting a facility. This is keeping a facility from going next to a schoolhouse. That’s what this is about.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you. May I finish my question now because I’m going to tell you how I saw it; okay. Keeping this going from a schoolhouse, it doesn’t make sense because you don’t have anywhere right now to put it. But we have a facility already available here in Anderson that’s called the Mental Health Clinic, Pat Harris Hospital. They’re not doing anything there. That’s number one.

Number two, we’re in the midst or we’re supposed to be in the midst of trying to find a suitable facility for our jailhouse. We don’t have a place for that yet. And you know, we have been in this kind of thing for a long time trying to build that.

It seems to me that we’re talking about where we’re going to put it or where we can’t put it. And I don’t see why it took all of this just to say where we can’t put it when we don’t even know we’re going to put it. I think we should have taken time to investigate this further. I think we should have had more time to discuss it. And I don’t think we’re ready for we’re not going to put it here, we’re not going to put it there. But my question is, where are we going to put it? Why are we going to spend money on this when we have to build a jail?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, we ain’t spending no money.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. -- what’s his name? -- Dunn, may I please finish?

TOMMY DUNN: Well, you were ---

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. This is what I’m thinking, when I read that, Mr. Harmon, I didn’t see -- well, I read down there where it couldn’t go, the location of the facility, but I think we need to slow down and take another look at this. We have a
place like that already here in Anderson if we’d just make use of it.

LEON HARMON: This really is directed toward any new facility that might be proposed in the county and where it could be located.

GRACIE FLOYD: I understand that.

LEON HARMON: There’s no one facility in mind that I’m aware of that is proposed to be located that the county would be spending any money on to place this facility in the county.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, maybe we needed to complete it first. Maybe we need to discuss it some more. And we need to understand, you know, what it’s all about. We need to know how this came about, you know, to do this before talking about where we’re not going to put it. And I thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. My fellow councilmen, if I can speak and explain this. This got brought up because one was going to go in my district next to Centerville school. I had an uproar in my community, what not. There was nothing we could do. Luckily, thanks to the Sheriff of Anderson County and a school board member and myself, I think we’ve got that situation solved. But to keep from this happening again in my district or anybody else’s, this is a place -- the state -- it’s regulated for tattoo parlors and everything what -- what this is -- what this certain facility was going to do is dispense drugs for drug treatment right beside a schoolhouse. Might not never nothing happen, but it caused very uneasiness for people in the community and the school system and all. And I told them I would do everything I could to see it didn’t happen again. Luckily the people that was going to put it there was willing enough not to put it there after they seen what it was causing. But the next fellow or next folks might not be so willing to do this. So this is all this is. And it goes right in the ordinances we’ve got now, as Mr. Harmon said, keeping adult book stores or adult movie things or strip clubs or anything else next to a schoolhouse. I think that’s appropriate. It was drafted on my thing. And I put this in the form of a motion, coming from Tommy Dunn.

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Graham. Now, any more discussion?

JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Harmon, did I understand (inaudible).
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.
LEON HARMON: Yes, it includes churches; that’s correct. It includes churches, schools or playgrounds as those are defined within Section 44-34-110 of the South Carolina Codes.
JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you.
CINDY WILSON: Having witnessed firsthand since coming on council the transformation of our society with so much drug abuse and so much drug trafficking, and our county, unfortunately, is one of the main inland distribution points and has been for the last forty years, I would certainly not want to put people who have abused drugs -- they have no real control of themselves -- putting them next to little children or churches or playgrounds. I’m in support of your motion.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a couple of things to mention on this. You know, I think every council member realizes, as much as we hate to say it, Anderson County has a drug problem, just like all of our neighboring counties. It’s not something that’s just -- basically kind of covers its head here in Anderson. It’s throughout our state. And with that being said, I don’t think any of us is against treatment facilities. I think the key with Chairman Dunn bringing this proposal forward is to regulate where these locations can be. We realize we’ve got some issues and we realize that we’re going to have to somehow provide some treatment facilities for these individuals. And we definitely encourage that. But in doing so, I think it’s a better protection of our community by regulating this. That’s the very reason I support this. And I mean I appreciate Mr. Chairman bringing that forward.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed? All abstentions? Show the motion carries with Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten and Ms. Wilson in favor, and Ms. Floyd abstains.
Moving on to Item number 9(a), resolution, R-2019-004, a resolution in support of Clemson University’s acquisition of real property in Anderson County for additional protection of the Simpson Experimental Station, the research conducted there and will increase pasturelands and herd holding. Mr. Burns or Mr. Harmon, do you want to speak to this for ---
RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, this is a
1 request from Clemson University that they need
2 permission to pursue this, as you can understand. It’s
3 going to expand the Simpson Agricultural Station, open
4 up more pastureland, provide research opportunities for
5 Clemson. And they’re just merely informing us and
6 requesting permission to move ahead.
7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a
8 motion to move this forward? Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we
9 have a second?
10 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any
12 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
13 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
14 unanimously.
15 Moving on to appointments. Ms. Floyd?
16 GRACIE FLOYD: I have three appointments
17 to make today and I would like to do them all at one
18 time for the sake of time. I would like ---
19 TOMMY DUNN: If you would, Ms. Floyd,
20 speak into the mic where they can get you.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to appoint
22 William Meredith to the Economic Development Board.
23 Mr. Meredith lives in County Council District 2. And I
24 have his application. The next one is for Economic
25 Development Board appointee -- I think each of us have
26 two people on that board -- his name is Samuel L.
27 Stewart. He has submitted an application for this
28 position and I am recommending him for this. And the
29 third one -- just one moment -- the third one is to the
30 Museum Advisory Committee. Her name is Valerie L.
31 Stewart. She has -- she submitted an application.
32 She, too, is interested in this position. All three of
33 these appointees live in the District 2 Council area.
34 And I put all of this in the form of a motion.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Ms. Floyd.
36 Have a second?
37 CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Wooten. Any
39 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
40 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
41 unanimously.
42 Moving on to appointments, District 4. Mr.
43 Sanders.
44 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.
45 I’d like to appoint Mr. Michael A. Miller for the
46 Anderson-Oconee Behavioral Health Services Board. I
47 had a member resign. Mr. Miller is with the Anderson
48 County Sheriff’s Department. He’s the Forensics
49 Services Director. Been there since 2000. And I think
50 he’ll be a great asset. And he is from District 4.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Sanders. We have a motion. Do we have a second?
CINDY WILSON: Second.

Does anyone else have anything that I’ve overlooked on appointments?
GRACIE FLOYD: I have another one.
TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to reappoint Ms. Yoko Simmons to the Library Committee. Yoko has done a very good job there and she would like to continue serving. And I’m putting this in the form of a motion, as well.
CINDY WILSON: Second.

Moving on -- anyone else have any more appointments that were overlooked?

Moving on to Item number 11, requests by council members. Mr. Davis, do you have any?
JIMMY DAVIES: None at this time.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
Mr. Sanders, do you have any?
BRET SANDERS: No, sir, not at this time.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, do you have any?
GRACIE FLOYD: I have one. I received a thing here from -- a request, yeah -- I received an application from a Mr. John Seegers for funding for Sadlers Creek. I think that’s an area that serves -- that’s an area that serves all of Anderson County. And they’re asking for -- money for a return initial cost for startup. They want trail work, they want tracks, they want gardens and other things out there. And I think that if we have a group of people who are willing to do this work -- now, I understand they couldn’t get any money from the state for this. But I think that we have a group of volunteers in Anderson County who would like to do this and it’s for a good reason, District 2 would like to support them with funds from their recreational account of one thousand dollars.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Ms. Floyd.
Do we have a second?
CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Wooten. Any further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously. Anything else? All in favor of the
motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
motion carries unanimously.
Mr. Graham, do you have any?
RAY GRAHAM: None at this time, Mr.
Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Not at this time.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?
CINDY WILSON: (Inaudible.)
TOMMY DUNN: District 5's rec account,
I'd like to appropriate fifteen hundred dollars for the
Foothill Allowance. Put that in the form of a motion.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second by Ms. Wilson. Have
any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously.
And I also asked Mr. Burns and Ms. Lacey to get in
touch with the people at Sadlers Creek to work out
something with our Parks and Recreation Department,
Matt Schell, to see what needs to be done out there and
see what we can do to help out.
At this time, I submit those names -- and we'll
talk about ad hoc committees in a second. At this time
I submit those names to the five standing committees to
serve. On Anderson County Recycling and Solid Waste,
Brett Sanders, Craig Wooten, Ms. Floyd; Planning and
Public Works, Cindy Wilson, Craig Wooten, Jimmy Davis;
Administrative/Personnel Committee and Policy Rules
would be Ray Graham, Chairman, Tommy Dunn and Brett
Sanders; Finance Committee, Craig Wooten, Ms. Wilson,
Brett Sanders -- that's one two -- Economic Development
-- I mean Finance Committee Craig Wooten, Cindy Wilson,
Brett Sanders -- make sure I got that -- Public Safety,
Craig Wooten, Mr. Davis and Chairman Ray Graham. Those
are the five standing committees. Put that in the form
of a motion.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
GRACIE FLOYD: I have discussion.
TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Have you gotten to the
Recodification Ad Hoc Committee?
TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. I was going to
do that next.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good.
TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion.
All opposed. Abstentions? Show the motion carries.
Moving on I’d like to announce -- and there will be more coming later on. But at this time these ad hoc committee will be appointed. Civil Center Ad Hoc Committee, Ray Graham, Brett Sanders, Craig Wooten; the Shop -- this is redoing the -- talking about moving the shop to the TTI building and working on this -- that will be Mr. Davis -- I know the paper might say something different -- that’s screwed up -- that Mr. Davis as Chairman, Ms. Wilson and Ray Graham; the TTI would be Brett Sanders, Chairman, Tommy Dunn and Craig Wooten; Courthouse Square would be Craig Wooten, Tommy Dunn and Ms. Floyd; Recodification Ad Hoc Committee, Ms. Floyd, Craig Wooten and Ray Graham. Those are the ad hoc committees, and there will be more. Go ahead, Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD:  What is Recodification Ad Hoc Committee? I’ve never heard of that before.

TOMMY DUNN:  It’s part of the codes, bringing them up and them being worked on. I’ll let Mr. Harmon explain a little bit better; be working with him.

LEON HARMON:  Ms. Floyd, that has to do with ever so often we need to update the Code because we’ve had a lot of amendments to it. And it’s time to do that. We started this project probably two years ago and we simply need to get it completed and get a new code book in place.

GRACIE FLOYD:  Okay. Now, what’s the Courthouse Square?

TOMMY DUNN:  That’s the building behind us.

GRACIE FLOYD:  You’re not explaining this, Mr. Dunn. And Mr. Chairman, I respectfully decline ---

TOMMY DUNN:  Okay. What you ---

GRACIE FLOYD:  --- to sit on any of these committees. I have been on the -- I’m always appointed to the Solid Waste Committee. And Recodification, I don’t think that I would be very good at that.

TOMMY DUNN:  Okay.

GRACIE FLOYD:  And the Courthouse Square, I know that’s something that you guys have already figured out what you’re going to do with that. So I will have my own committees. I will attend other committees and I will have my own. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN:  Okay. The only one that’s got to be named tonight is the five standing committees, as I said, but on the Solid Waste, it’s Brett Sanders, Craig Wooten and Ray Graham. You willing to serve on that? On the Courthouse Square, Ms. Wilson, are you willing to serve on that? And on
the Recodification, Craig, if you’ll be chairman of
that and I’ll serve on there with y’all.
Moving on next, do we have a motion to go into
Executive Session to discuss legal matters?
CINDY WILSON: May I make that motion, Mr.
Chairman?
RAY GRAHAM: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes the
motion; Mr. Graham seconds it. All in favor of the
motion show of hands. All opposed. Abstentions. Show
the motion carries.
(EXECUTIVE SESSION)
CINDY WILSON: ... received some
information pertaining to the legal matters involving
the Preston case.
RAY GRAHAM: Second that.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson to come
out of executive session after receiving legal
information and taking no action, no votes. Mr. Graham
seconds it. All in favor of the motion show of hands.
Opposed like sign.
And for the record and for the news media people
here, this is a legal and sensitive matter. Mr. Burns
and Mr. Harmon, our attorney, will be available after
this meeting to answer any comments you might have.
Moving on now to Item number 15, citizens comments.
When Mr. Harmon calls your name, please restate your
name for the record, you have three minutes, and
address the chair, please.
LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, the first
citizen signed up is Joey Robinson.
JOEY ROBINSON: My name is Joey Robinson.
Thank you for your time tonight. I’m a resident of
Anderson County for fifty-two years; my whole life.
I’ve donated thousands of hours volunteering with the
EMS and the county fire system in this county. That’s
not why I’m here.
Why I’m here, I need to know the opinion by the
state of South Carolina -- a lot of these are going to
be in question form and if y’all want to answer after
you can. So I’m going to try to get through with my
three minutes.
I need to know if subpoenaed by the state of South
Carolina will my comments to the Anderson County
Council be released to SLED upon official state law
request either by written statement or video from this
meeting?
This is another question. What is Anderson County
Council’s legal responsibility under South Carolina law
for complaints against the Anderson County Sheriff’s
Office? And what is required by South Carolina law for
Anderson County Council to do?

What is Anderson County Council’s legal governing
ability and its responsibility to the residents of
Anderson County on complaints against Anderson County
Sheriff’s Office? Since it’s a legal complaint report,
what do I need to do or request from the Anderson
County Council under the law required by South Carolina
law? Do they inform me of these rights?

I have many complaints against the Anderson County
Sheriff’s Office, but due to three minutes of my time
-- of time constraints, I will not be able to address
them. The Anderson County Sheriff’s Office website
states, the community we serve, we maintain high
standards of accountability, proactively but fairly
enforcing our laws. No, they do not.

When you go to the Anderson County Sheriff’s Office
you’re not treated as a human being. You’re treated
like you just fell off the turnip truck. You’re
treated as you’re stupid and have no knowledge of the
law. They require you to go up the chain of command,
which I have done. They say they will get back to me,
which they have not done. I’ve been to the Sheriff’s
Office three times. They want you to get frustrated,
discouraged, so that you will quit pursuing your
complaint. They are policing themselves with no
accountability to no one.

When I talk to supposedly the deputy chief per the
Sheriff’s Office, his name was Scott Hamby, I asked him
was there another state agency that I could file a
report about the complaints against Anderson County
Sheriff’s Office with? He stated no. I knew there
was. I knew he was going to say that. I stated, I
could file a complaint with SLED. He got exceedingly
angry at that point ---

LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Robinson, your time is
up. But look here, when this meeting is over with, if
you’ll stick around, Mr. Harmon and Mr. Burns will get
your name and address and set up an appointment with
you where they can sit down and discuss and get your
questions. And whoever your councilman is, too,
wherever you live at -- do you still live in the
Cheddar Community; over that way?

JOEY ROBINSON: No, sir, I live ---

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham’s? We’ll be
glad to sit down and see what your concerns are and
address them. You can’t do that on a council night or
in three minutes. I understand that.

JOEY ROBINSON: I didn’t know my rights.
TOMMY DUNN: Well, that’s what we’re here for. You’re a citizen. We’re going to see what we can do. Everybody’s got them; okay?

JOEY ROBINSON: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: I just want to clarify one thing on this. Mr. Robinson, I appreciate you bringing forth your concerns. However, he has contacted the sheriff’s department. Steve Reeves, Lieutenant -- is that correct, Michael? Lieutenant Reeves is following up on this and looking into it. This just occurred this past week as far as contacting Mr. Reeves. So with all due respect they are working on this, and so is the sheriff.

TOMMY DUNN: He had some questions for County Council, so we’ll make sure Mr. Harmon finds out if there’s anything we need to do. Or get him to the right person. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Sir, may I have a copy of your questions, too, please? Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Robinson, you get your questions and Mr. Harmon can get copies and make sure he gets them. I know you’ve probably just got that one set; okay? Appreciate it.

Mr. Harmon, next? Excuse me just a minute before we go on to that. I skipped a part, Administrator’s Report, and I apologize. Do we have anything, Mr. Burns?

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

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

TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

ELIZABETH FANT: Thank you. Elizabeth Fant, District 3. I wasn’t going to speak on executive action issue, but I guess I must. It’s been ten long years. There were so many things wrong about that situation. But you can’t let the water just go under the bridge and not do anything about it. Because if you don’t do something about it and address it, you’ve got another person in the wings who’s going to try to do it again. There are different interpretations of a lot of things that went on back then. But the biggest thing that I saw was that we were not spending our money, County tax money, appropriately. And the way that the money was moved around by the former administrator without due diligence of the county council who was here then, and a lot of those members
were complicit with it. If you research the case and you see who was offered jobs or who was going to get this and who was going to get that out of it, you had a council then who had reason to support that give-away. And I think we’ve got a different council now. We’ve got upstanding people who see that the county constituents are watching and that we don’t ever want to have that happen again. So you need to put a nail on that coffin and get that money back.

LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Comments from council members. Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: None at this time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

BRET SANDERS: None at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: I have several things.

First of all, Mr. Harmon -- got it that time -- Mr. Harmon, when I was asking the question about this drug facility thing, nothing in there said that it was a NIMBY. You know what a NIMBY is; don’t you?

LEON HARMON: Not in my neighborhood.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.

LEON HARMON: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, not in my neighborhood thing is called a NIMBY. Nothing in that piece said anything about it being a NIMBY. Okay. My not knowing, I just took it at the face value of what it was saying. Okay. Thank you for explaining that to me, even through all the interruptions. But thank you for explaining that to me. I know it’s a NIMBY now. And folks, NIMBY means not in my backyard. Put it in anybody else’s backyard you want to, but not in mind.

Second thing, about this Preston thing, yeah, I know, I know that -- I don’t know how to say this -- but when you point out about the council members, point out the right ones. Because there were people there, and I was one of them, who did not have any collusions in this thing whatsoever. None. Okay. In fact when we went through -- oh, I can’t say that. In fact, there was no collusion with Gracie Floyd. It will never be. I will always say and do the right thing. Even if I have to stand by myself, I will say and do the right things. So when you point out about the council members going along with him or her or it, say the right things; okay?

All right. And let me tell you, there was a lot of lying that went on during that time, too. And believe
me, it still is going on. There’s still lying. But
any information you want, I have the transcript to all
of it. See me. See me. You’ll get the truth because
I have no reason to lie. And I thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: Nothing at this time.
Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Not at this time.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
Justice delayed is justice denied. It’s a crime and a
shame that this civil matter has wandered around for
ten years. But in spite of it all, this county has
moved forward. We came out of the worst recession of
our lifetime one of the top ten counties in the United
States. Look at our unemployment. But there needs to
be consequences for bad behavior. And if they’re not
addressed, we are subject to having embolden bad
actions.

Anyway, it’s an honor to serve the people of this
county, an honor to serve with you honorable people.
Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Chairman
Wooten, I would ask your committee, the Finance
Committee, one of your first order of businesses would
be to get with Mr. Burns, the Administrator, Mr.
Harmon, and come up with a recommendation or resolution
for the Iva Sewer situation.

And also, Mr. Sanders and Mr. Davis, welcome y’all
to Anderson County. Y’all thought y’all -- now you’re
welcome to Anderson County.
Council will be adjourned.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.)