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County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT

1 TOMMY DUNN: I'd like to call the
2 regular Anderson County Council meeting of February 5th
3 to order. At this time I'd like for us to rise for
4 invocation and pledge of allegiance by Ms. Wilson,
5 please.

6 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CINDY WILSON)**

7 TOMMY DUNN: At this time moving on to
8 Item number 3. Are there any changes or corrections to
9 be made to the minutes of January 22nd?
10 Do we have a motion to move forward then?

11 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Ms. Wilson to
13 move forward. Do we have a second?

14 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

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

18 Moving on now to Item number 4, citizens comments.
19 As Mr. Harmon calls your name, you have three minutes
20 to speak on items related to this first go-around on
21 agenda items only. Please address the chair. Please
22 state your name for the record when you come up to the
23 podium. Mr. Harmon.

24 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first speaker
25 is Frank Pressly.

26 FRANK PRESSLY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
27 Frank Pressly, District 4. Twenty years. Twenty years
28 is how long this young lady at the end of the podium
29 down here has been fighting the Preston case. Speaking
30 to Item 14, you have an executive session today about
31 it. Five councils before you have battled through
32 this. We're at the eleventh hour. All the money that
33 needs to be spent has been spent. Usually when the
34 opposition is reaching out so hard to get a settlement,
35 it's because they're desperate. Let's not cave at the
36 eleventh hour. Thank you.

37 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker
38 is Janet Keller.

39 JANET KELLER: Mr. Chairman, about the
40 closing of Dianna Street, I have ---

41 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns -- give me a
42 minute -- get that mic and maybe adjust it for her
43 where she won't have trouble. Start that time over,
44 Mr. Harmon. Go ahead. Take your time.

45 JANET KELLER: I've been living on 933
46 Lewis Street for fifteen years now. And our home faces
47 Dianna. We're the only ones that live on Dianna. And
48 we have trash, people stealing stuff and coming up the
49 road. Just yesterday I found a needle. I took a
50 picture. I have pictures of stuff to give to y'all to

1 look at. I found a needle. I called the law. They
2 came and they said there was meth in it. And I mean,
3 this is really ridiculous. We have trashy road,
4 eighteen wheelers coming down that little road, and
5 they knock down the neighbor's power line. The power
6 line was across the road, live line, on our fence. And
7 we have people that speed up and down that road. And
8 they don't care. I have a video and I have photos of
9 me getting a stray cat out of the road with the
10 neighbor up the road flying down the road and almost
11 hitting me. And I mean, it's getting to the point to
12 where we can't live in our own home anymore. And all
13 we ask of y'all is to help us do something about the
14 trash, the drugs, and everything else that's going on
15 over there. Because we have -- all we wanted was the
16 road closed from our property line up to Lewis to stop
17 all the speeding, the trash and everything else,
18 because me and Ms. Gray are about the only two that
19 clean that road. And the road is getting in bad shape.
20 And I just wish y'all would help us, if you would.
21 Would y'all like to see these pictures?

22 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, get that for
23 council, please.

24 JANET KELLER: I have all of them -- the
25 one that's not in plastic is the one where I found the
26 needle yesterday. That's down at the store. The good
27 one probably take -- that shows (inaudible).

28 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, that's time
29 for this speaker.

30 Are you ready for the next speaker?

31 TOMMY DUNN: Time's up for that. You
32 want to sign in to talk? You can't sign in after the
33 meeting starts.

34 Okay, Mr. Harmon.

35 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, I'm having a
36 little bit of trouble reading the name of the next
37 speaker. It looks like the last name is Smith King.
38 Veronica.

39 VERONICA SMITH: Thank you for letting me
40 speak my three minutes. My name is Veronica Smith. I
41 also live at 923 Lewis Street. I have lived at 911
42 Lewis Street all my life until I moved off. I moved
43 back. Our mobile home is sitting directly on Dianna
44 Street, as Ms. Keller stated. It has now come to the
45 point we are finding meth needles to where we're having
46 to call the law -- that still have the meth inside.
47 I'm sorry. I'm nervous. I'm not used to public
48 speaking, so excuse me.

49 TOMMY DUNN: That's all right.

50 VERONICA SMITH: My niece and my nephew,

1 they cannot physically come to my home, walk to my home
2 any longer, because the road is not wide enough.
3 There's no side, the cars run off the road, because
4 it's not for double lanes. It's not for two cars. The
5 trash, we're continuously picking up trash. The next
6 morning we get up, there's trash. When we called the
7 county law last night and they come and got the meth
8 needle, the police office also noticed that there was a
9 soda bottle that someone had urinated in and threw it
10 out on our road.

11 We understand that the parcel that we're asking to
12 be shut down goes from our property line and Ms. Gray's
13 property line up to Lewis. At no way would it
14 interfere with the store located at 28 Bypass. That is
15 the main junction at 28 Bypass. That is the road
16 transfer trucks should be on. That's what they should
17 be using. They no longer use that. They come down
18 Dianna. They do not take into consideration people
19 walking down Dianna, people coming out of their yard,
20 which, I mean, it's our driveway, us coming out of our
21 yard, they do not even consider the stop sign located
22 at Dianna and Lewis Street. We are lucky if we see ten
23 cars a day stop at that stop sign. Other than that
24 they're straight on. In the pictures you can actually
25 see where a man run the stop sign and come to a dead
26 stop in the middle of Lewis Street. That has also
27 caused a bad wreck. Two people was entrapped in the
28 vehicle at the time. They had to call out EMS and fire
29 squad to get them out. I am begging, please help us
30 make our neighborhood safe, because right now we have a
31 home security system, we have a dog, and unfortunately
32 we've had to arm ourselves with a 380, because while
33 she was at a sleep study, I had a drunk man come in the
34 yard at two thirty in the morning. If it had not been
35 for our neighbor calling the law -- unfortunately my
36 stupid self, I left the door unlocked. But if it had
37 not been for the neighbor, I can't say. And he called
38 the law and luckily they was able to lock him up. But
39 please help us put a stop, I'm begging. Because I do
40 not know what else to do. Right now my hands are tied
41 as far as feeling safe inside my own home.

42 LEON HARMON: It's time, Mr. Chairman.

43 VERONICA SMITH: Thank you.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Harmon.

45 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Randy

46 Smith.

47 RANDY SMITH: My name is Randy Smith and
48 I live beside my sister, Veronica King. I do heating
49 and air. And with these meth heads that are coming
50 down there and parking in the back down there stealing

1 my equipment. I do heating and air. I've got them on
2 film taking hand trucks and getting my equipment, going
3 back up Dianna Street and up Lewis Street. If
4 something don't happen with getting that road closed
5 and everything, somebody is going to get hurt. That's
6 a lot of money I'm losing. It's not coming out of your
7 pockets, it's coming out of my pocket. The next one
8 that tries to steal is going to laying in my yard.
9 I've done told the law. The law ain't done nothing.
10 Please help us try to close Dianna Street down. If we
11 can do that we could stop a lot of that. I appreciate
12 it. Y'all have a nice day.

13 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Dorothy
14 Smith.

15 DOROTHY SMITH: Yes, sir, my name is
16 Dorothy Smith. And I have been living over there at
17 911 Lewis Street since May of 1958. When my husband
18 and I bought that house and we moved over there, that
19 was a good place to live. I mean everybody, you know,
20 nice and all. And the traffic and all, we didn't have
21 people going up and down Dianna Street and all like
22 they are now. And they're using that -- Dianna Street
23 connects Lewis and 28 Bypass. Well, really, there's no
24 reason for anyone to be going up and down Dianna Street
25 now because what we used to call the Mini Mart, well
26 that is closed now. That store has been closed now for
27 about five or maybe five and a half years. And the
28 building and everything down there is just going down,
29 down, down. And the -- where the gas pumps and where
30 you pull in and all, that pavement down there is
31 cracked and it's coming up and all. In fact, back when
32 we were having all the rain, where that branch runs up
33 under that road and all there, it washed out and a big
34 -- great big giant hole down there. And it stayed down
35 there for, oh, about three or four months. Well, they
36 closed that road off. And we were so glad that they
37 did close it off. And then finally, I don't know if
38 the county or the county and the city got together and
39 fixed the hole. Now it's opened back up. And they're
40 using Dianna Street as a race track up and down, up and
41 down. Motorcycles up and down. We've got eighteen
42 wheelers, which they should go on down to Bojangle's
43 and Zaxby's and go through -- cut through down there to
44 where they'll have a red light to go out down there
45 where you go up to Walmart. But instead they try to
46 come up there and go down Dianna Street. And an
47 eighteen -- that little street is not wide enough for
48 two cars to pass. And that big eighteen wheeler, it
49 gets -- the electrical lines are hanging down low. And
50 they get caught on the top of the eighteen wheelers.

1 And then whenever they do it pulls the transformer and
2 everything else down. We have to call Duke Power then
3 and get them out there to put the wires back and put
4 the transformer and all back up. And we would
5 appreciate it if you would just close that street off
6 completely because there's no one living on that street
7 except Veronica. She's the only one that's living on
8 that street, Dianna. And she has people coming over
9 there all hours of the night pulling up in her yard and
10 her driveway and turning around. And it's not safe,
11 not now, not the way the situation and all it's in now.

12 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

13 DOROTHY SMITH: And the cars and traffic
14 can go up and down Lewis Street or either they can go
15 down 28.

16 TOMMY DUNN: That's time. Thank you,
17 ma'am. We got the point.

18 DOROTHY SMITH: Thank you.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

20 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Danny
21 Herrmann.

22 DANNY HERRMANN: I signed in on that. That
23 was just for my rezoning. I must have signed the sheet
24 wrong.

25 TOMMY DUNN: You can talk about it now.
26 Yes, sir. Anything on this agenda you can talk about;
27 yes, sir.

28 DANNY HERMAN: This is in regards to the
29 amended zoning that I ---

30 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, but it's on the
31 agenda so you can talk about it now. Yes, sir.

32 DANNY HERMAN: Oh okay. (Inaudible)
33 Excuse me. As you can see, the amenities where we've
34 located this is much nicer amenities than what they had
35 proposed. That's all we've asking for is to get the
36 commission to amend the zoning that we can move the
37 amenities. (Inaudible).

38 TOMMY DUNN: That's good. Thank you.

39 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one else
40 is signed up.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

42 Moving on to Item number 5, trash in Anderson
43 County. Ms. Floyd.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: I hope that you folks have
45 been seeing what I have seen. Starting at the first of
46 the year, I was so struck by it that I asked our folks
47 who work with the trash, I said is this just my
48 district or is this all over Anderson? And they told
49 me that it was all over Anderson. Have you all seen an
50 influx of trash; really, really trash all over the

1 highway, seems like it's move. Just shake your heads
2 up and down and I'll know. Yeah, yeah. We don't know
3 what's wrong. We don't know why. It seems like roads
4 that were kept clean during -- right before Christmas,
5 and I know they have been cleaned, are just trashy all
6 over again. There's no, there's no rhyme or reason for
7 it. We don't even know who's throwing the trash out.
8 We do know some people who are picking it up. But it's
9 a mess. And we're going to have to do something about
10 it. I am starting a trash committee, personally, in my
11 district. You'll be hearing more about it. We're
12 beginning to talk to somebody who -- and we're coming
13 up with some plans to see what can be done to help.
14 The problem is so big that it's going to take each
15 council member up here to monitor his or her own
16 district to figure out what can be done; what can they
17 do in their district to help. Because it's going to
18 take -- it's not going to take one person from one
19 district to do it all. It's not going to happen.
20 We're in a new day. We don't know why. But the trash,
21 it seems to just be awful.

22 I had a death in my neighborhood and the funeral
23 was going to be on a Friday and I was going to go up on
24 Wednesday and Thursday and clean the trash up myself
25 because I was so embarrassed to have people coming into
26 my neighborhood. Well, I mentioned it to the wrong
27 person that I was going to do that, and that didn't
28 fly. He told me that he'll come home and he will
29 straighten me out if I did that because I was going to
30 take my rollator with me. And I was just going to do
31 it. And he said, no way, Jose. So I called Greg Smith
32 who happens to be sitting -- Greg, I want you to stand
33 up, please because I want everybody to see you. Thank
34 you, dear. Greg Smith is in charge of the litter.
35 Let's just put it that way. He's in charge of much
36 more than that, but that's the only one I can think of
37 now. He's in charge of the litter thing. I called him
38 and I said, Greg, we've got to do something. I can't
39 have these people coming to the family to visit the
40 family during this time with our roads and the
41 neighborhood just looks so bad. I said, I just can't
42 do that. And he said, Ms. Floyd, let me see what I can
43 do. Well, Friday -- I think I called him on a
44 Wednesday. Friday the family came -- the funeral was
45 1:00. When the family came, it was cleaned up. And
46 you don't know the sense of relief knowing that people
47 are coming into your neighborhood and your street.

48 So what I'm doing now is I have -- I have twenty
49 minutes to talk about it, but I'm not going to talk
50 about all of it tonight. But you'll hear me come in

1 with some snippets, a piece here and a piece there to
2 give you some ideas.

3 First of all, if you see anybody out there picking
4 up trash, you know they didn't put it out there. But
5 what I do is I pull to the side and I get out of my car
6 and I stand up and yell out, thank you. Thank you. To
7 let them know that somebody cares. Okay. Maybe
8 there's a horn blow that we can do. We see someone
9 picking up trash maybe we can honk the horn, thank you.
10 But we have to start somewhere. And I thank you.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Item number 6, there are
12 none.

13 Going on to Item number 7, second reading. 7(a),
14 2019-002, an ordinance consenting to the conversion by
15 Anderson County of certain rights of Orian Rugs, Inc.
16 (The "Company") under that certain lease agreement with
17 Anderson County dated December 1, 1997 to a fee
18 agreement arrangement as provided in Title 12, Chapter
19 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina.

20 Mr. Burriss, do you want to talk on this before we
21 go into a public hearing?

22 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr.
23 Chairman, members of Council. As we discussed two
24 weeks ago, Bosch is streamlining their business model.
25 They're wanting to clean up the legal language of the
26 old lease style fee agreements and convert it to
27 simplified fee. Good thing for both of us. It takes
28 away the encumbrances that they run into with their
29 business dealings with us being in the chain of title.
30 And the other thing is, it gets the County out of that
31 chain of title and we're no longer listed or it appears
32 that the County owns that property. That's a legal
33 fiction designed on purpose for the purposes of the fee
34 in lieu of taxes agreement. But this is a company that
35 has over four hundred employees operating and working
36 every day.

37 TOMMY DUNN: You mean Orian Rugs; don't
38 you? I think you said Bosch.

39 BURRISS NELSON: I'm sorry. It is Orian
40 Rug.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Just want to make sure for
42 the record.

43 BURRISS NELSON: It is Orian Rug. I'm
44 sorry. Four hundred employees, annual payroll of about
45 thirteen million dollars. And current property taxes
46 that are paid, a hundred and ninety-two thousand
47 dollars. And the project is -- there's not a project
48 at this time. But there is always the opportunity for
49 them to grow and to bring another capital investment
50 and job creation. Thank you for your time. This comes

1 to Council as a recommendation from the staff and the
2 Advisory Committee. And I apologize for my ---
3 TOMMY DUNN: That's all right, Mr.
4 Nelson. At this time we're going to be in a public
5 hearing on this. Anyone wishing to speak to this
6 matter, please step forward and state your name for the
7 record and address the chair, please.
8 FRANK PRESSLY: Frank Pressly, District 4.
9 This being from 1997, which was the height of Mr.
10 Preston's reign here, people would be interested in
11 knowing what this agreement was about. Mr. Burriss did
12 give us a little recap there, some of which included
13 the words, a fiction that was created. That suggests
14 to me that something was done a little funny there.
15 Did we take a lease of some property in exchange for
16 the fee in lieu of? What exactly was this deal? I'd
17 be interested in hearing from either the county
18 administrator or Mr. Burriss about exactly what this
19 deal entailed. Is this something we're going to have
20 as a discussion or just a response?
21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Pressly, you know we
22 don't answer questions back and forth like that right
23 there. It's not a town hall meeting. Move on.
24 FRANK PRESSLY: Well, we haven't been
25 provided anything in that regard. I'd be interested in
26 knowing exactly what this deal involved.
27 TOMMY DUNN: I heard that; yes, sir.
28 FRANK PRESSLY: --- property or what it
29 involves.
30 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Anyone at
31 all? Do you want to speak on this matter, ma'am?
32 Okay. This is this matter here. Anyone else at all on
33 this matter here? Public hearing will be closed. Do
34 we have a motion to move this forward?
35 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
36 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
37 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second
38 Mr. Graham. Any discussion?
39 CINDY WILSON: May I very quickly?
40 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
41 CINDY WILSON: I'm not sure I can
42 precisely answer the interpretation here, but in years
43 past in Georgia and also in South Carolina when there
44 was an agreement, an economic development agreement, it
45 was structured verbally and in writing different from
46 the way it is now. And as Mr. Nelson pointed out, we
47 would show up as in this Orian Rug fee in lieu of tax
48 agreement as the owner or the lessor, but we're not.
49 It was a paper -- I don't want to use the word ruse,
50 but it was basically -- it comes with in lieu of. It's

1 kind of a French term. It's just a different way to do
2 it, and we're cleaning up records now. I don't even
3 know if they still do this in Georgia, but in Anderson
4 County and in our state it's a lot more straightforward
5 than it used to be. We won't be in the chain of title.
6 It's a tax agreement. Is there anyone else who can
7 maybe clarify that a little better? Does that make
8 sense?

9 RAY GRAHAM: That was very well said.
10 That's what it amounts to.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: I talked last meeting to
14 Mr. -- not Rusty, but the economic development person,
15 his name? Burriss, yeah, I knew that. I know you,
16 Burriss. But I talked to Burriss Nelson about it and
17 he explained this, you know, to me, what it was about.
18 Because my concern was a little different. It appeared
19 to me that every time we turn around we have one of
20 these companies who were stabled in Anderson calling
21 asking for more of this and more of that. Mr. Burriss
22 explained it to me. And again I came this morning --
23 this afternoon, excuse me, and I went to Mr. Burns'
24 office because I wanted to talk with him about it. We
25 talked today, but we talked about everything else today
26 but this. Mr. Burns, would you explain to our county
27 members here what you told me this was all about?

28 RUSTY BURNS: (Inaudible)

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And I don't think --
30 or what I know about it, I don't think that this has
31 nothing to do with what happened with the previous
32 administration.

33 RUSTY BURNS: (Inaudible)

34 GRACIE FLOYD: It has? Okay. Good.

35 Thank you.

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

39 Now going to 7(b), 2019-003, an ordinance
40 consenting to the conversion by Anderson County of
41 certain rights of Orian Rugs, Inc. (The "Company")
42 under that certain lease agreement with Anderson County
43 dated December 1, 2003 to a fee agreement arrangement
44 as provided in Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws
45 of South Carolina 1976.

46 Mr. Nelson, you got anything you want to say on
47 this?

48 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
49 All of these agreements are based on state law and
50 state statute. They don't have anything to do with

1 local government other than we are able to enact them.
2 But it is a method of being able to supply the
3 incentive opportunity used in the lease. We really
4 don't -- the legal fiction part of it is we really do
5 not own the property. And it states so within the
6 ordinance itself. So it's all in state law and it's
7 met state constitutional muster and been through the
8 Supreme Court for review several time, and has stood
9 the test of law. But that's what it is. It just helps
10 these folks with the incentive. This cleans it up,
11 though, so that we don't have to be in the chain of
12 title and it allows -- gets us out of it just by
13 switching to simplified fee. But thank you, sir.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson. At
15 this time we'll go into a public hearing. Anyone
16 wishing to speak to this, please step forward and state
17 your name and district and address the chair, please.

18 FRANK PRESSLY: Frank Pressly, District 4.
19 Mr. Chairman, the last time I asked you if you would
20 please ask exactly what the mechanics of this deal is,
21 we've heard described what it's about, but we've heard
22 a lot of words that are fiction and verbal agreement
23 and kind of stepping around it. What exactly is this
24 deal? Did they give us a piece of property as a lease?
25 They're saying we leased it. That doesn't mean we own
26 it. But if we leased it then we're paying some type of
27 value. Are they exchanging that for their fee in lieu
28 of agreement? What exactly is the deal? Why can that
29 not be explained to us because we're hearing all about
30 that it's legal and it's this and it's that. But what
31 exactly was the deal?

32 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Anyone at
33 all? Do we have a motion to move this forward?

34 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a
36 second?

37 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Any
39 further discussion?

40 CINDY WILSON: May I very quickly?

41 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

42 CINDY WILSON: The value of the fee in
43 lieu of tax agreement for the previous item was ten
44 million dollars. And I can't remember how many jobs,
45 but they've long since fulfilled on that. The value of
46 this particular fee in lieu of tax agreement where we
47 are basically taking our name out of the chain of title
48 is eight million dollars. And I'm trying to remember
49 because I actually voted on this back in '03, but it
50 seems like there were over a hundred jobs at that

1 point. But Mr. Nelson, those jobs have been filled to
2 the letter of the agreement?

3 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am.

4 CINDY WILSON: So this is basically --
5 this is probably a very informal way of maybe doing a
6 quit claim on the property because we never really had
7 title to the property, but it was a legal conveyance so
8 they could get fee in lieu of taxes and go borrow
9 money. But it's different now. It's more
10 straightforward.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All
12 in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
13 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

14 Thank you, Mr. Nelson. Appreciate it.

15 Moving on to second reading, Item 7(c), 2019-004,
16 an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances, Anderson
17 County, South Carolina, by adding section 38-184,
18 Titled Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities. Put that
19 in the form of a motion to move forward for third
20 reading. Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Hearing
21 none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. Show
22 the motion carries.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Isn't this the second
24 reading for this?

25 TOMMY DUNN: I think I said, yes, ma'am,
26 second reading.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: I thought you said third
28 reading.

29 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. I thought I
30 said second.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: No.

32 TOMMY DUNN: But it says right there
33 second reading. Second reading.

34 Ordinance 8(a), moving on to first reading, 8(a),
35 2019-005, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to
36 rezone plus or minus 108.61 acres from PD (Planned
37 Development) to PD Amendment at 2729 Highway 29 North
38 and Cox Road. This is in District 7. Dr. Parkey, do
39 you want to talk on this?

40 JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes,
41 this is a rezoning request at Cox Road and Highway 29
42 to amend the planned development statement of intent.
43 The purpose of the request is to relocate the amenity
44 area to a different spot on the side and also there's a
45 change in the name to Rocky River Subdivision. The
46 staff recommended approval of the request. The Zoning
47 Advisory Group did not meet their January 2nd meeting
48 for a lack of quorum. So the item technically comes
49 forward as approval. The Planning Commission
50 recommended approval at their January 9th meeting.

1 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone have
3 questions for Dr. Parkey? Do we have a motion to move
4 this on?
5 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a
7 second?
8 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
9 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.
10 Discussion?
11 CINDY WILSON: May I?
12 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
13 CINDY WILSON: I had a very pleasant
14 conversation with the new developer of this property.
15 And he understands that this property as currently
16 zoned, if it were to come before us now as it was zoned
17 with the PD in 2004, it would not pass. It is a very
18 high density development in a low density area. And
19 I've implored Mr. Herrmann to be mindful of the
20 neighborhood, and we would like to get together with
21 you, maybe with the neighborhood. Your neighbors
22 probably will have some very good ideas that would make
23 it more sellable and certainly more liveable for them.
24 It's for two hundred and fifty-five houses on
25 approximately seventy acres that can be built on. The
26 rest he would retain as open areas as wetland and a big
27 pond and so forth. But we need to be aware of the
28 current trends of going to smaller homes and perhaps
29 smaller lots. However, going to an eight-thousandth
30 square foot lot in this area is very -- it's very
31 different. And we're very concerned with the tract
32 home builders that we've had in our county. We used to
33 have a lot of good home-grown builders, and even
34 building small homes, they were solid and very pleasant
35 and so forth. But we have what one of my neighbors out
36 that way referred to as a vinyl village. And it's not
37 a happy neighborhood to live in that way. We're
38 wanting to work with you, not only to give you a good
39 profit but to give us a good neighborhood that people
40 want to live in and perhaps they'll want you to come
41 back in another area of the county to build, too. We
42 really are quite fatigued from working with DR Horton
43 and some of the others. They have not been nice
44 neighbors coming into the county. They've bullied the
45 neighbors and made things very, very difficult. So
46 I'll look forward to talking with you further about
47 this as we move along. Thank you.
48 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor
49 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
50 Abstentions?

1 GRACIE FLOYD: I just don't know what
2 we're voting on. So you might just have to put me down
3 because Mr. Parkey went from one thing straight to
4 another thing and somewhere it just got all confusing
5 there to me. For example, the abuse treatment
6 facilities. Did he discuss that?
7 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. I did. We done
8 voted on that.
9 GRACIE FLOYD: I beg your pardon?
10 TOMMY DUNN: We've done voted on that.
11 That's what you asked me -- I said third reading on.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, I'm aware of that.
13 TOMMY DUNN: He didn't say nothing about
14 that.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Somewhere, Mr. Dunn, it got
16 all confused in there. So because I am confused, and I
17 am, I will not vote.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Abstention. Show the
19 motion carries with Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dunn,
20 Mr. Wooten, Mr. Graham and Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms.
21 Floyd abstains.
22 Moving on now to Item number 9, resolutions, 9(a),
23 R2019-002, a resolution expressing intent to cease
24 county maintenance on and to authorize county consent
25 to judicial abandonment and closure of a portion of
26 Dianna Street designated as C-09-0304A. Be in District
27 2. Do we have a motion on this?
28 RAY GRAHAM: I make a motion we deny
29 this.
30 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Mr.
31 Graham that we deny this. Do we have a second? Second
32 by Mr. Sanders. Now discussion.
33 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?
34 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
35 RAY GRAHAM: There's a couple of things
36 concerning this. I definitely feel for the family that
37 lives over there. However, pretty much all of the
38 items you guys brought up, I think we need to truly
39 address the issues. And the issue is not closing the
40 road. And with that being said, we can't close a road
41 just because there's trash on it. As Ms. Floyd stated
42 earlier, there's trash all over the county. We know --
43 we all identify that we have an issue there. When you
44 go to the point about the road -- excuse me -- the
45 large trucks, eighteen wheelers coming up and down
46 that, to me that's definitely something we need to
47 pursue about limiting that thoroughfare as far as with
48 the big trucks. And that's something we can definitely
49 take into consideration and possibly do on that.
50 As far as the drug paraphernalia on the side of the

1 road, the sad thing about it, it's the times that we
2 live in. And you know, we can ensure that the
3 sheriff's department patrols that area more. And we
4 can take different actions on that. But again, you
5 cannot close a road just because there's issues on that
6 road. The road itself is not in that bad a shape. In
7 fact, we've got many roads throughout the county that
8 is in worse shape than that.

9 Again, I sympathize with the issues that you guys
10 brought up. We will address with Officer McCarley to
11 patrol that area. He's kind of an officer that's
12 assigned to the county. We'll try to do that. Some of
13 the items as far as where the people's coming up on
14 your properties, and listening to y'all's conversation,
15 I assume some of them is actually walking. Closing
16 that road is not going to prevent that either. I'm
17 very familiar with the area. And with that being said,
18 I know there's some issues in that neighborhood. But
19 again, I think the answer there is to address the
20 problems at hand and not -- you know, closing the road
21 is not going to address them problems. I'm mighty
22 afraid that is not going to solve any of the issues you
23 guys have with the exception of the trucks coming up
24 and down through there. And actually if it's closed
25 they're not going to be able to do that. But we can do
26 that without closing the road. So with that being
27 said, that's my take on that. And I apologize I don't
28 agree with you guys on that. But I mean, we're
29 definitely going to take some steps to see if we can
30 get you some assistance in that neighborhood.

31 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

32 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

33 CINDY WILSON: One possible remedy would
34 be to have it posted for no truck traffic going
35 through. And I wonder if a speed bump might be
36 helpful?

37 TOMMY DUNN: A speed bump, we have to
38 get the road department. We've got a -- I think
39 Council done this years ago, got a policy about speed
40 bumps, where they can go and how they go and whatnot,
41 and everything. I don't know if that would be
42 applicable for that.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: But Mr. Chairman, ---

44 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm flabbergasted. I
46 really, really am. Because that's my district. Wait a
47 minute. Wait a minute. That's my district. You are
48 in my district, not Mr. Graham's. You're in my
49 district. Okay? And usually when it's your district
50 you get first say because it's your district.

1 But anyway since we have people up here now who
2 know everything, maybe they know about this, but let me
3 tell you what I know. Okay? I came out there and I
4 looked at the street. In fact, that was my second time
5 coming out there to look at the street. Okay?
6 Recently; okay? I listened to what you had to say.
7 You talked about the trash, the needle and stuff,
8 wheelers, the power line and the especially the motor
9 cycles. Everything that you had going down in that
10 area goes on on my street. My neighborhood is
11 deteriorating and it's going down. So I know how you
12 feel. I talked to you about that trash; I was so
13 embarrassed to have anybody to come in my neighborhood
14 to take a look at it. I was just so embarrassed.
15 Talked to you about that.

16 But just to jump up here and say I don't agree with
17 you -- here's what I want to do since you're in --
18 you're my constituent. Here's what I want to do; okay?
19 I want to come out there again and I want to talk to
20 you this time. The last time I didn't get a chance to
21 talk with you because I just came in to take a look at
22 it to see why they wanted to close it and all of that.
23 But can we set up a time when I can come out there and
24 see you again and meet with you and let's find out what
25 we can do to solve this problem that's going to be good
26 for you and good for the county, as well? May I do
27 that?

28 Okay. Now, if you have any concerns call me. Call
29 me because I am your council person. You're in my
30 council district. The other people have other
31 districts that they need to work in themselves, without
32 jumping into mine. God knows I need the help, but I'm
33 managing all right. Now, when can I come out there to
34 talk with you? Next week sometime? Seems like I have
35 something to do. I'll make it work. Okay. I'll make
36 it work. Seems like I have something to do Monday, but
37 I will be there. And I know the house on the corner.
38 Whose house is that? Raise your hand, the mobile home
39 that sits right up on Lewis Street. All right. May I
40 come to that house? Okay, good. I'll come to that
41 house and I will bring the necessary people with me and
42 we can discuss it. We can talk about it. Does that
43 suit you? Okay, good. Good.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor
45 of Mr. Graham's motion, show of hands. All opposed.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: What was his motion?

47 TOMMY DUNN: Deny.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, to deny. Okay. I

49 oppose.

50 TOMMY DUNN: How did you vote, Mr.

1 Davis? Not to close.

2 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

3 TOMMY DUNN: In favor, Mr. Davis, Mr.
4 Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Ms. Wilson in favor of
5 Mr. Graham's motion. Opposed Ms. Floyd and Mr. Wooten.

6 GRACIE FLOYD: I won't worry about that.
7 I'll see you Monday.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item 10,
9 report from the Finance Committee held February 1,
10 2019. There will be an executive session. We'll
11 handle all of them at one time when we do the other
12 executive session. Chairman Wooten.

13 CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
14 On February 1st we had our first Finance Committee
15 meeting of the year in which we basically wanted to
16 sort of set the tone for the budget process moving to
17 the end of the fiscal year in June to begin July 1.
18 And we talked about different ways we could make it
19 methodical, that we could make it transparent, that
20 there was two-way communication between the County
21 Council and Division Managers, but also for them back-
22 up to us in setting priorities and listening to each
23 other moving forward.

24 Some routine items that came through the committee
25 meeting that day is we had a bid for a two ram baler.
26 A baler, Mr. Smith feel free to correct me if I quote
27 it wrong, but a baler is used by the Solid Waste
28 Department to take things like cardboard and trash and
29 to process them. We send it out to about twenty --
30 fifteen to twenty folks who could possibly supply this
31 baler. We had about four bids come back. The lowest
32 bid was a company called Crigler for four hundred and
33 fifty-eight thousand dollars -- four hundred and fifty-
34 eight six hundred and two dollars. And they also gave
35 us a trade-in on the ten to fifteen year old baler that
36 we already had. So I wanted to make a motion that we
37 accept that bid based on the recommendations of staff.

38 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Coming
39 from committee doesn't need a second. Any discussion?
40 All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
41 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

42 Moving on, Mr. Chairman.

43 CRAIG WOOTEN: The second item was a
44 partial release of retainage and reduction of future
45 retainage. Simply put, when we go into contracts with
46 different companies we want to make sure they finish.
47 It's sort of like not paying someone to do work at your
48 house up front for fear that they may not come back.
49 So we withhold a certain percentage so that we
50 adequately ensure that they finish and do a quality

1 job. Well, at certain points, based on commitment
2 levels of materials and things that they're moving
3 forward, they will request from the county to release
4 that retainage to allow them to move forward. And so
5 this came as a release for ?? Corporation for Project
6 NASA. County staff had verified that they were so into
7 the project that they have been doing a good job and
8 that they had committed to finishing and that we had
9 assurances in that regard.

10 So I wanted to make a motion that we allow the
11 partial release based on a recommendation from
12 Committee for staff to release the retainage for them
13 to finish the project.

14 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion coming
15 from the committee. Again, it doesn't need a second.
16 Is there any more discussion? Hearing none, all in
17 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
18 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

19 CRAIG WOOTEN: The next two items are
20 combined together because I think it's more of an
21 informational standpoint. I don't necessarily know
22 that it's a motion for a vote. But the museum store in
23 the past has been run by the Friends of the Museum
24 without any additional labor from museum staff. County
25 employees were able to revamp the museum and take it
26 over and put it in a favorable light that it could have
27 more product and be more accessible to the public and
28 this wouldn't cost the county any additional money and
29 we think would actually add to the value of the
30 management to the museum store.

31 Secondly, Ms. Davis and the Finance Department came
32 forward with different budget challenges and a proposed
33 calendar moving forward into June. So some of the
34 budget challenges were, you know, personnel. You know,
35 we made the commitment last year to take care of our
36 personnel. There's a second half of that coming. We
37 have pension increases that are coming. Unfortunately
38 those come by mandate, so you know, those are things
39 that we have to meet by law. We've taken over the TTI
40 facility on 28 Bypass. There will be expansion and a
41 timing of moving tenants into that. And we also have
42 expended -- routine expenditures for the jail and
43 possibly for a shop that's coming forward. But these
44 will be addressed in other committee meetings as they
45 bring recommendations back to finance.

46 Number 7, you'll see in your packet, transfers.
47 You know, you can review the transfers. There's many
48 of them. But they were explained in committee meeting
49 and each council member was assured of the reason for
50 them and the timing of them. And so I'd like to make a

1 motion that the transfers move forward all together.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Coming out of committee, it
3 doesn't need a second. Are there any discussion? All
4 in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion
5 carries unanimously.
6 Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Appreciate the
7 report.
8 Moving on, are there any appointments? Are there
9 any appointments? Anybody have any?
10 Okay. Moving on to requests by council members.
11 Mr. Davis?
12 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
13 District 6 would like to appropriate from our special
14 projects fund fifteen hundred dollars to the Saluda
15 River Rally. And I make that in the form of a motion.
16 TOMMY DUNN: We have a second?
17 CINDY WILSON: Second.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
19 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
20 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
21 unanimously. Mr. Davis, do you have anything else?
22 JIMMY DAVIS: No, sir.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders?
24 BRETT SANDERS: No, sir.
25 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
26 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, if I'm allowed to do
27 it. If District 2 is allowed to, if it's all right
28 with everybody. District 2 is going to have a Senior
29 Citizens Valentine luncheon. It's going to be fun.
30 This will be our third one. We had a good time every
31 time we've had it. And we're going to have it again
32 this year at the Civic Center on February the 14th.
33 But the only thing, it's going to be only for District
34 2 people. Only for District 2 citizens. And I would
35 like to allocate two thousand dollars from the District
36 2's recreational account so we could pay for it for
37 them. If that's all right for me to do that. But
38 that's in the form of a motion.
39 CINDY WILSON: Second.
40 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
41 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
42 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
43 unanimously.
44 GRACIE FLOYD: If anyone is interested in
45 coming to this Valentine Luncheon, we're going to have
46 games, we have speakers, we have fun, we have prizes.
47 We have everything. And anyone who's interested must
48 call the District -- our secretary over there and give
49 her your name and let's say RSVP to her, if you live in
50 District 2 and you want to come. And this is for

1 seniors, our seniors.

2 The next thing is the recreational center. We
3 don't have a recreational center in Anderson County.
4 So what happens is we're given thirty-five thousand
5 dollar a piece to use that money for some form of
6 recreational activity for the people in our district;
7 okay? And if I'm allowed to do so, for District 2, I
8 would like to allocate two thousand dollars to the
9 Anderson City Recreational Center so our people --
10 usually our seniors can go there for rec activities, as
11 well as this fund pays for -- it pays for baseball and
12 basketball for the kids to join these baseball and
13 basketball clubs at the rec. These are children who --
14 well, they have a -- they're children that need this
15 kind of help to join this thing. We don't do football.
16 We do baseball and we do basketball. Only for District
17 2 children. You have to live in District 2.

18 And this is because each of us get the same amount
19 of money. And it wouldn't be fair for me to take my
20 money and spend it on everybody else's children when
21 you get the same thing that I get. Okay? I hope I did
22 that well enough.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?

24 GRACIE FLOYD: No, that's all I have.

25 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion,
26 show of hands.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: No, wait a minute. It's
28 one more. Yes, it's one more I have to do. It was a
29 three hundred dollar one, and another one; wasn't it?
30 Okay. I'm not going to do -- huh? All right. Good.
31 No, I'm not going to do the Men at Work. Okay. Thank
32 you.

33 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
34 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
35 carries unanimously. Mr. Graham?

36 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
37 bring this forth in the form of a motion that we --
38 Starr Athletic Association has requested four thousand
39 dollars for the rec program in the Starr area for the
40 youth. I bring this in the form of a motion that we
41 take four thousand dollars from my recreation account
42 and allocate it to this organization.

43 CINDY WILSON: Second.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
45 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
46 Motion carries. Anything else, Mr. Graham?

47 RAY GRAHAM: No, sir. Thank you.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten, anything?

49 CRAIG WOOTEN: Nothing from me.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?

1 CINDY WILSON: Just one. May I
2 appropriate from District 7's rec account one thousand
3 dollars for the Tenth Annual Saluda River Rally. And
4 this is the paddling event celebrating its tenth year,
5 spanning the river from Powdersville to Piedmont, down
6 to Pelzer, and hopefully in years to come, all the way
7 down to Lee Steam Plant. Thank you.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Have a
9 second?

10 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any
12 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
13 Motion carries.

14 From District 5's rec account, we'd like to
15 appropriate fifteen hundred dollars out of its rec
16 account for the Sadlers Creek Friends of the Park; five
17 hundred dollars for the Sons of Federate Veterans
18 Convention; and seven fifty to the Hezaj Shriners
19 Circus. Put that in the form of a motion.

20 CINDY WILSON: Second.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
22 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
23 Motion carries unanimously.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, what was this
25 about?

26 TOMMY DUNN: I think they're requesting
27 that money. They do every year.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, they were just
29 passing it out. Nobody said anything about this.

30 RUSTY BURNS: (Inaudible)
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Would you please
32 explain? It says six seventy-six redeemable coupons at
33 thirteen dollars each, a thousand dollars.

34 ???: (Inaudible)
35 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, we as in?
36 ???: (Inaudible)
37 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So that will come --
38 they're not asking Council for any money; right?
39 ???: (Inaudible)
40 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. When is the ---
41 ???: (Inaudible)
42 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So we have some time
43 to look at this more; right?
44 ???: (Inaudible)
45 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. Thank you.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Anybody else? Mr. Graham?
47 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
48 would like to do seven hundred and fifty dollars, as
49 well, to the Shrine Circus. I bring this in the form
50 of a motion for needy kids in the area that this would

1 provide some tickets to.

2 CINDY WILSON: Second.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
4 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
5 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.
6 Anything else?

7 Moving on to Item number 13, committee
8 appointments. This will be the sewer. Mr. Burns has
9 informed me we've got some issues coming up with the
10 Sewer Ad Hoc Committee needs to be appointed. We'll
11 appoint that tonight with Mr. Wooten as chairman, Mr.
12 Sanders and Mr. Davis. I think both of them has got
13 some issues coming up in their district.

14 Moving on to Item number 14, executive session. I
15 make the motion we go into executive session for legal
16 matters involving the Preston case, the Jacobs case,
17 the Finance Committee, Pickens County TTI building, the
18 Iva sewer for legal advise from counsel. Put that in
19 the form of a motion. Second Ms. Wilson. All in favor
20 of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show
21 the motion carries. Suit everybody to go back here?

22 (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

23 CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion that
24 we come out of executive session having received
25 information regarding contractual and legal matters
26 regarding the Pickens County TTI building and Iva
27 sewer, and also legal matters involving Preston and
28 Jacobs' cases, with no votes taken.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We have a
30 motion to come out of executive session. Do we have a
31 second?

32 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. All in
34 favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion
35 carries.

36 At this time, going back to the first of the
37 Finance Committee. Mr. Wooten?

38 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir. I have three
39 motions. I would like to move that County Council
40 hereby instruct the county administrator to move
41 forward with the valuation of legal remedies to address
42 the Iva Sewer matter and provide the Council with a
43 recommended course of action. I put that in the form
44 of a motion.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion that's coming
46 from the Finance Committee. Doesn't need a second.
47 Are there any discussion? All in favor of the motion
48 show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.
49 Chairman Wooten?

50 CRAIG WOOTEN: The second motion I'd like

1 to make is I move that County Council approve the
2 resolution reached in mediation of the Jacobs case, as
3 discussed in executive session, with the terms to be
4 included in a written settlement agreement in place.
5 And I put that in the form of a motion.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion coming from
7 the Finance Committee. We take a second from Ms.
8 Wilson on that. Ms. Wilson seconds that. Any
9 discussion?

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Mr. Wooten?
11 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, ma'am.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: I was back there with you,
13 but your motion just now, I don't know what you're
14 talking about.

15 CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Why don't you bring it down
17 a little bit.

18 CRAIG WOOTEN: Sure. I was -- this was in
19 regards to a mediation case of a personnel issue in one
20 of the county departments; that they had gone through
21 mediation and the mediators had come to terms of a
22 settlement for us to disburse to the individual.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
24 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, ma'am.
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

26 Thank you.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All
28 in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion
29 carries unanimously. Mr. Chairman?

30 CRAIG WOOTEN: The third motion I'd like
31 to make and I'd like to follow up with discussion is in
32 committee meeting we had voted to recommend to County
33 Council to move forward with negotiations and possible
34 acceptance of an offer that we had received on the TTI
35 building in Pickens. From a procedural standpoint, I
36 bring that forth as a motion from the Finance
37 Committee.

38 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion from the
39 Finance Committee. It doesn't need a second. Now I
40 open the floor for discussion. Mr. Wooten.

41 CRAIG WOOTEN: Now that I've brought the
42 motion forward, I would like to inform Council that
43 since that meeting, county staff and members have
44 received additional interest in this property in
45 Pickens from constituents and folks inside and outside
46 the county. So in regards to that, from the time that
47 we voted to recommend when we thought we had one offer,
48 now we could potentially have more offers, we feel that
49 it's in the best interest of the taxpayer that we allow
50 the other folks to come forward within the confinements

1 of our procurement process to make sure that
2 everybody's treated equally, to make sure that we're
3 getting the best value for this property for the
4 taxpayer. So I just wanted to, in lieu of the motion
5 that we made, let you know that additional information
6 has come forward and there could be other items that we
7 could discuss further.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chairman?

9 TOMMY DUNN: I just wanted to clarify.
10 Ms. Floyd, please. I just wanted to clarify that this
11 was a meeting coming out of -- recommendation coming
12 out of the Finance Committee on last week, so we have
13 to vote on it, up or down one way or the other, to move
14 on to something else. Ms. Floyd.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chairman, I vote
16 that we not vote on the recommendation that was coming
17 out of the Finance Committee in lieu of more, in lieu
18 of more bids and more people interested in the project.
19 I move that we just not take a vote at this time.

20 TOMMY DUNN: We've already got it on the
21 floor. We've got to take a vote, Ms. Floyd. Motion is
22 already on the floor.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I -- well, I
24 won't do that. If we have to take a vote, I vote that
25 we wait until we can table this vote until we have
26 heard from all of the parties interested in this
27 building. So I vote that we table it.

28 TOMMY DUNN: You vote to table it; okay.
29 Do we have a second? Dies for lack of a second.

30 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I? In
31 order to be technically correct in view of additional
32 information and interest, we'll vote down our
33 recommendation and then have a new ---

34 TOMMY DUNN: Right. This ain't hard.
35 And I'll clean it up; okay? All in favor of the motion
36 show of hands. And this is the one if you want to
37 entertain more ideas, you'll vote against this. All in
38 favor of the motion from the Finance Committee, show of
39 hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries. You
40 abstain, Ms. Floyd?

41 GRACIE FLOYD: No. I don't abstain. I
42 don't vote yes. I don't vote no. I don't vote.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Show Mr. Davis, Mr.
44 Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten and Ms.
45 Wilson in favor.

46 Now, regarding the -- pertaining to this matter,
47 we've had some other exploratory information coming
48 from the administrator. We'll put this back in the
49 Finance Committee to work with the staff as soon as
50 possible to come up with a procedure to move this

1 forward in a quick as possible solution on this to come
2 back before full council by next council meeting,
3 hopefully. Or to get something started. Got that?
4 Moving on to Item -- administrator's report.
5 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.
6 Chairman.
7 TOMMY DUNN: Citizens comments. When
8 Mr. Harmon calls your name you have three minutes.
9 Please speak to items -- on anything, and address the
10 chair. You've got three minutes.
11 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one
12 citizens signed up. Frank Pressly.
13 FRANK PRESSLY: Frank Pressly, District 4.
14 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, this council
15 chamber belongs to all of us here in the gallery and
16 people represented, the administration is represented
17 by Mr. Burns and Mr. Harmon and then you have the
18 Council. And all three of us are supposed to be
19 working in conjunction with each other. And you were
20 selected as a leader. Not as a god now; as a leader.
21 And you're going to hear things that oppose your views.
22 You're going to hear things that agree with your views.
23 But you can't get mad at people for expressing their
24 views because that's what we're here for.
25 Now on January 8th you made a comment from the
26 bench there that says, there's a hit piece I haven't
27 seen in quite sometime of politics going around about
28 me this past thing about it and I'll share it sometime
29 about how crooked I am, how mobbed up I am, the
30 kickbacks that I've taken. Now, I don't know if that's
31 true or not, but I'd be interested in hearing of any
32 hit piece that you've gotten that says you're mobbed up
33 and taking kickbacks.
34 TOMMY DUNN: Look at your email address.
35 FRANK PRESSLY: This is the county minutes.
36 TOMMY DUNN: Yep.
37 FRANK PRESSLY: All right. But it reminds
38 me of Mr. Preston and his salacious letters that he
39 claimed to be getting that he was sending himself. But
40 we're here to all work together and you can't get mad
41 at us because we don't agree with you.
42 I asked you specifically some questions tonight
43 about an ordinance and you didn't respond. And you ask
44 us to address the chair. And if it weren't for your
45 colleagues helping you out, we would have gotten
46 nothing back in the way of any kind of explanation.
47 I want to bring this to your attention so you know
48 that we're all in this together. It's not us against
49 you or me personal. I don't know you from Adam's house
50 cat. But here is a politic group trying to do things

1 for our county that involve us all. Just letting you
2 know that.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon?
4 LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up,
5 Mr. Chairman.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Remarks from council
7 members. Ms. Wilson?
8 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
9 It's nice to get some of our old agreements sorted out
10 and more clear for the future of the county in fee in
11 lieu of taxes. And it's always so good to have really
12 healthy discussions and everyone doing their due
13 diligence on considerations. I appreciate being a part
14 of that. Thank you.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Mr.
16 Wooten?

17 CRAIG WOOTEN: None at this time.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Graham?
19 RAY GRAHAM: None at this time. Thank
20 you.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I do. Something
23 happened tonight that never happened before here on
24 council. Whenever there's a problem in one of our
25 districts, we are usually given the lead in it.
26 Tonight, as I opened my mouth, the lead was just taken
27 away from me by somebody else who knows nothing about
28 my district. I've been here twenty years. By somebody
29 who's only been here -- is it two years, maybe three?
30 Maybe two and a half years about my district. Okay? I
31 wasn't happy about the way my people were addressed.
32 You just don't, you just don't do that. I don't agree.
33 Well, that's your prerogative. But I do differently
34 with my constituents and I just wish I had had the
35 chance to do it. Okay? But I don't meddle in nobody
36 else's district unless I have to. No, I don't. No, I
37 don't. Your people call me and I say this is her
38 number. Call her. They say well I've called her three
39 times and she doesn't return my phone calls. Yes.
40 Yes. One thing about it, folks, Gracie Floyd don't lie
41 because I don't have to. But we've some folks sitting
42 right here that will lie through their teeth. But no,
43 I don't meddle in your districts. But since the gate
44 has been opened, here I go.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders?
46 BRETT SANDERS: Nothing at this time.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis?
48 JIMMY DAVIS: Nothing at this time, Mr.
49 Chairman.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it. I just want

1 to thank the council members tonight for getting
2 through this meeting civilly, and I want to appreciate
3 the citizens for coming out tonight and remind people
4 if they've got questions feel free to call any council
5 member, staff, before the meeting to find out and get
6 their questions answered. More willing to do that.
7 Opportunities rise, get a better in-depth thing, too,
8 sometimes in a three minute thing. This is not, as I
9 said earlier, is not a town hall meeting to go back and
10 forth with time to ask questions. This is to conduct
11 the people's business of Anderson County.

12 And as far as what I was referring to, Mr. Pressly,
13 if you'll look on the correspondence you sent out, you
14 sent that letter.

15 This meeting will be adjourned.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:22 P.M.)

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