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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOM ALLEN
TOMMY DUNN: I’d like to call the Anderson County Council meeting of February 19, 2019, the part we do special resolutions, to order. We welcome every and every one of you here tonight. Thank y’all for coming.


CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And welcome ladies and gentlemen. I believe we have gentlemen involved in this program, too. This is a resolution to recognize and honor the Palmetto Mustang Varsity Cheerleaders for their selection as the 2018 South Carolina State 4A Competitive Cheer Champions, and other matters related thereto.

WHEREAS, the Palmetto Varsity Competitive Cheerleading Team did compete on November 17, 2018 at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the team demonstrated drill team precision, using detailed routines that displayed the team’s cohesiveness, thus out-performing their competition; and

WHEREAS, through hard work, dedication, team work and precise attention to detail, the Palmetto Varsity Competitive Cheerleaders finished the competition with a winning score of 329 points, earning the recognition of South Carolina State 4A Competitive Cheerleading Champions for the third consecutive years; and

THEREFORE, Anderson County Council commends the Palmetto Varsity Competitive Cheerleaders for being outstanding ambassadors, reflecting true pride to their community and setting an example for their peers to emulate. We are extremely proud of the team winning the 2018 South Carolina Varsity Competitive Cheerleading Championship.

Resolved in a meeting duly assembled this 19th day of February, 2019.

May I put that in the form of a motion?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am, you may. We have a motion by Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second?

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

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

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, we’re going to be treated to a video of their winning routine and then we’ll have everyone come down front to recognize the team.
VIDEO PLAYED

CINDY WILSON: May we have all our folks down here, along with my fellow council members, please.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

TOMMY DUNN: That will conclude this part of our presentation part of our council meeting. We’ll reconvene here back at 6:30. Thank y’all.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:12 P.M.)
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TOMMY DUNN: ... Anderson County Council meeting, February 19th. We welcome each and every one of you here and thank you for coming. At this time I’ve like to ask us all to rise for invocation and pledge of allegiance by Councilman Wooten.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CRAIG WOOTEN

TOMMY DUNN: For the record, Ms. Floyd is not going to be able to attend tonight. Also, item number 7, trash in Anderson County, if there’s no objection, Mr. Davis will be handling -- got a few remarks under it, if no objection.

Moving on, are there any corrections to be made to the minutes? And also, number 5 will be removed. They could not attend tonight. Going to be rescheduled, hopefully, for the first meeting in March.

Going back now to approval of the minutes of February 5th meeting. Are there any corrections or changes that -- corrections that need to be made to the minutes? Do we have a motion to move this forward?

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

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson to accept the minutes as submitted. Do we have a second?

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

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

Moving on now to Item number 4, citizens comments.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one is signed up to speak at this time?

TOMMY DUNN: You sure? One of y’all want to run around there and say a few words?

Moving on now to Mr. Lummus. We might get out of here tonight if he don’t get to talking too much. Mr. Lummus. Appreciate having Mr. Lummus here. He’s an Anderson guy with Upstate Alliance. Gives that yearly report. They do a lot of good stuff for Anderson County and throughout the upstate. I know he can’t say it, but we can, he really favors Anderson. Go ahead.

JOHN LUMMUS: (Inaudible.)

TOMMY DUNN: Hang on a minute to get that mic working. I think ---

JOHN LUMMUS: There we go.

TOMMY DUNN: There you go.

JOHN LUMMUS: Anyway, it’s a great pleasure and honor to be here as a native of Anderson to be able to not only -- I live in Anderson, but also to work in the upstate and try to help with economic development here. And obviously, Anderson is near and
dear to my heart. So you are correct about that.  
I’m going to talk a little bit differently than 
probably what we’ve heard in the past from the Upstate 
Alliance when myself and my predecessors have come 
here. I did want to give a quick overview of our 
organization. We’re the regional economic development 
group for the upstate ten counties and we focus on 
marketing and lead and prospect development. We work 
very closely with Burriss Nelson and his staff and the 
other nine counties, and we also have nine cities that 
are members of our group. You know, to expose the 
upstate to the world and hopefully to bring business 
back here and to work very closely with our local 
economic developers on really just developing business 
in the upstate. We’re a public private partnership 
funded by the counties and cities. And then we have 
about a hundred and eighty-five private sector 
companies that are members of our group. So we’re just 
very fortunate to be operating and very fortunate also 
that Anderson County is one of our members. 
Economic development isn’t the same as it was 
twenty-five years ago when BMW announced it was coming 
to the upstate and when Michelin announced forty-five 
years ago that it was coming to Anderson County. 
Manufacturing has changed. The world economy is 
changing. As home to nearly five hundred firms from 
thirty-five different countries, the upstate is truly 
part of the world economy. And that means things are 
changing for us, too. 
The first major trend of change that we see if a 
change in project size. Economic development success 
used to hinge on attracting large manufacturers, bring 
in a big company, bring in lots of jobs, huge win for 
the community. But fewer big opportunities will exist 
over the next five years. That’s true all over the 
country and also here in the upstate of South Carolina. 
Here’s the data we’ve crunched and what it tells 
us. Major projects are down fifty percent over the 
last ten years. Not just here but nationwide. For us, 
projects that bring more than fifty jobs or over one 
million dollars in investment have declined. Meanwhile 
middle market firms are where we find growth. And we 
define middle market firms as those with between ten 
million and a hundred million in revenues per years. 
Mid-size companies have created the most new jobs; 
seventy-two percent of new jobs in the U.S. 
When we looked back at the last twenty years, we 
saw something else. Eighty-six percent of jobs created 
in South Carolina were by firms that are already here, 
your existing industry. And y’all know this with great
companies that Anderson County has, when they do an
expansion that’s a really good thing for the county.
This is where we see the best opportunities;
attracting more mid-sized and smaller firms and helping
your community expand your existing companies. Imagine
a small technology firm relocates to your community.
They come here to support one of the big manufacturing
sectors; automotive is an obvious one. This small firm
adds to your economy quickly. They don’t need a big
infrastructure investment. They don’t require a large
scale workforce that you aren’t able to provide. But
they do hire local support staff and local services,
such as a bank, an attorney, a local CPA. They buy or
rent office space. They eat in your restaurants. And
they shop with your merchants, supporting the local
community, and also supporting local charities.
Imagine this one firm attracts other small firms
that like what they see or other companies they want to
collaborate with. Those new small firms also come to
your community providing the same advantages without
carrying the old economic development burdens.
You start to see how this disruptive trend can
become a beneficial one in many ways. Small and medium
sized firms can bring money and jobs. And to take
advantage of that, first, we had to recognize this
opportunity. Now we have to build support. Reward our
economic development teams for pursuing these smaller
but valuable projects that will grow in your community.
And tell these economic development success stories in
a way that gets people excited.
The second disruptive trend we see goes hand-in-
hand with the first one. Because trend number two is a
growing demand for innovation. When economic
development is tied to manufacturing, you may worry
about what innovation means. Maybe you worry it’s a
code word for automation, which will mean a reduction
in hiring. But if we don’t embrace innovation, if we
equate innovation to fewer jobs, we’re not going to
attract new companies. So to respond to this second
disruptive trend, our strategy at the Upstate SC
Alliance is to be an innovation connector. Here’s why
innovation is critical to our plans.
Our data shows that on average it took five
employees in 2015 to produce one million dollars of
manufactured goods. Back in 1980, the same amount of
production took twenty-five employees. Tasks performed
by robots are expected to increase from ten percent to
twenty-five percent in the next ten years.
With automation external sources and services are
more important. Local labor costs matter less. That’s
a big change for us to embrace, because as you all know, labor cost has been a way that we’ve sold ourselves to companies on coming here in the past. Now manufacturers want to go where service firms and talent are available.

We can take what we’ve learned from automotive and build on it. We’re in a great position to become an innovation specialist in aerospace and advanced materials, too. Advanced materials is a broad category and can include anything from nanotechnology to new fabrics and fibers. An advanced materials focus helps our region take advantage of the work being done by Milliken and companies in automotive and aerospace. And Anderson County has one of the best advanced materials facilities in the country right in Pendleton.

For all of us the key to making the most of this trend is to embrace it; not view it as the end of manufacturing jobs but as the key to building a strong regional economy.

The third major trend that’s changing the upstate is our expanding and changing role in the world market. As you know, we first attracted foreign companies to our region for the low costs of doing business here. Then we built infrastructure. We learned how to work in a global market. We perfected our exporting processes. Now, twenty-five years later, we’re a great base for exporting. There are new ways for us to take better advantage of that, and strong reasons to build our participation in the world marketplace. The numbers look good.

Our region’s economic development success has made us unique in the United States. Our share of jobs from foreign companies is twice the national average. We have a great platform for attracting even more foreign companies to the upstate, and a distinct advantage because of our established success with companies like Bosch, BMW, many, many others. Bringing more foreign-direct investment or FDI to our region will still be a top priority. But data shows us another way to take advantage of our connections to the global marketplace.

Wealth around the world is growing. From 2015 to 2020, more than eighty percent of global economic growth is projected to occur outside of the United States. This new and growing middle class will have spending power it’s never had before. Everything we’ve done to bring foreign companies to the upstate puts us in a great position to help companies here sell to the global market.

At the Upstate Alliance, we can help our homegrown companies find new customers by connecting them to
Export 101 training, International Commercial trips and more. I was at a presentation on Thursday in Anderson County when the South Carolina Department of Commerce was here, and they were talking about these very things; how we can work with the state to connect to international markets.

One example that we can use of how exporting can drive economic development is Tactical Medical Solutions, a local maker of tactical and medical equipment and supplies. The company was founded by Special Forces Medic in 2003. Today the Anderson-based company is a leading global developer and manufacturer of medical gear for the tactical and civilian world. They supply the tourniquet of choice for the American Red Cross and have more than two thousand products in seventy countries around the world. In 2018, the company was recognized as the Export/Import Bank’s XM New Exporter of the Year, engaging in international sales that fuel opportunities here at home, and jobs.

Our other opportunity, attracting even more foreign direct investment is tied to this important concept, marketing ourselves as a region. We need to remember how the world understands us. Even in the United States, people call us the Carolinas because they’re not sure what’s north and what’s south. Now, place yourself in the shoes of executives halfway around the world. They don’t know Greenville from Greer, Spartanburg from Seneca, Anderson from Antreville. That was supposed to be kind of a joke. But anyway, I’m sorry. I added that one.

TOMMY DUNN: It is. I’m laughing on the inside.

JOHN LUMMUS: Okay. They see us as a region on the map. For economic development, we’re stronger when we work together as a region to market ourselves to them. Being even better at telling our regional story is one way we’ll take advantage of this opportunity to bring even more foreign-direct investment to the upstate.

Twenty-five years ago, getting one German manufacturer here was huge. Now we’re at nearly five hundred firms from thirty-five different companies, and counting. Our connection to the world is more important than it’s ever been. And our ability to tap into new markets through exporting is a big opportunity. And our proven ability to work together as a region is one of our great strengths.

So I’ve talked about three major trends and have provided a lot of information in a short amount of time; a change in size of projects, a growing demand
for innovation and expanding our role in the world
market.
Upstate leaders reshaped the state’s economy fifty
years ago by embracing change. That’s when we started
really recruiting foreign companies. That’s where our
region has had a strong plan; one reason Anderson
County has had great success. We’re sharing our
findings because we want you to see the changes that
are coming and understand the rationale for how we’re
working at the Upstate SC Alliance. We hope these
trends will spark your ideas of new ways to approach
economic development and that these trends will provide
new opportunities for us all.
Thank you. I’ll be glad to take any questions on
what I’ve talked about or about our organization or
just on anything?
TOMMY DUNN: Anybody have anything for
Mr. Lummus? Ms. Wilson?
CINDY WILSON: Thank you for all that
you’ve done. It’s been very interesting and reassuring
to see with the change of leadership in our county ten
years ago and Upstate Alliance, great things have been
happening, with really good team work.
JOHN LUMMUS: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. I
appreciate that very much.
TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Mr. Lummus, I
appreciate the partnership Anderson County has with
Upstate Alliance, and look forward to many more years
of working together and doing things. But all we need
is five minutes in a room with that man right there to
show him why Anderson County is God’s country to show
them why they want to come to Anderson County.
JOHN LUMMUS: This is true.
TOMMY DUNN: But appreciate it very much
for what y’all have done for us.
JOHN LUMMUS: Thank you. And thanks for
your support of the County Council of the Upstate
Alliance.
BRET SANDERS: Have you reached out to
Amazon?
JOHN LUMMUS: Huh?
BRET SANDERS: Have you reached out to
Amazon?
JOHN LUMMUS: I’m going to reach out to
them again. New York didn’t want them. We want them.
Anderson County would be a great place for Amazon
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
JOHN LUMMUS: Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 7
now. Mr. Davis.
JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is an item that Ms. Floyd brought up two council meetings ago, and since then I have become increasingly aware in speaking with some of my constituents in District 6 ...

TOMMY DUNN: Liftoff.

JIMMY DAVIS: I thought that might be telling me to shut up. But I think we do — and we’ve all acknowledged that we do have a litter and trash problem in Anderson County. And as we’ve seen with the fantastic presentation that we just went through and as Mr. Nelson continues to do a fantastic job in economic development, we’ve got a treasure in Anderson County and we’ve got to make sure that we leave this treasure sometimes as we found it, if not better, for those coming behind us.

And Ms. Floyd brought this up, Mr. Wooten touched on it a little bit, but we’re continually seeing, in District 6, more and more not just litter on the roads but absolute trash bags thrown out on the roads. I can also say that on the small parcels of Highway 29 that I travel, we’ve seen more and more trash along the roadside there. I’m ill-prepared to offer any solution to this, but I want to bring it to everyone’s attention and maybe we could come together and find a way to deter litter with a stronger hand, and I’m not sure how we go about that. But thank you, Mr. Chairman. That’s all I have on that.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis. I just want to echo that and appreciate. I just want to say we do definitely have a problem, but it has changed. You know, when I was younger, you ride Anderson on the back roads, you would see tires, furniture, washing machines, refrigerators. I don’t think you see that as much now as it’s just trash. People throwing trash out. But it’s not just Anderson. For some reason, whatever, it’s a state problem, as you well know. I think -- number one, I think it’s not going to change over night, but I think one very strong thing is education. I think we’ve got to get in schools and start -- if you educate the child, as y’all well know, that mama and daddy ain’t apt to throw a piece of trash out in that car with that young’un in it. So I think we need to really focus on that. At one time we had a very strong Keep Anderson County Beautiful theme. And we need to make sure we do that. We’ve got a budget coming up. If we put some more patrolmen out there, I think that’s going to be a deterrent. We need to work with the magistrates who get these people that’s throwing trash out, not a slap
on the wrist; hit them where it hurts, in the
pocketbook, or put them on the side of the road picking
up trash. And so I think we can -- Mr. Graham’s team
could work on that with the magistrates and stuff. So
we need to make sure we do get this the best we can.
Because I think that’s going to be a deterrent, too.
And all working together with ideas on it. You know,
we put -- two years ago, a year ago, we put another
team of litter people out, a van and trailer picking up
trash on the side of the road. But that ain’t the
answer. We need to stop the trash from being put on
the side of the road. Appreciate it. Anybody else?
Ms. Wilson?
CINDY WILSON: Highway 29 was being
cleaned up, I think the state did it twice, so they
were going to start cleaning all the state roads,
spring and fall, and they didn’t this year. And it’s
so obvious. And repeating what Mr. Dunn said, it’s
going to be very important to make apprehensions of the
litterers and having consequences that they will regret
over having thrown trash out. And a few examples the
word would spread. I can’t help but think there would
be fewer litterers if a few were caught and made
examples of. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Two of the last things.
You know, we do have the Great Anderson Clean-up
coming. We need to all get behind that and push it; I
think in April, Mr. Burns?
Also, went to a joint Anderson/Oconee/Pickens
/Greenville meeting this past week. And the Pickens
County Chairman invited -- you know, they done a thing,
I think a year ago they started a program where they
take Friday, all county employees, a certain Friday and
get out and pick up trash on the side of the road and
get that done. I told him we already had our thing
scheduled for April and we was going to proceed on with
that, but we’d be listening and looking at certain
things.
What I’m saying, it’s a problem other people
recognize, too, and we need to do something about it.
Hopefully we can work and listen and get good ideas
from Pickens and Greenville and what they’re doing, and
Oconee County and move forward.
Another thing Ms. Wilson has been a strong
proponent of over the years is recycling. Thank y’all.
Moving on now next will be 8(a), be ordinance third
reading, 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 just hit the
LEON HARMON: Yes, Mr. Chairman, and members of council. This is an ordinance that would be added to our code. It would require that a place of business that was coming into the county as a substance abuse treatment facility would have location requirements on it with respect to schools and churches and playgrounds as those sections are defined in the state code. And this would be something that would be handled through our building and codes when a facility like this wished to locate in the county.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon. At this time we’ll go into a public hearing on this issue. Anyone wishing to speak to this, please step forward, state your name and district and address the chair. Public hearing. Anyone at all? Hearing and seeing no one, the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second?

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Are there any discussion? Anyone at all? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 9(a), ordinance second reading, 2019-005, an ordinance amending the zoning map to rezone plus or minus 108.61 acres from PD, planned development, to PD Amendment at 2729 Highway 29 North and Cox Road. Be District 7.

Dr. Parkey, do you have anything to add to this before we go into public hearing? Anything you wish to say? We’re going into public hearing on this piece of property. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please step forward and state your name, your district and address the chair, please. Anyone at all? Anyone? Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Wooten. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. I’m sorry, Ms. Wilson. I’m sorry.

CINDY WILSON: I was just going to repeat the comment that we made earlier during this process.
This county welcomes really good quality development, and we want to encourage that. Were this proposal to come before this body now, it would not pass because it was passed during a time of great turmoil and there were a lot of residents in that area who turned out very distraught. So I’m going to encourage Mr. Herman and work with him to reduce some of the density and also to improve quality. I think you will have great sales and probably a neighborhood that will contribute to the sales. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 10(a), 2019-006, an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park, 2010 park, of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park, Project Park. Mr. Nelson, do you want to speak on this?

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman and members of council. This is a project in Greenville. It’s not a project in our county. This is a reciprocal agreement, opportunity for us just to support Greenville in their economic development effort. As you know, we received some of the tax dollars off of that. One percent will come to our county. And it comes to council as a recommendation from staff and from the Economic Development Advisory Board. Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Have a motion on the floor, Ms. Wilson. Have a second? Second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion or questions for Mr. Burns -- I mean for Mr. Nelson? Sorry. Then all in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to 11(a), resolution 2019-007, a resolution consenting to an assignment and extension of a fee in lieu of tax agreement and committing to a special source revenue credit agreement between Anderson County and Project Lilac. Mr. Nelson.

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. This is much like what we have done just in the recent past for Orian Rug. This is a company, two hundred plus employees, in good standing in Anderson County. And just this last year they paid a hundred and fifty-eight thousand dollars in property tax. They are in full compliance with their ‘99 and their 2004 fee agreements. And this simply allows them to switch from the lease type agreement to the simplified fee and
allows them to streamline their business process. Hopefully good things will come out of this for us and for them, as well. But one of the things it does for us, it takes the county’s name out of the chain of title. But anyway, this comes to us from -- with a recommendation from the staff and from the Economic Development Advisory Board.

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

RAY GRAHAM: Motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Graham. Do we have a second? Second Ms. Wilson. Any further discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Thank you very much, Mr. Nelson.

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you for your support.

TOMMY DUNN: At this time we’re going to move on to Item number 12, report from the Sewer Ad Hoc Committee held February the 15th.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This past February 15th we had a full Sewer Ad Hoc Committee meeting. We dismissed sewer in the northeastern part of Anderson County, more specifically in the Piedmont/Powdersville area, which is a high level of growth. What we talked about with staff is seeking approval of a memorandum of understanding to work with REWA to negotiate a former agreement for REWA to assume ownership and operation of the waster water system. So REWA is an entity that spans into Greenville County but has an expensive waste water collection system. And it’s possible by working with them we could serve the needs of that area and able to scale it faster and more economically. All this allows the county to do is to work under a memorandum of understanding to negotiate a contract.

So before anybody gets into specifics of a contract, everybody wants to know if there’s a willingness to work together and that there’s some advantages to it. So the committee heard from staff on this. They saw the benefit of it. But as in everything, we’re very interested in the details. Any time you get into a relationship like that for the long term, you want to make sure that everything is ironed out and you anticipate any positives and any unanticipated negatives.

So with recommendation from the committee, we bring to full council the recommendation to allow staff to move forward to negotiate a contract with REWA, outline
the benefits, but it will be for full council approval at a later date whether or not it’s something that we move forward with or not. And I put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the ad hoc committee, it doesn’t need a second. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Mr. Chairman.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir. And then we just got status on a handful of sewer projects in the area. We have a Welpine project just waiting on right-of-way. Right-of-way has been secured. It’s already been designed and permitted. We’re looking at completion in the summer of 2019. Arthrex, the new facility in Sandy Springs, we have right-of-way that’s been obtained. Weather cooperating, we’re looking at mid April. In the Exit 14 area, design work is still being completed and we’re looking at a force main on 187 with potential pump station. So a lot of progress there. That just sort of comes as information to the council.

For an operations update, the committee was briefed on the concept or practice of summer adjustments. When you get water, obviously water then goes out by the sewer, then you get charged for sewer. But there is a billing item with the county that allows for a summer of adjustment for increased water usage. We’re going to look at different recommendations from county finance or maybe better ways to restructure that that would be more equitable to taxpayers across the board and might be beneficial to the county.

In addition, we heard some commentary on how the storm water fee and how the sewer fund was covered and potential changes in that that would be more equitable to the taxpayer.

So the second one comes as information. I guess the first one came as a recommendation from committee to allow staff to put together what they feel might be a better plan for summer adjustments, but to come back for council review for final approval.

And I put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance Committee -- I mean, I’m sorry, coming from the ad hoc committee, it doesn’t need a second. Is there any discussion?

BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: I think you said all the right-of-ways have been obtained, but I don’t think they all have. I think on the ---
TOMMY DUNN: Which one?

BRETT SANDERS: On the Welpine.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay. They’re waiting on one right-of-way; yes. Yep.

TOMMY DUNN: Anything else on the motion? Mr. Chairman, if you would, I would just like to add y’all’s committee get with staff. You need to look at what other counties may be doing across the state and get an idea for what they’re doing.

Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Regarding the summer adjustment, I think that’s a very good idea. No one else does it and it does create a great financial hardship for our sewer fund. And the storm water fee is a very dicey situation. I think we need to really study that closer and come up with a schedule that would be workable. I know when new development projects or building projects go in, they pay for their inspections and so forth, and that helps. But one of the items that we discussed, and they were nice enough to let me join the meeting, is that large tracts of land, farms, timberland, wetland and so forth that aren’t occupied really don’t create the storm water; they capture it. But impervious driveways and roofs, that sort of thing, that creates the runoff. So we need to carefully look at that before we make a leap on how we plan to create a storm water fee. If it’s not right, of course, to have it come out of sewer. That’s an issue that we have to resolve. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson, I agree. I know it’s a very sticky situation. I know our sewer thing is stressed and doing the best we can. But I’ve just a problem. This is a tax of the federal government, what it boils down to, and the state sits here, a way to get money. You can take money off a driveway or a little parking lot. And it just upsets me so much to see this happening. And I hope we can keep that from going on the taxpayers’ backs, because it’s going to get blamed on the council, but it’s not right. All the citizens ought to rise up on this. This starts with federal, then state, something or other, and it’s rammed down people’s throat. It just ain’t right. Don’t get me started on it.

Anybody got anything else?

JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

JIMMY DAVIS: I would like to echo your thoughts. I want the public to understand and to go into the minutes that there is so much that is federally mandated that we as a county have to charge
and things that have to be done by the federal
government. It’s not like we have a whole lot of ---
TOMMY DUNN: It is -- you’re right.
JIMMY DAVIS: We as a county can make
sure that we do what’s right by the constituents. Make
sure that we’re covering ourselves but also being as
fair as possible to those who do not generate
(inaudible).
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anything else
on your report, Mr. Chairman?
CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir.
TOMMY DUNN: I guess we’ve got to vote
on your motion.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Just the motion on allowing
staff to come back on summer adjustment recommendation.
TOMMY DUNN: Recommendation. All in
favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
Show the motion carries unanimously.
Moving on now to report from the Finance Committee
meeting held on February the 15th. Again, Chairman
Wooten.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, sir. If
possible I believe we could do the three bids together,
give a brief explanation of each one. Bid 19-032, this
is for resurfacing from the Anderson County
Transportation Commission. We had four companies bid.
Pickens Construction was the lowest bid at one million
thirty thousand two hundred and twenty dollars. The
second project 19-003, we had three construction
companies bid with F&R being the lowest at two million
eighty-eight thousand dollars three hundred and eighty-
two. And then the final one is bid 19-034. We
actually had five construction companies bid and King
Asphalt was the lowest bidder at one million one
hundred and forty-eight thousand two hundred and forty-
two. We had a lot of participation in the bids. This
comes with staff recommendation. And I make the motion
that we accept these bids for these paving projects.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten, if you would, I
got lost in that. The last one, number three, King
Asphalt got it; right?
CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes.
TOMMY DUNN: And who got the second one?
CRAIG WOOTEN: F&R Construction.
TOMMY DUNN: F&R. And who got the first
one?
CRAIG WOOTEN: Pickens Construction.
TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Coming from the
Finance Committee, it doesn’t need a second. We open
the floor for discussion.
Mr. Carroll, do you mind coming down here for a second. I want to make sure -- and Mr. Burns, you and Mr. Harmon, if you want to. Is Everything good at this time with Pickens? I know we’ve had some trouble in the past and we’ve had some things going back. I don’t want to get back in this same thing again. I want to make sure everybody is good. I don’t want to hear it coming back.

RUSTY BURNS: If you remember, Mr. Chairman, that we had meetings with Pickens and took correction action at that time. Since that time they’ve been doing a very, very good job.

TOMMY DUNN: You feel good about that?

ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir.


CINDY WILSON: Before Mr. Carroll leaves, did you determine why there was such a big discrepancy on the permanent grassing figure from one bid to the next per acre?

ROBERT CARROLL: Yes. I think on one project the company it was awarded to, King, was fifty-five hundred dollars an acre. On the project for F&R, they were thirty-five hundred an acre for permanent grassing. And on the Pickens Construction was twenty-one hundred and sixty. I did notice Pickens is using an upstate sub on theirs close to here. On King Asphalt, which was fifty-five hundred, they’re using -- their sub for the permanent grassing was actually in the low state. And then best I could tell on F&R, they were doing it in-house. I spoke with Matt Hogan. He said, you know, there’s really no rhyme or reason he could come up with. I did have a call in to the gentleman at King, but he did not ---

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Carroll -- may I, Ms. Wilson? On the permanent grassing is everybody doing the same thing, they’re hydroseding? Do you know?

ROBERT CARROLL: I do not know ---

TOMMY DUNN: That’s the difference. The difference is going to be how they apply it and what kind of seeds they’re going to use. If it’s all -- we just need to make sure it’s all applies and applies. You know what I’m saying? It’s going to be hydroseded. That’s a big difference between that and just going out and throwing out some straw. And the same way with the top seeds they’re going to use, you know, keep on. So that will be a big difference there.

I’m sure it should be spelled out in the specs and all should be the same. We just need to make sure that is that way. I put that in part of the motion we move
this on tonight.

CINDY WILSON: I just wanted to know why
-- if maybe it was a cheaper grade or something that
caused it to be much more. Thank you.

ROBERT CARROLL: And if you notice on the
other line items, obviously we’re -- well, they’re low
overall. They were lower on many more items. But that
item they were higher on; you are correct.

TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?

Motion to move this forward? All in favor of the
motion -- thank you, Mr. Carroll.

If it’s all right, executive session, 13(b), we’ll
put the executive session with 15. We’ll take of all
that then. Does that suit everybody to do them at one
time.

Okay. Mr. Harmon, is that right? We’re good?

Anybody got anything else in your report, Mr.
Chairman?

CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all very much.

Moving on now to number 14, appointments. Has
anybody got any appointments? I’ve got one, Mr.
William F. Michie, to the Economic Development Board.
I think y’all’s got a copy of his thing. He’s been on
the board for years. I’ve got an opening. He was took
off. And I think he’s done an outstanding job in my
dealings with him over the past and in talking to Mr.
Nelson and his staff, they also agree. Like I say I’ve
got an opening and I want to put his name forward which
is perfectly fine in our ordinance. I double checked
on that. So I put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

RAY GRAHAM: Second that.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Any
discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hand.

Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously. Does anybody have anything else I’ve
overlooked as far as appointments?

Seeing none, now see if we have a motion to go into
executive session to take legal matters -- discuss
legal matters on the Iva Sewer, the TTI building in
Pickens and the Colonial Pipeline appeal to the
Administrative Law Court. Mr. Harmon has got some
updates, I think, on these things he’d like to talk
with us to discuss them. Do we have a motion to move
that -- go into executive session?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we
have a second?

RAY GRAHAM: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Graham. All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Go to the conference room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CINDY WILSON: ... a motion to come out of executive session, received information regarding the legalities of the Pickens County TTI building issue, the Iva sewer matter and the Colonial Pipeline appeal, with no action taken.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second?

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

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

Moving on, first, coming from the Finance Committee meeting, they met last week and make this recommendation. Chairman Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. I would like to make a motion that we allow staff to put out to bid for thirty days advertising in the Wall Street Journal, the Greenville News, Anderson Independent, our property in Pickens County for end result of a sealed bid to be opened under procurement rules.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s coming from the Finance Company as a recommendation; right?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: It doesn’t need a second. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

Moving on, I believe Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time I would like to make a motion to approve the hiring of the law firm of Logan & Jolly to assist with the issue of the Iva sewer matter.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Mr. Davis. Have a second?

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed? Abstentions?

RAY GRAHAM: Abstain.

TOMMY DUNN: Show the motion carries with Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Wooten, Ms. Wilson. Mr. Graham abstains. Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, I’d like to make a motion to approve the involvement of Anderson County in the Administrative Law Court case filed by Colonial Pipeline seeking an exemption for certain pollution...
control equipment.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Mr. Sanders. Have a second.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 16, request by council members. Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time I have none for District 6, but in her absence, I spoke with Ms. Floyd as she’s not feeling well tonight, Ms. Floyd called and asked me to make a couple of allocations for her. I’ll make this in the form of one motion, but I’ll read through them. From District 2 rec fund, Ms. Floyd would like to appropriate five hundred dollars to the Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated to go for educational and cultural growth scholarships, for donations to community based organizations and special projects and camp scholarships for disadvantaged youth. And so that would be five hundred dollars for Alpha Kappa Alpha.

And then also from the District 2 rec fund, a one thousand dollars for the Palmetto Knights. And they will be having an event out at T. Ed Garrison Arena February 23rd. And this is going to be an outstanding event out there and they bring -- they anticipate over a hundred fighters and court staff to be traveling to Anderson County. And we will recognize many hotel rooms being filled and restaurant tables being filled for this.

So I make this in the form of a motion.

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

Anything else, Mr. Davis?

JIMMY DAVIS: Not at this time, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. District 4 would also like to donate five hundred to the Palmetto Knights out of its rec fund.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr. Sanders. Have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

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

Anything else, Mr. Sanders?

BRETT SANDERS: No, sir. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham, you got anything?

RAY GRAHAM: Nothing at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. I’d like to make a motion for five hundred dollars out of District 1's rec account for the 5K run across the connector to support Meals on Wheels.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Wooten.

Have a second? Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Motion carries unanimously.

Anything else, Mr. Wooten?

CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson? District 5 has nothing at this time.

Moving on to Item number 17, administrator’s report.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now, citizens comments. Mr. Harmon?

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one citizen signed up, Eugene Moore.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore. Please state your name and district just for the record, Mr. Moore, and address the chair. And you’ve got three minutes. You can talk in that mic over there. Mr. Burns, help him to make sure that mic’s on and everything is good to go.

EUGENE MOORE: Eugene Moore.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

EUGENE MOORE: Good afternoon to the council. I live at 1211 Bolt Drive. Between 1211 and 1209 there’s a drainage ditch that runs the water off of Bolt Drive. The City of Anderson, two years ago, said they no longer takes care of that. Anderson County do not take care of it. And the state say they only handle to the end of the (unintelligible) where the water goes through. But a hundred and twenty-five foot ditch is stopped up -- seventy-five feet of it is stopped up. And it’s causing water to enter my basement and flooding the property across the street.

So in the process of whenever the city made the decision that they’re no longer going to take care of that, how does it become the individuals who live there to take care of that ditch, is what I’m trying to find
out. Who do -- where do I start? Because what I’m
saying, the city says they no longer do that. Up until
two years ago they were cleaning it out every year.
Okay? County say they don’t take care of it. Now that
same project goes all the way through Lloyd and
McKinley. And you’re supposed to be working on some
type of sewer project in that whole area. But like I
saying, with the prediction of the weather that we’re
going to have this upcoming week -- I just got over a
flood in my basement a week ago. Because what it does,
the water level -- when the table in the ground builds
up to a certain height, then the water seeps into my
basement. And the water can’t leave my -- off the roof
and go into the drain because it’s backed up. It’s
flooded. And you can see -- now is a good time for
somebody to be able to see what I’m talking about
because it has already started flooding in my backyard
and tomorrow it’ll probably be in the yard across the
street at 1210 Bolt Drive.

TOMMY DUNN: I’ll be glad to talk to you
after the meeting. We don’t -- I know you ain’t
familiar with our procedures. We don’t answer
questions at this time. It’s in our ordinance not to
do that. It’s not a town hall meeting. But we’ll see
if we can’t get you some things.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Moving on to council
comments. Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: None at this time, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. I would like to
just say thanks to Upstate Alliance and Mr. Lummus for
their presentation. I’m very thankful, especially in
my district, for the TTI’s, the Arthrex, the Ortec.
But he reiterated what I’ve said many times, especially
during my campaign, that we need to remember the
smaller businesses. The smaller businesses that he
discussed is the way things are moving, and I would
just like to ask council as smaller things arise that
we give them the same attention as we do the larger
ones. Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Nothing at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. If possible I’d like
to amend a motion that I made earlier. In the
advertisement of the TTI property, you know, we said
Wall Street Journal, Greenville News and Anderson
Independent. I think also we always stress doing
business in Anderson as much as we can, you know, to
include the Anderson Observer and other local outlets
that pay special attention to the council.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten made that
motion. Ms. Wilson seconds it. Any discussion on
that? All in favor of his motion show of hands.

Anything else?

CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Nothing.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon?

LEON HARMON: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Just a hypothetical
question here if you can answer it. It seems like this
happened years ago with the county, something another.
If the county were to be doing maintenance on
something, start doing maintenance on something, say a
road ditch for instance or something, can you just
arbitrarily all of a sudden you ain’t going to start
doing that?

LEON HARMON: All of a sudden say that
we’re going to stop doing that?

TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. Wouldn’t that be --
I’m just asking, wouldn’t the citizens that affects
have a good chance in a civil chance on that right
there to take somebody to Court?

LEON HARMON: They very likely would, and
could certainly look at that possibility if they so
choose to do that.

TOMMY DUNN: Maybe the Administrator
could bring that to the attention of the new City
Manager and tell him what problem that’s going to be.
Might solve a lot of problems for everybody; show a
little love and kindness. You ain’t got to be mean all
the time. Okay?

The second thing, I want to appreciate the
Administrator and his staff. I got some bad news last
week about a company in our district -- in Anderson
County in my district, partly closing. He was quick to
respond to my request and get back with me and he got
the wheels in motion with the state people and the
county people and already got a meeting set up to help
these workers. I hate to see anybody lose a job, but
the good thing is, they’re highly trained, worked in a
good place, and they should be able to get job. Mr.
Burns is lining them up and working on it. I do hate
that. But I do want to appreciate doing that and
looking after our citizenry of Anderson County.

I want to thank my fellow council members tonight
for our meeting, getting done with the people’s
business. And look forward to meetings coming up. You know, with these committees, we’ve got a lot of work to take care of and do and work on it. Appreciate what everybody is doing. We’ve got a budget to get on to and look forward to that.

Meeting will be adjourned. Thank you.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:57 P.M.)