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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 5, 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call the March 5th regular Anderson County Council meeting to order. I’d like to welcome each and every one of you here, for being here tonight. At this time I’d like to ask Councilman Brett Sanders if he’d lead us in the invocation and pledge of allegiance. If we’d all rise, please.

(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY BRETT SANDERS)

TOMMY DUNN: At this time are there any changes or corrections to be made to the February 19th council meeting? Do we have a motion to move them forward, accept as they are?

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I make the motion that we accept the minutes as submitted?

RAY GRAHAM: Second that.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes the motion, Mr. Graham seconds it. All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on at this time, we’ll go to citizens comments. As Mr. Harmon calls your name, please step to the podium and state your name and district for the record. You have three minutes. Address the chair. And this will be on -- first go-around is on items that’s on the agenda. Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first speaker signed up is Frank Pressly.

FRANK PRESSLY: Frank Pressly, District 4.

Mr. Chairman, I’m speaking to Item number 6. Back in September of last year, the county council then voted to basically reduce the power of decision regarding these solid waste questions from the entire council down to the chairman himself. I’ll be interested in seeing how that’s handled. I think reducing the power of the council down to one is a slippery slope. But tonight we’ll see how that turned out. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3. I, too, am interested in Item number 6. It sounds like that our solid waste has done some good things. However, the solid waste that’s everywhere along the streets and in the gullies, I think Ms. Gracie Floyd is speaking on that tonight, too, it’s just unfathomable to me how there can be so much trash and not anybody held accountable for it.

I visited a business this week to pay a bill. I’ll just tell you what it was, Broadway Water. And I went in there to pay my bill and I mentioned very
nicely, I said, I wish we could get somebody to pick
up the trash out here. And of course, the employee,
she took that and I said this is only about the third
time that I have mentioned it, though. I said, you
know, it does not take ten minutes for some employee
to daily walk the little bit of green space that’s out
there and pick it up. And I actually wrote a note and
left it.

But it’s getting to be where I’m not happy anymore
and not feeling nice about leaving these kind of
messages because it seems like everybody else thinks
it’s somebody else’s problem. But employees could
motivate their employees to have an extra ten-minute
break to go outside and pick up the trash. I know
there’s a restaurant in Greenville, S & S Cafeteria,
that’s been there probably sixty years. And you go in
their restroom and hourly some employee goes in there
and checks to make sure there’s not trash on the
floor, whatever, you know, cleanliness. That’s why
that restaurant has been in business for sixty years.
Because they care enough for somebody to clean up.
It’s not one person’s responsibility; it’s all of
ours. I pick up six miles of road every week. I
clean up my own trash. I recycle everything I can
recycle except kitty litter. We’ve got to do a better
job. I have ideas, real motivating ideas, if I can
get the right people to listen.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Moving on to the next Item number 5, Presentation
from Crescent Elite Shooters, Clay Dogs and Belton
Mr. Brock?

LESTER BROCK: Mr. Chairman, ladies and
gentlemen of the council, I think a couple of you know
I’ve been doing this for quite a few years. And I
just wanted to try to get it in front of the council
how important the shooting sport is.
And at this time I’d like to recognize Melida
Reeves. She is the principal of LaFrance Middle
School, and she is also the head coach of the Anderson
District 4 Clay Dogs.

MELIDA REEVES: Hi. As he said, I’m Melida
Reeves. I’m the principal of LaFrance Elementary
School. I apologize for my attire. It’s Read Across
America Week. We’re celebrating Dr. Seuss, and so it
was wear the best team colors today. And of course,
I’m sporting my Clemson orange.

I am the head coach of the Anderson School
District 4 Clay Dogs. We currently have twenty-three members so we have seven complete squads and then one squad that’s a man short at the moment.

This team-based youth development program uses the shotgun sports of trap, skeet and sporting clays to instill life skills such as discipline, safety, teamwork, ethics, self-confidence and other life values. The program utilizes these disciplines to teach hunting skills through the safe use of hunting equipment, including firearms, and the relationship to hunting situations.

But more importantly to me, as a principal, that students that participate in the shooting sports benefit tremendously in many other ways. It increases strength, stamina, hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills, are just a few of the physical disciplines acquired in the shooting sports that apply, not only to this sport but to all of life. Concentration levels are sharpened and expanded. Multiple problem-solving activities including logic, mathematics. My team always hears me -- they always hear me say, think about the geometry, think about the angles. And creative thinking is needed to employ to succeed at any level of the shooting sports. Personal responsibility is taught throughout the shooting sports to advance both safety and skill development. It’s a co-ed sport that can be easily enjoyed by students of all skill and physical ability level. So it’s very, very inclusive.

One huge added bonus for our students in Anderson County, both in District 3 and in District 4, is the large number of scholarships that are offered. I currently have a student that is racking in the South Carolina DNR money. She has four scholarships thus far. Hoping to earn several more before the end of the season is over. And so they have -- like last weekend at the sporting clays championship, they offered forty thousand dollars in scholarships to students. And the really nice think about DNR is they have earned scholarships and they have scholarships that they draw for. So even if you aren’t the best at the sport, you still have multiple opportunities to earn scholarships.

So our students in both districts are greatly benefitting from this. It’s growing leaps and bounds. I have more students than I can physically handle on our team. I’m sure you’re having the same problems. I’ll let you finish out.

LESTER BROCK: At this time I’d like to recognize David Nixon. He is the Assistant
Superintendent in the Starr-Iva School District.

DAVID NIXON: Thank you for allowing me to address the council on such a wonderful topic. But in Anderson County we are very, very proud to sponsor a shooting sports program. You know, we started researching opportunities for extracurricular activities. There’s a direct correlation between student success, their fulfillment with school, their retention in school and their success in life, if they’re involved in extracurricular activities.

It was real exciting to us -- Melida already talked to some of the scholarship opportunities and the team building opportunities and the soft skills that students can be exposed to through this program. But then in addition to that whenever you couple it with the fact that this is a sport that somebody can get involved in as early as middle school and they can continue to do for the rest of their lives. We oftentimes can’t say that with a lot of sports that we offer in high school. It’s very seldom that you see a forty-four year old person playing football, but it’s something that I enjoy doing quite regularly is going sporting clays. And I know Mr. Brock, and there’s a push within the community to try to get a facility that could expand the sport of sporting clays within this county. So I appreciate your consideration of such a venture because we’re creating citizens that are going to have these skills in all of our school districts in the surrounding area and for them to bring their families back, it would certainly be a draw for Anderson County for those families to have this kind of facility to participate in, in an ever-expanding sport. Thank you.

LESTER BROCK: I passed out up on the podium there the list of colleges -- and this list was published in 2011 and it gives all the universities at that time that were participating in the school sport. But there’s been a lot of them that have come onboard since then. And just in like in the state of South Carolina, DNR has gotten involved and we’ve got seventy-plus schools, private, Christian and public that is into the shooting sport in the state of South Carolina. And the schools, they have anywhere from seventeen to twenty competitions that these kids go participate in. They’re all over the state of South Carolina. They’re in Rock Hill, Georgetown, Orangeburg, Swansea, Camden, Clinton, Edgefield. I mean, it’s all over the state.

And right now Crescent Elite Shooters, we have to go over to Elberton, Georgia to practice because
Clemson’s practice field up there, they’ve got two
skeet fields, two trap fields, they are booked solid
with the students during the week. And then they’ve
got other clubs from Walhalla and Clemson and places
like that, that come in up there on the weekend. And
Belton Bird Busters, you know, they’ve got their club
and they’re full. So Crescent, we have to go all the
way to Elberton, Georgia to practice. And we would
certainly love to have a place that we could practice
right here in the county. And there’s all kinds of
money out there to -- for one of these facilities if
we could find the right piece of property.

The NRA headquarters focuses on this shooting
sport nationwide. They come in, they’ll assign the
ranges, they’ll develop anything -- and furnish a lot
of money for it. And plus the friends of the NRA, we
do a fundraiser every year for that and that money is
focused on the young people as far as furnishing them
shotgun shells and stuff like that.

But we have -- at Crescent we have twenty shooters
that are active. We have fifteen that actually
compete. Some of them got started a little bit late.
When we signed them up, ninety-three kids signed up to
participate in the shooting sport. But because of
other conflicts in sports and some of the cost of it,
they -- we’re down to about twenty. But the shotgun
sport is growing and going wild. So I would certainly
appreciate it if county council would start
considering the possibility of, you know, a public
shooting range here in the county somewhere.

Thank y’all.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Brock.

LESTER BROCK: By the way, those three
trophies there, that’s Crescent this past weekend at
DNR in Edgefield. The middle school won second place,
high school won first and second place.

TOMMY DUNN: Congratulations. Ms.
Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: May I make a quick comment?

Mr. Brock, I forgot to mention that when they conduct
the tetrathlon at the Garrison Arena, the regional
rally, it involves shooting, too. And I think they
use the DNR field behind Garrison. But if the Upstate
Equine Council can do anything to help y’all with
that, I know our group would be glad to. And of
course, the offer stands to shoot into the bank behind
mama’s house.

LESTER BROCK: There’s a lot of lead in my
back twenty-seven acres where I’ve carried individual
kids out there and started teaching them there at my
house. I’ll be glad to answer any questions any of
the council members have.

TOMMY DUNN: Anybody got anything? Go
ahead, Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Brock, I just wanted to
mention, I definitely want to thank you guys for
coming in tonight, especially the instructors, for all
the effort y’all put into it. You know, it truly is a
-- I think it’s a game-changer for a lot of these
youth to be involved in different activities in
school. As Dr. Nixon just stated, I think it’s very
important that they get involved, whether it’s
football, baseball, soccer, you know, whatever sport
is out there. This here is a sport that has continued
growing, especially in Anderson County, along with
fishing teams. I mean, they have tremendously grewed
over the past few years. And it’s bringing
opportunities to these young folks that can get
scholarships. But it also gives them something that,
you know, they realize they’ve got to get up and go to
school to be involved in this. And if that’s what it
takes to get them kids in school every day, to put
more effort in their studies and to get out at the end
of their school time and make something of themselves
and to have a good career, I mean we definitely want
to offer them opportunities like this. It’s
definitely been a pleasure watching the efforts grow
just in my district and also across the county. And
again, just want to thank you guys for all that you
do.

LESTER BROCK: We require these kids to
maintain a C average to be on the shooting team. I
mean it’s not just about getting out there shooting a
shotgun. You know, just like Melida said, you know,
we teach them life skills, too.

TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate y’all, what all
y’all do.

LESTER BROCK: Thank y’all.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now to Item number
6, recognition of solid waste achievements. It’s with
great pride the council gets to recognize and give Mr.
Smith and his department and Sargent Hayes who’s here
tonight, the Upper Regional Group of Leadership Award
presented to Anderson County Environmental Enforcement
for your outstanding leadership to the cause of litter
awareness, enforcement and pick-up programs in the
state of South Carolina, February 21st, 2019. I just
want to say we all talk about it. We know litter is
bad in the county, but it’s not y’all’s -- y’all work
diligently. Y’all’s whole staff, team, really
appreciate what y’all do out here. I know y’all get
inundated with a lot of calls from one end of the
county to the other. Small staff. But we really
appreciate what y’all do. Any time I’ve had a concern
in my district y’all have always been Johnny-on-the-
spot. Appreciate what all y’all do.

If y’all would at this time step up here and
receive this. Fellow council members, if y’all would
step down here.

(PRESENTATION OF AWARD)

TOMMY DUNN: This would be a good
opportunity and time, I’d like to welcome and glad to
see and congratulate Major Vaughan here tonight, new
thing. We appreciate him being here and what all he
does for the county. And congratulations on your new
promotion.

Moving on now to Item number 6, recognition -- I’m
sorry. Item number 7, trash in Anderson County, Ms.
Floyd. Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, a lot has been said
already about trash in Anderson County. A lot has
been said tonight about it. But I’m not concerned
about just tonight. I’m concerned about the long-haul
of this. I know you have seen the streets. Haven’t
you? You have not. Okay. For those of you who have
seen it, it’s terrible. This is the worst I have ever
seen it. Thank you, young lady. She said that she
saw it -- she’s seen it. But this is the worst that I
have ever seen it in forty-eight years. I don’t know
why it’s so bad this time. I have picked up trash in
my neighborhood and over on Broadway Lake and in
Homeland Park when I was able to. But I’m no longer
able to get down and pick up trash anymore. But my
concern and my passion to clean it up is still there.

I’m not speaking on behalf of the county. I’m
speaking on behalf of Gracie Floyd and District 2. I
see some people out there that I know other than Greg
and the young man with him -- I can’t think of his
name -- but I see some people out there that I can lay
my eyes on who will pick up trash. But I don’t see
many. I don’t see many. The thing about it that gets
me is it makes the community look really bad. When
people come by your house and you can have the
prettiest house on the block, but if you’ve got a lot
of trash out there in front of your house or on the
side of your house that you refuse to pick up, then
they say that lady’s got a pretty house, but she’s
trashy. You have to pick it up whether you put it
don’t put it there. Well, we know that. And if we could find the
people who put it there, we wouldn’t ask you to do it. But somebody’s got to do it. Somebody has to have enough community pride to go out there and pick up the trash. I admire the seniors, they walk every morning and they walk with bags so they can stop and pick up a can and put it in the bag.

I am working with a young man and we have some big ideas about the trash. We have even formed a committee. And this committee’s prime purpose is to come up with ideas. Somebody’s got some good ideas. Not maybe here in Anderson, but elsewhere, as well.

I received a letter from a man -- I can’t remember where he was living, but he was writing us to see what we were doing about the trash. It seems like the trash in his area was so bad that he was writing us. And it’s got to be pretty bad if he’s writing us.

I’ve even heard some of our people have been calling elsewhere to see what ideas they have about trash. Because it can be heartening.

I told you once about the family I saw on a Sunday afternoon, the mother had -- it was a mother and her four or five children, she had them up and out there cleaning up the trash on Simpson Road. She said, no, she doesn’t live on Simpson Road, but the road was so nasty, she got them up, out from in front of the television and she -- I don’t want to say she made them, but she suggested to them very, very strongly that they needed to be out there helping her pick up the trash. We need more people like that. But as soon as you get it cleaned up, you know what happens. They throw it right out again. There’s somebody out there doing it and we need to have some names or something.

I spoke with Greg Smith one time and gave him an idea about how we can go ahead and help each other watch out for trash. But evidently he didn’t like my idea because he just threw it -- did you throw it in the trash, Greg, or did you throw it in the street?

Well, it was a good idea, and we’re going to put it in effect. Not because it was mine but because it was just a good idea.

We are searching for more members to come. The membership does not include people who will be out there picking up the trash. That’s not their concern. Their concern is to come up with ideas to help us keep -- clean it up and keep it clean.

We need to -- William, would you stand up, please? I want you to meet William, because he and I have already been working on this. We’ve had one meeting already with folks coming trying to get people to go
with us. And the meeting went very well. Okay. And
I did follow through with Anderson University. Okay.
I did follow through with Anderson University. And I
think I’ve gotten more members. I’ve talked to our
estimated photographer over there, videography, Greg
over there, and I’ve even got him bundled up in this.
Because it’s going to take all of us to do it. It’s
going to take all of us. And if you have some time to
help us with the meeting -- to help us with the
discussion -- like I told you, this is not for the
county. This is for whatever your name is and where
you live. I even had a county council person who
called me wanting to get involved. And I really
appreciated that. That doesn’t happen every day and
Sunday to me, but anyway this person called and said
that this person would like to get involved in what
we’re doing because this person believed in what we
were doing here.

So that’s my empowered take on what’s going on in
Anderson. I can’t just sit here and watch it. I
can’t just sit here and watch it. I can’t watch the
Coca-Cola cup, the McDonald’s cup, the chicken thing,
the chicken trash. I just cannot do it and act like I
live here in Anderson. I’m not a trashy person. And
it bothers me about these people who are making me
live like I’m a trashy person.

So if you have any ideas, please get in touch with
me. Mr. Burns, is our TV station working?

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Are we recording tonight?
RUSTY BURNS: We’ve recorded parts of
tonight, yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: I mean the important parts
of tonight?
RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Are we recording now?
RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Why not?
RUSTY BURNS: (Inaudible.)
GRACIE FLOYD: I understand that, Mr.
Burns, and I thank you. But Mr. Burns, this is a
presentation, too. Since we can’t reach the people at
home, reach them at church, please. Talk about it in
your church. We need people to help us keep Anderson
clean. There’s more about living in Anderson than
whatever else we’re doing, that we can find time to
do. Please. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number
8(a), third 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, in District 7. Third reading. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON:  So moved.

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

CRAIG WOOTEN:  Second.

TOMMY DUNN:  Second Mr. Wooten. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON:  May I very quickly?

TOMMY DUNN:  Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON:  I’ll involve Dr. Parkey and our planning staff, but we will be planning a meeting with the development, Mr. Herman, and the landowners out there and hopefully we’ll get it working very nicely for the community. It’s much higher density than should have ever been allowed. But he has a wide open slate to create something really nice for the community and make a good profit for himself, as well. So we’re going to try to get everyone together in the next few weeks. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN:  Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Anymore discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 9(a), ordinance second reading, 2019-006, ordinance to amend the agreement for the development of a joint county industrial business park, 2010 park, Anderson and Greenville Counties, so as to enlarge the park, Project Pak.

Mr. Nelson, do you have anything?

BURRIS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, this is -- we’ve already had first reading on this. Project Pak is a yet unannounced project in Greenville County. And Greenville County Council has simply requested Anderson County Council to include it in the joint multi-county park agreement that we have. And Greenville County sends its thanks for our assistance in this project and they look forward to assisting us with our next project. But that’s all, sir. Thank you.

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

Moving on to Item number 10(a), 2019-008, ordinance first reading. An ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement
by and between Anderson County, South Carolina and
company or companies known to the county at this time
as Project Tarpon with respect to certain economic
development property in the county, whereby such
property will be subject to certain payments in lieu
of taxes, including the provision of certain special
source revenue credits.  Mr. Nelson?

BURRIS NELSON:  Mr. Chairman, members of
council, thank you for this opportunity to present
Project Tarpon.  This is another solar project much
like the one we had earlier -- well, really, last
year.  There are three parcels of property that are
being considered scattered around the county.  There
are actually some photos in your packet that show each
individual location.  And the current property taxes
being paid on these three -- each one is about twenty-
five to thirty acres.  The current property tax that’s
being paid on this, this year, six hundred and sixty-
eight dollars, six hundred and sixty-eight dollars.
And after the solar projects are up and running, the
projected property taxes for 2021 will be twenty-nine
thousand and forty-three dollars.

And this is an opportunity for landowners to
preserve their property long term for their families
and to be able to offset the cost of property tax on
their properties.

Over thirty years this project will bring close to
eight hundred -- a little over eight hundred thousand
dollars in total property tax.  There are, of course,
no jobs created from this, but it also presents no
pollution, there’s no odors, smells of any kind, and
there’s no traffic.  So for the county it is an
opportunity for improvement in the tax income on what
is basically agricultural properties.  They’re really
being turned into manufacturing, 10.5% assessment
ratios, and quite a bit of tax income comes out of
that.  And there’s no impact on the community; no
traffic, no additions to schools or any of those
things.  Just income to the county.

That comes to you as a recommendation from our
staff and from the Economic Development Advisory
Board.  We would appreciate your consideration.  Thank
you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN:  Do we have a motion to put
this on the floor?

CINDY WILSON:  So moved.

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

BRETT SANDERS:  Second.

TOMMY DUNN:  Second Mr. Sanders.  Now
discussion. Anybody have any questions or comments
from Mr. Nelson or anything?
  CINDY WILSON: Quick question I forgot to
ask you a while ago. Do they get any special source
credits, infrastructure credits for this?
  BURRIS NELSON: It is an SSRC.
  CINDY WILSON: How long? Is it just for
one year?
  BURRIS NELSON: It’s thirty years. The
total length of the -- and it’s a set tax amount.
It’s about a forty percent -- it’s about a sixty
percent SSRC over the period of time.
  TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor
of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show
the motion carries unanimously.
Moving on to 10(b), 2019-009, an ordinance
authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee in
Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Anderson County,
South Carolina and a company or companies known to the
County at this time as Project 20190114 with respect
to certain economic development property in the
county, whereby such property will be subject to
certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the
provision of certain special source credit.
  Mr. Nelson?
  BURRIS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, members of
council, I appreciate the opportunity to discuss this
with you. This is really an amazing opportunity for
Anderson County, a never-before opportunity we’ve been
presented with. A development company, highly
respected, nationally know, has approached us about
the development of a property where they will build
speculative industrial buildings. Their first
building they’re considering is somewhere over two
hundred thousand square feet, and give us the
opportunity to have jobs creation there. But the
county doesn’t have to buy land. We don’t have to be
involved in building the building. All we’re doing is
providing some tax incentives to offset the costs of
their infrastructure. Sewer and water costs for the
particular project is ranging somewhere close to eight
hundred and fifty thousand. So by reducing property
tax the first four years by about eighty-five percent,
an SSRC of about eighty-five percent, not to exceed
two hundred and five thousand a year. We’ll offset
that total property infrastructure cost over the first
four years. And then for the following years a
thirty-five percent SSRC.
  However, that particular property that they’re
looking at currently last year paid a hundred and
eleven dollars in property tax. And the potential for 2021, even with the discounted property tax, is twenty-one thousand. With a total over the thirty year period, without any industry going in, just the building and land sitting there, would bring in four million -- 4.19 million dollars into Anderson County’s coffers. This comes as a recommendation to council from the staff and from the Economic Development Advisory Board.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to put this on the floor?

JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis, second Mr. Graham. Any questions or comments for Mr. Nelson.

GRACIE FLOYD: I do.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Nelson, ---

BURRIS NELSON: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: --- I know we talked extensively on the telephone today about this whole thing. But the thing that really bothers me is that I understood you. You explained it very well. Can you hear me?

BURRIS NELSON: No, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I said the thing about the whole thing is that I understand it. You explained it very well.

BURRIS NELSON: Thank you.

GRACIE FLOYD: And I have -- the only problems I have is that I’m sitting here looking at our audience, people who got out in this freezing weather tonight to come and hear us, and I’m looking in their faces, and they don’t know what you’re talking about. Isn’t that terrible that you -- I didn’t know either until you called me and explained it to me. But who’s going to explain it to them? So why don’t you just go over it quickly and explain to them in laymen’s terms. That’s every day, anybody terms. We all sit up here just like we know just what we’re talking about, but we don’t. We don’t. And so we might as well tell the truth about it. Sometimes we need to be explain it too, but we will never say it. Would you please explain it ---

BURRIS NELSON: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: --- to our audience.

BURRIS NELSON: I’m happy to.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

BURRIS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, members of council and audience, a development company has come
to us and offered to spend thirteen million dollars in Anderson County buying land to build a spec building, a speculative building that would be available to industries of all kinds and to warehouse and distribution companies, as well. A huge expense, and the county doesn’t have to pay anything.

If you’ll remember, we bought land out at Exit 27 in preparation for an industrial park opportunity and we were going to build a spec building. But the county was having to fund all of that. And we went to the bond market and borrowed money to buy that land. Fortunately -- and we were going to go into a contract agreement to borrow money to build the spec building. Fortunately, we had a company that came along and bought the land from us right before we were starting to begin the construction process, and so we didn’t have to have money invested in the land. And we didn’t have to have money invested in a spec building.

Well, after that we bought two hundred and twenty acres on Clemson Boulevard and spent four million dollars buying the land to build our own industrial park because we didn’t have any developers that were coming to us and willing to do what this company is willing to do. And we were preparing then to build spec buildings. And we had Arthrex, fortunately came along, and bought the whole thing from us. Made us whole. They even paid our engineering fees that we had already expended. So we wound up with no money invested in that and a great company that came in.

But regardless of that we would have still been on the hook for the four million dollars and the construction of the building. Here’s a company who’s come to us with their own money willing to buy the land, willing to build a spec building, willing to do all the things that would have cost money out of our pocket and cost taxpayers not only that money borrowed but the interest on that borrowed money, as well.

That’s why I say it’s a great and amazing opportunity to get development and a building in Anderson. We don’t have any empty buildings at all. We’re devoid of opportunities for companies to come here. And empty space -- Mr. Burns and I have been doing this for -- Rusty has been doing it for more than thirty years. I’ve been doing it for thirty years. You’ve got an empty building that’s a decent building, companies will come. And this is an opportunity to get companies to come and it’s nothing out of our pocket.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well done.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Nelson.

BURRIS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 10(c), 2019-011, an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Anderson County, South Carolina by adding Article IX, Chapter 42 Titled Small Unmanned Aircraft. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This is title only. I’m sorry. Go ahead.

CINDY WILSON: This is, yes, in title only. This is a work in progress. This has come about because of nighttime drone activity in the Cheddar, Whitefield, Hammond and Hopewell communities. It’s a major airway between Atlanta and GSP, our airport, Downtown Greenville Airport, and Donaldson Center. There are also other concerns involving one of our crime watch people over in the Cheddar Community is convinced that at least one of the drones she’s observed is lookout involving criminal activity; some of the break-ins, some of the drug trafficking.

The worst part is the interference with air traffic. The pilots tell me that they cannot see the lights on these drones at night because the lights are on the bottom. The other element to this is that they’re flying in really low over private properties and homes. They’ve stampeded horses out at our farm. They’ve awakened my mother at three in the morning with lights shining in her window, my window across the hill. If you want to get one minor amusement from it, I was talking with a neighbor the other day and asked if she had seen them. And she got real quiet. And then she burst out and said, I’m calling my husband. She said, I like to go to the hot tub naked at night. So I’m telling you these things come flying over very low. There have been a lot of people seeing them. So it’s a matter of voyeurism, trespass, invasion of privacy. But the worst element is the interference with air traffic. The medical helicopter comes over. One of our neighbors saw what he thought was a close call one night.

So I’ve asked Mr. Harmon to work with us to come up with an amendment to provide some enforcement measures. For example, out at our airport, we’ve been informed that there’s a five mile radius that these drones have GPS features build into them so that they’re disabled if they’re within that five mile
corridor. But all that we’re experiencing is probably about maybe ten miles from the airport. So there’s not that feature. I’ve called the FFA numerous times. They are obviously not enforcing their own rules and regulations. I’ve spoken with our sheriff’s department. We have people on the ground looking for some of the drug activity that may be connected to this. But they don’t have a drone. I’ve spoken with the DEA representative. They don’t have a drone up here. It appears to be these three areas of concern that are problematic.

And so I’m requesting that if y’all will do this in title only tonight, we should have a measure crafted for a public hearing and public notice so that we can try to do something about this. It will involve requiring drones in the county to register with the FAA and perhaps dually with the sheriff’s department and the airport. And also no flying at night because what we’re observing is strictly at night. It should not interfere with any daytime legal, lawful activity; perhaps surveying or aerial photographing, and then that there would have to be a pre-clearance to fly at night. And put some consequences into the measure.

This is my request of my fellow council members and to get the conversation going and get something done to make things safer. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson, I, too, have talked to some folks because this come up as an issue. If it’s this council’s pleasure to pass first reading tonight, that’s one thing. But my observation would be this needs to go to a committee. This is a very complex issue.

Number one, if you remember back and I’ve talked to some this week, whatever we get crafted, we need to have input with the magistrates to make sure they’re going to enforce something that we come up with. It would behoove us if we come up with an ordinance and they’re not -- saying it’s not airtight or won’t -- we done this on the puppy mill thing, you know, to bring them on it. I’d like to talk to the sheriff. I’ve had some conversation with him about his thoughts and ideas and his men and everything. I think we need to find out exactly, because you know this is regulated through the FFA, find out what we can legally do and what we can’t do. And also I’d like to get public input. Not just on a council meeting night. I want to go out in my district and have a meeting and see what people’s thoughts are on this. There are businesses that does this. I don’t know about
nighttime or whatnot. I can understand the problem, but like I said, this is something that I don’t think is going to be done -- I hope it moves quicker than what I always say government does. But I don’t think it’s going to be something -- like I said, it’s a pretty complex issue. And that’s my thoughts. I’ll open the floor up for anyone else.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: That’s how I feel about it, too. This thing is not new and we’re reading what’s been happening all over the state. There’s some ordinances that are coming out because of this. There are some of the counties that are trying to improve it. But I think it would be better done if we give it some time and let it be written and let’s go through the process rather than just sitting up here and just doing this ourselves when we don’t know all of the ramifications about it. We don’t know what’s already in the making about it. Because I haven’t heard anything since -- Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: We’re going to have a snow storm. The sun is going to get to eighty-six degrees tomorrow because I’m going to agree with you.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, it’s not the first time. Mr. Sanders?

BRETT SANDERS: I agree with you and Ms. Floyd, as well. I understand the need for it, but I mean we have federal regulations in place, state regulations in place. We have people that use them in businesses. I know that the county event they had out at the amphitheater, y’all had a drone, I guess it was the county’s, it was on the county website flying over filming everything. I just think we need to, like you say, go before a committee and try to determine how we’re going to enforce it; the manpower, the money, and make sure it doesn’t conflict with any federal or state regulations in place now.

TOMMY DUNN: You’re good. Mr. Davis, did you have anything? I didn’t see you down there.

JIMMY DAVIS: Not at this time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Mr. Wooten?

CRAIG WOOTEN: No.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: Basically the same thing. I guess my biggest concern is some of the businesses that does conduct this as part of their daily business. You know, we definitely don’t want to be
regulating those. I understand Ms. Wilson’s concern
at night, and that’s really a completely different
bear as far as the regulations and what’s controlling
that.

My other concern, you know, knowing the sheriff’s
department, knowing our law enforcement, they’re
already stretched thin and for them to basically start
having to police drones, as well, you know, we can’t
just ignore the issue, but I think we definitely need
to do our homework and ensure what we’re putting in
place is what’s best for Anderson County. I would
hope that we would pause and truly maybe put a
committee together and do some research. I think one
of the other fellow council members had mentioned
getting the public involved. I would definitely like
to see some of the business owners that utilize that
in their business be involved in that committee, as
well. And you know, possibly check with the
Association of Counties and some of the other avenues
that could possibly -- you know, what other issues
throughout the state are we having and what can do --
you know, what’s already been corrected. I mean,
there’s no point in reinventing the wheel on it.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: As I pointed out, this is in
title only to get the ball rolling, to get the
conversations, the discussions. Mr. Harmon has
already done a lot of homework. And one of the FAA
representatives I spoke with, for example, moved here
from Florida, and he said they’re having terrible
problems down there with the drones connected to drug
smuggling and other criminal activities. So I pointed
out to you the three areas that -- of concern that are
out in those communities. And I’m sure if someone
goes out at night they’ll probably see them up there,
too. Because they’re probably all over. This does
not deal with someone’s toy drone. It does not deal
with daytime legitimate uses. This is nighttime.
Probably nefarious activities. I know this FAA agent
from Florida said that they were acting as lookouts in
casing people’s properties. And if you think about
it, they’re not very noisy. I’ve had one go right
over my head within ten, twenty feet numerous times.
I thought at one point someone was loading the
lawnmower behind me. Another time -- it’s kind of a
beehive sound.

But we need to do something because I’m telling
you if someone gets killed with our medical helicopter
or one of these small lower flying planes, these
things go up much higher than a thousand feet in some places.

This is strictly to get the conversation going, get the ball rolling, and hopefully come up with something that is workable. We don’t have an end product right now. We just have something started. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. In the spirit of getting it started, getting the ball rolling, I make a motion to amend your motion to put this in the Public Safety Committee and report back to council next meeting with something. Put that in the form of a motion. Ms. Wilson seconds it. Now is there any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Also, as we put that in the Public Relations Committee, I’d like to have more information than just -- than hearsay of what was said. I want to see it in writing. I’d like to have some concrete information from these particular entities that she mentioned that she talked to. I want to see it myself in writing. I think because we’ll be able to manage it better with the people. Because all the time -- you might not hear or understand what I said and you might hear something completely different. But if we have it in writing everybody will be on the same page and everybody will understand the same thing.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: With Ms. Floyd’s request, public safety, if we meet on this what we can do is basically give a report back with the documentation on the different information that we do gather. As far as what Ms. Wilson has already gathered and spent time on and what the other members can bring forth and share that with all council. That way we can truly make I guess more of an education opinion as far as what direction we need to go.

TOMMY DUNN: And keep in mind, all council members are encouraged to come to these committee meetings. Any more discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, Mr. Chairman, I understood what you said about all council members can come into committee meetings. But that’s not the point.

TOMMY DUNN: I got you. I just ---

GRACIE FLOYD: But the point is these
people can’t get off of their work, off their jobs to
come to a committee meeting.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: So the information we get
from them has got to be factual. It’s got to be
documented. And it’s got to be said by someone who is
somebody.

TOMMY DUNN: I’m not disputing that.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
show of hands. Now, all in favor of the main motion
show of hands. That was amendment to the motion. So
we’ve got to vote for the main thing to tie it in.

Are you voting one way or the other?

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, the main motion was
for us to go ahead and do it in title.

TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, but my amendment was
to do it -- before we do first reading put it in
committee. So we’ve got to -- that was the amendment.

GRACIE FLOYD: So now we’re voting on two

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TOMMY DUNN: Both of them together. Got
to vote on both of them together.

GRACIE FLOYD: But we’re not going to pass
in name only, are we?

TOMMY DUNN: No, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. Because I want

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TOMMY DUNN: It goes to committee first.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. I voted for

that one.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Show the record ---

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

And thank you fellow council members.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

Moving on now to Item number 11(a), R2019-008.

This is 11(a) resolutions. A resolution inducing and
identifying a proposed investment under code name of
Project Tarpon. Do we have a motion to move this
forward? Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a second?

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Sanders. Do
we have any discussion? All in favor of the motion
show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
motion carries unanimously.

Now moving on to 11(b), R2019-009, a resolution
authorizing the execution and delivery of an
Inducement Agreement by and between Anderson County,
South Carolina and Project 20190114, whereby under
certain conditions Anderson County will execute a Fee
in Lieu of Tax and Special Source Credit Agreement
with respect to an industrial project in the county
whereby the project would be the subject of payment of
certain fees in lieu of taxes, and whereby Project
20190114 will be provided certain credits against fee
payments in reimbursement of investment in related
qualified infrastructure. This is the same thing that
Mr. -- legal things that Mr. Nelson -- we just voted
on a few minutes ago. We put that in the form of a
motion?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis, second Ms. Wilson. Now are there any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Is this the one you
explained ---

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. Yes, ma’am.

Anymore discussion? All in favor of the motion show
of hands. All opposed. All in favor.

Moving on to Item number 12, report from the TTI
Committee held February 22, 2019. General discussion
of TTI property development. Chairman Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman,

members of council. From our meeting on the 22nd,
county employees, along with GMC Engineering, we sat
down to discuss the best land use and placement of the
shop building. Prior to that we had looked at several
different plans and layouts and we chose the design
concept to leave the front area -- and I don’t want to
say leave it green, but for long term purposes not
develop the front area on 28 and leave it for future
development or whatever the county needs it for. This
decision that we made will help Mr. Davis with his
shop committee with their plans for a shop building.
That’s pretty much what happened.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Appreciate the
report. Does anybody have any questions or
discussion, comments, for Chairman Sanders? Thank
you. Appreciate it.

Moving on now to report from the Shop Committee
held February 28, 2019, Chairman Davis. Chairman
Davis?

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
fellow members of council. The committee is in charge
of the design and planning for the new shop
maintenance facility for county fleet vehicles,
February 28th. And after Mr. Sanders and his
committee met to basically give us the orientation of
the building for the property for the maintenance
facility that we’re planning on building, we met with
Mr. Stone and Mr. Hopkins and the rest of the staff to
discuss planning of this facility.

This facility, which is long overdue because we have multiple facilities in the county right now, many of which have quite a number of years of age on them, one of which is there at the airport, which is really where it should be anyway, with the flight paths. So we’re looking forward to getting everything and building some efficiency for the county in concerns of fleet maintenance needs for repairs on county vehicles.

So basically all that was discussed was design questions and just how we go forward. We’re looking forward to getting back some budget numbers from the design engineers and some construction plans. There were no decisions made.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Chairman Davis. Appreciate it. Anybody have any questions or comments, discussions with Mr. Davis and his committee?

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, can we take a five minute break, please?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. We’ll take a five minute break with no objections.

(OFF THE RECORD FOR BREAK)

TOMMY DUNN: We’re going to get started. At this time I call the meeting back to order. We’re going to move on to Item number 14, appointments. Mr. Sanders?

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. I would like to appointment William Moore for a vacant seat on the Board of Assessment Appeals.

TOMMY DUNN: Put that in the form of a motion. Have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.


Anybody else have any appointments? Moving on to Item number 15. Do we have a motion to go into executive session to take legal advice regarding the Colonial Pipeline?

BRETT SANDERS: So moved.

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson and second Mr. Sanders. All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed, abstentions. How you vote, Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, I’m sorry. Whatever.

Yes.
TOMMY DUNN: Show the motion carries unanimously. We’ll step right back here in the back.

(EXECUTIVE SESSION)

CINDY WILSON: ... received legal advice regarding the Colonial Pipeline Administrative Law Court appeal.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to come out of executive session. Do we have a second?

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

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

Do we have a motion?

JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: I’d like to make a motion to authorize the hiring of the Koslarek Law Firm to file a motion to intervene in the Colonial Pipeline versus The South Carolina Department of Revenue before the South Carolina Administrative Law Court and to seek the participation of other upstate counties through which the Colonial Pipeline passes.

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

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

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

Moving on to Item number 16, requests by council members. Mr. Davis, do you have any?

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have one. I’d like to make this in the form of a motion from District 6's rec fund, I’d like to allocate one hundred dollars to Dancing For Our Heroes. Make that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: 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. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Davis?

JIMMY DAVIS: No.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders?

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. I would like, if I could just to bundle ---

TOMMY DUNN: You can.

BRETT SANDERS: Okay. For Anderson Voices For Animals, I’d like to do one hundred; Dancing For
Our Heroes, Cancer Association, also one hundred; and
the Pendleton Farmers Society. The Farmers Society
was organized in 1815 and completed in 1828. It’s a
hundred and ninety-one years old and it’s the oldest
Farmers Hall still in operation in the nation. John
C. Calhoun, Vice President, Thomas Clemson, were all
members. They’re having some issues with some paint
and maintenance, and District 4 would like to allocate
ty five thousand towards their maintenance.

TOMMY DUNN: Put that in the form of a
motion?

BRETT SANDERS: In the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: 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. Motion carries unanimously.

Anything else, Mr. Sanders?

BRETT SANDERS: That’s all, sir. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd, do
you have any?

GRACIE FLOYD: I have one. This one did
not make it in time for the ---

TOMMY DUNN: Agenda?

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. But anyway, I’m
going to do it anyway. This is a recreational
donation -- allocation from District 2 to Generation4.
This is a request for summer recreational activities
for a little kindergarten class. And they are
501(c)(3). And I would like to do that in the form of
a motion to allow them to have the money from District
2. In fact, it’s a District 2 entity, as well.

And the other two, I didn’t talk to either one of
them, so I don’t know really -- I’m just going to wait
on that one. So I only have the one.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd has a motion. Do
we have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
discussion? All in favor of Ms. Floyd’s motion, show
of hands. Opposed like sign. Motion carries
unanimously. Anything else, Ms. Floyd? You good?

GRACIE FLOYD: I did say a thousand
dollars; didn’t I? Did I give the amount?

TOMMY DUNN: Oh, she didn’t say. I’m
sorry. It’s a thousand; is that correct, Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: One thousand dollars.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thousand dollars.

Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: Nothing at this time.
1 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?
2 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir. Two items; I’ll put them together. One hundred for Anderson Voices For Our Animals and one hundred from District 1 for Dancing For Our Heros. Put that in the form of a motion.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Wooten and second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries.
4 Anything else, Mr. Wooten?
5 CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?
7 CINDY WILSON: District 7 is broke.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. District 5's account would like to do five hundred dollars for Anderson’s Voices For Animals and one hundred for Dancing For Our Heroes. Put that in the form of a motion. Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
9 Moving on now to Item number 17, Administrator’s report.
10 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr. Chairman.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Burns.
12 Now moving on to Item 18, citizens comments. Please step forward when Mr. Harmon calls your name. You have three minutes. Address the chair, state your name and district for the record. Mr. Harmon.
13 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one speaker signed up. Elizabeth Fant.
14 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3. One of the real things that deters people from coming through our county is the litter. Litter is in all kinds of forms. Litter is in trash on the road. Litter is in wasted people that have not used their potential. Litter is also falling-down houses. Litter is what I call -- the word I’m looking for -- scum lords. People who own property and don’t keep it up. And so the people who move in have a hard time dealing with that. That’s a deterrent. That’s a bad deterrent to our county, too. So it’s not just the litter that’s along the street.
14 However, I have some very good news to talk about tonight. I’m very enthusiastic on several levels. I, like Ms. Floyd, question things that come across. I don’t just accept them willy-nilly. And some things here recently that have been going on in the county, the new hotel, whatever, the money for the buildings downtown and so forth. But I mean to tell you that if
you’re not noticing what’s going on in Anderson County, you’re missing it. We’ve got at least -- road construction is out there. There are trucks everywhere. We have an abundance of people who are moving into the community. That’s why you’ve got all these things on the housing and developments that are brought before you. We’re probably getting too fast a development in that order to take care of the people that move in.

I heard the guy that’s over the ITT new school that’s going to be out where Lakeside used to be, and, man, that is super, super, super for our students and for our upcoming businesses. Pamela Evette, our Lieutenant Governor, spoke, and she’s out listening to what people have to say and trying to get a feel for what it is we really need rather than just putting her ideas on -- enforcing on us. I also heard from Visit Anderson, which I am so proud of. Look at all the things that we’re in.

These are not slapped-together productions. These are class act information that all kinds of people now are seeing. Our people are our biggest asset. We’ve all got to work together in the same direction. I am reminded by a cartoon where you have two mules and the two mules are pulling in opposite direction. Our county, if we’re going to succeed, has to be pulling in the same direction.

LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Now we have remarks from council members. Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We do have a Planning and Public Works Committee meeting tomorrow morning at 11:30. We’ve covering a number of items, including a review of zoning standards in relation to commercial uses and an update on one of the facets for affordable housing. And also taking up the Zoning Advisory Group update, which we’ve got some real concerns there. And also a discussion of van accessible parking.

On the 28th, Mr. Greg Smith and I met with the landfill company out at Big Creek Landfill and had a couple of the neighbors there. There were issues that had not been resolved concerning communication. At our last meeting over there in the community, we had had one of the community members to set up a website so that people -- it was kind of like a community party line, if you will. And the landfill company had
not taken advantage of that. Consequently, in
addition to the terrible stench over there that’s a
fairly regular feature, there were numerous calls from
different areas around the landfill about a terrible
gas smell. We thought we had another gas line leak
over there. Everyone was calling DHEC and Public
Safety and so forth. Well, it turned out they were
doing a methane gas project onsite and had failed to
notify people. Consequently they had a visit from
DHEC which found some issues that needed to be
resolved. So now we have excellent communications
with the landfill company. We have a protocol in
place so that these type things won’t happen in the
future.

The other thing you have before you tonight is an
update from South Carolina Department of
Transportation regarding the Cherokee Road bridge over
29. And it’s encouraging to know that they’re moving
into the right-of-way acquisition stage this spring.
So thank you.

A lot of things going on around here. It’s hard
to keep up. Thank you.

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

CRAIG WOOTEN: Nothing.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: Nothing, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I don’t think I
received -- Mr. Burns, I don’t think I received one of
whatever ---

TOMMY DUNN: I’ll get it.

GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, that’s what it was.

Okay. I have a couple of things to say. First of
all, I haven’t heard much being said about that -- the
water, the potentially dangerous lead in Belton’s
drinking water. I haven’t heard anything about that,
especially within the news. But have y’all seen this?
Some of the folks have not seen it. The one that I
did hear, what I learned about it was from the
newspaper, the Greenville News. Folks, if you haven’t
heard about that, you might want to take time and read
it; okay? I have a Belton address and I have a lot of
friends who live in Belton, lot of friends who live in
Belton. And they did not know about it until I called
them to tell them about it.

But it says that help for the potentially
dangerous lead in Belton’s drinking water is months
away. It’s months ---
MALE: Lead.

GRACIE FLOYD: What did I say, lead? I’m sorry. I know better than that. Help for the potentially dangerous lead in Belton’s drinking water is months away. Okay. So if you’re drinking that water you might need to talk to your city officials and have them tell you what’s going on; okay? Or you might want to call your county council person and ask them what’s going on.

Also, there’s another one there about official — Belton Waited to Raise Alerts About Lead. How is that, William? Well, tonight is going to be lead, and you know what I’m talking about. You wish it were lead instead of the lead. Okay. Because this is bad, folks. This is bad, folks. This is going to impact a lot of people. I know it belongs to the city to do something about it, but if you don’t know now, you know now. So please do what’s necessary for you to protect yourself. Because as I said, we haven’t heard a thing from it up here.

Also, we had a Valentine’s Dance. How many of you were there? It was absolutely wonderful. Do you know that I received a telephone call about that today? It was a man who called me to tell me that he attended that and that it was absolutely wonderful. He said he had a good time. You ladies had a good time, too; yeah. It was really wonderful. We’re going to do it again next year. So look out in your mailboxes for Anderson County District 2 Senior Lunch. Did I say something wrong again? Okay.

Also, Wynn Bush (phonics), stand up, please. Wynn Bush met Cory Booker and she had her name in the newspaper. Isn’t that wonderful. And she spoke up, she spoke up, yeah, yeah. And Wynn Bush, I need a ride home. I’m stranded. Okay, good. And that’s all I had to, that’s all I had to say. Thank you. And I know the difference between l-e-a-d and l-e-a-d.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders?
BRETT SANDERS: Nothing at this time.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis?
JIMMY DAVIS: Nothing at this time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all. I’d just like to thank everybody for coming out tonight and thank my fellow council members. Meeting adjourned.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:03 P.M.)