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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

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to
2 call the March 5th regular Anderson County Council
3 meeting to order. I'd like to welcome each and every
4 one of you here, for being here tonight. At this time
5 I'd like to ask Councilman Brett Sanders if he'd lead
6 us in the invocation and pledge of allegiance. If
7 we'd all rise, please.

8 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY BRETT SANDERS)**

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

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

15 RAY GRAHAM: Second that.

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

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

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

28 FRANK PRESSLY: Frank Pressly, District 4.
29 Mr. Chairman, I'm speaking to Item number 6. Back in
30 September of last year, the county council then voted
31 to basically reduce the power of decision regarding
32 these solid waste questions from the entire council
33 down to the chairman himself. I'll be interested in
34 seeing how that's handled. I think reducing the power
35 of the council down to one is a slippery slope. But
36 tonight we'll see how that turned out. Thank you.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

38 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Elizabeth
39 Fant.

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

48 I visited a business this week to pay a bill.
49 I'll just tell you what it was, Broadway Water. And I
50 went in there to pay my bill and I mentioned very

1 nicely, I said, I wish we could get somebody to pick
2 up the trash out here. And of course, the employee,
3 she took that and I said this is only about the third
4 time that I have mentioned it, though. I said, you
5 know, it does not take ten minutes for some employee
6 to daily walk the little bit of green space that's out
7 there and pick it up. And I actually wrote a note and
8 left it.

9 But it's getting to be where I'm not happy anymore
10 and not feeling nice about leaving these kind of
11 messages because it seems like everybody else thinks
12 it's somebody else's problem. But employees could
13 motivate their employees to have an extra ten-minute
14 break to go outside and pick up the trash. I know
15 there's a restaurant in Greenville, S & S Cafeteria,
16 that's been there probably sixty years. And you go in
17 their restroom and hourly some employee goes in there
18 and checks to make sure there's not trash on the
19 floor, whatever, you know, cleanliness. That's why
20 that restaurant has been in business for sixty years.
21 Because they care enough for somebody to clean up.

22 It's not one person's responsibility; it's all of
23 ours. I pick up six miles of road every week. I
24 clean up my own trash. I recycle everything I can
25 recycle except kitty litter. We've got to do a better
26 job. I have ideas, real motivating ideas, if I can
27 get the right people to listen.

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

30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

31 Moving on to the next Item number 5, Presentation
32 from Crescent Elite Shooters, Clay Dogs and Belton
33 Bird Busters, Anderson School District 4. Mr. Brock.
34 Mr. Brock?

35 LESTER BROCK: Mr. Chairman, ladies and
36 gentlemen of the council, I think a couple of you know
37 I've been doing this for quite a few years. And I
38 just wanted to try to get it in front of the council
39 how important the shooting sport is.

40 And at this time I'd like to recognize Melida
41 Reeves. She is the principal of LaFrance Middle
42 School, and she is also the head coach of the Anderson
43 District 4 Clay Dogs.

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

50 I am the head coach of the Anderson School

1 District 4 Clay Dogs. We currently have twenty-three
2 members so we have seven complete squads and then one
3 squad that's a man short at the moment.

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

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

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

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

49 LESTER BROCK: At this time I'd like to
50 recognize David Nixon. He is the Assistant

1 Superintendent in the Starr-Iva School District.

2 DAVID NIXON: Thank you for allowing me to
3 address the council on such a wonderful topic. But in
4 Anderson 3 we are very, very proud to sponsor a
5 shooting sports program. You know, we started
6 researching opportunities for extracurricular
7 activities. There's a direct correlation between
8 student success, their fulfilment with school, their
9 retention in school and their success in life, if
10 they're involved in extracurricular activities.

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

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

49 And right now Crescent Elite Shooters, we have to
50 go over to Elberton, Georgia to practice because

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

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

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

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Brock.

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

37 TOMMY DUNN: Congratulations. Ms.
38 Wilson?

39 CINDY WILSON: May I make a quick comment?
40 Mr. Brock, I forgot to mention that when they conduct
41 the tetrathlon at the Garrison Arena, the regional
42 rally, it involves shooting, too. And I think they
43 use the DNR field behind Garrison. But if the Upstate
44 Equine Council can do anything to help y'all with
45 that, I know our group would be glad to. And of
46 course, the offer stands to shoot into the bank behind
47 mama's house.

48 LESTER BROCK: There's a lot of lead in my
49 back twenty-seven acres where I've carried individual
50 kids out there and started teaching them there at my

1 house. I'll be glad to answer any questions any of
2 the council members have.

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

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

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

36 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate y'all, what all
37 y'all do.

38 LESTER BROCK: Thank y'all.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now to Item number
40 6, recognition of solid waste achievements. It's with
41 great pride the council gets to recognize and give Mr.
42 Smith and his department and Sargent Hayes who's here
43 tonight, the Upper Regional Group of Leadership Award
44 presented to Anderson County Environmental Enforcement
45 for your outstanding leadership to the cause of litter
46 awareness, enforcement and pick-up programs in the
47 state of South Carolina, February 21st, 2019. I just
48 want to say we all talk about it. We know litter is
49 bad in the county, but it's not y'all's -- y'all work
50 diligently. Y'all's whole staff, team, really

1 appreciate what y'all do out here. I know y'all get
2 inundated with a lot of calls from one end of the
3 county to the other. Small staff. But we really
4 appreciate what y'all do. Any time I've had a concern
5 in my district y'all have always been Johnny-on-the-
6 spot. Appreciate what all y'all do.

7 If y'all would at this time step up here and
8 receive this. Fellow council members, if y'all would
9 step down here.

10 **(PRESENTATION OF AWARD)**

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

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

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

35 I'm not speaking on behalf of the county. I'm
36 speaking on behalf of Gracie Floyd and District 2. I
37 see some people out there that I know other than Greg
38 and the young man with him -- I can't think of his
39 name -- but I see some people out there that I can lay
40 my eyes on who will pick up trash. But I don't see
41 many. I don't see many. The thing about it that gets
42 me is it makes the community look really bad. When
43 people come by your house and you can have the
44 prettiest house on the block, but if you've got a lot
45 of trash out there in front of your house or on the
46 side of your house that you refuse to pick up, then
47 they say that lady's got a pretty house, but she's
48 trashy. You have to pick it up whether you put it
49 down or not. I've heard people say, I didn't put it
50 there. Well, we know that. And if we could find the

1 people who put it there, we wouldn't ask you to do it.
2 But somebody's got to do it. Somebody has to have
3 enough community pride to go out there and pick up the
4 trash. I admire the seniors, they walk every morning
5 and they walk with bags so they can stop and pick up a
6 can and put it in the bag.

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

12 I received a letter from a man -- I can't remember
13 where he was living, but he was writing us to see what
14 we were doing about the trash. It seems like the
15 trash in his area was so bad that he was writing us.
16 And it's got to be pretty bad if he's writing us.
17 I've even heard some of our people have been calling
18 elsewhere to see what ideas they have about trash.
19 Because it can be heartening.

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

34 I spoke with Greg Smith one time and gave him an
35 idea about how we can go ahead and help each other
36 watch out for trash. But evidently he didn't like my
37 idea because he just threw it -- did you throw it in
38 the trash, Greg, or did you throw it in the street?
39 Well, it was a good idea, and we're going to put it in
40 effect. Not because it was mine but because it was
41 just a good idea.

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

47 We need to -- William, would you stand up, please?
48 I want you to meet William, because he and I have
49 already been working on this. We've had one meeting
50 already with folks coming trying to get people to go

1 with us. And the meeting went very well. Okay. And
2 I did follow through with Anderson University. Okay.
3 I did follow through with Anderson University. And I
4 think I've gotten more members. I've talked to our
5 esteemed photographer over there, videography, Greg
6 over there, and I've even got him bundled up in this.
7 Because it's going to take all of us to do it. It's
8 going to take all of us. And if you have some time to
9 help us with the meeting -- to help us with the
10 discussion -- like I told you, this is not for the
11 county. This is for whatever your name is and where
12 you live. I even had a county council person who
13 called me wanting to get involved. And I really
14 appreciated that. That doesn't happen every day and
15 Sunday to me, but anyway this person called and said
16 that this person would like to get involved in what
17 we're doing because this person believed in what we
18 were doing here.

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

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

29 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Are we recording tonight?

31 RUSTY BURNS: We've recorded parts of
32 tonight, yes, ma'am.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: I mean the important parts
34 of tonight?

35 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Are we recording now?

37 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Why not?

39 RUSTY BURNS: (Inaudible.)

40 GRACIE FLOYD: I understand that, Mr.
41 Burns, and I thank you. But Mr. Burns, this is a
42 presentation, too. Since we can't reach the people at
43 home, reach them at church, please. Talk about it in
44 your church. We need people to help us keep Anderson
45 clean. There's more about living in Anderson than
46 whatever else we're doing, that we can find time to
47 do. Please. Thank you.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number
49 8(a), third reading, 2019-005, an ordinance amending
50 the zoning map to rezone plus or minus 108.61 acres

1 from PD, Planned Development, to PD Amendment at 2729
2 Highway 29 North and Cox Road, in District 7. Third
3 reading. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

4 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

7 CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Wooten. Any
9 discussion?

10 CINDY WILSON: May I very quickly?

11 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

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

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

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

31 Mr. Nelson, do you have anything?

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

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

48 Moving on to Item number 10(a), 2019-008,
49 ordinance first reading. An ordinance authorizing the
50 execution and delivery of Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

1 by and between Anderson County, South Carolina and
2 company or companies known to the county at this time
3 as Project Tarpon with respect to certain economic
4 development property in the county, whereby such
5 property will be subject to certain payments in lieu
6 of taxes, including the provision of certain special
7 source revenue credits. Mr. Nelson?

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

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

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

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

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

46 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

49 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Now

1 discussion. Anybody have any questions or comments
2 from Mr. Nelson or anything?

3 CINDY WILSON: Quick question I forgot to
4 ask you a while ago. Do they get any special source
5 credits, infrastructure credits for this?

6 BURRIS NELSON: It is an SSRC.

7 CINDY WILSON: How long? Is it just for
8 one year?

9 BURRIS NELSON: It's thirty years. The
10 entire length of the -- and it's a set tax amount.
11 It's about a forty percent -- it's about a sixty
12 percent SSRC over the period of time.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor
14 of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show
15 the motion carries unanimously.

16 Moving on to 10(b), 2019-009, an ordinance
17 authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee in
18 Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Anderson County,
19 South Carolina and a company or companies known to the
20 County at this time as Project 20190114 with respect
21 to certain economic development property in the
22 county, whereby such property will be subject to
23 certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the
24 provision of certain special source credit.

25 Mr. Nelson?

26 BURRIS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, members of
27 council, I appreciate the opportunity to discuss this
28 with you. This is really an amazing opportunity for
29 Anderson County, a never-before opportunity we've been
30 presented with. A development company, highly
31 respected, nationally know, has approached us about
32 the development of a property where they will build
33 speculative industrial buildings. Their first
34 building they're considering is somewhere over two
35 hundred thousand square feet, and give us the
36 opportunity to have jobs creation there. But the
37 county doesn't have to buy land. We don't have to be
38 involved in building the building. All we're doing is
39 providing some tax incentives to offset the costs of
40 their infrastructure. Sewer and water costs for the
41 particular project is ranging somewhere close to eight
42 hundred and fifty thousand. So by reducing property
43 tax the first four years by about eighty-five percent,
44 an SSRC of about eighty-five percent, not to exceed
45 two hundred and five thousand a year. We'll offset
46 that total property infrastructure cost over the first
47 four years. And then for the following years a
48 thirty-five percent SSRC.

49 However, that particular property that they're
50 looking at currently last year paid a hundred and

1 eleven dollars in property tax. And the potential for
2 2021, even with the discounted property tax, is
3 twenty-one thousand. With a total over the thirty
4 year period, without any industry going in, just the
5 building and land sitting there, would bring in four
6 million -- 4.19 million dollars into Anderson County's
7 coffers. This comes as a recommendation to council
8 from the staff and from the Economic Development
9 Advisory Board.

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

12 JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.

13 CINDY WILSON: Second.

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

16 GRACIE FLOYD: I do.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Nelson, ---

19 BURRIS NELSON: Yes, ma'am.

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

25 BURRIS NELSON: No, ma'am.

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

29 BURRIS NELSON: Thank you.

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

45 BURRIS NELSON: Yes, ma'am.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: --- to our audience.

47 BURRIS NELSON: I'm happy to.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

49 BURRIS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, members of
50 council and audience, a development company has come

1 to us and offered to spend thirteen million dollars in
2 Anderson County buying land to build a spec building,
3 a speculative building that would be available to
4 industries of all kinds and to warehouse and
5 distribution companies, as well. A huge expense, and
6 the county doesn't have to pay anything.

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

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

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

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

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Well done.

50 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.

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

4 BURRIS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number
6 10(c), 2019-011, an ordinance to amend the Code of
7 Ordinances of Anderson County, South Carolina by
8 adding Article IX, Chapter 42 Titled Small Unmanned
9 Aircraft. Ms. Wilson.

10 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

11 This is ---

12 TOMMY DUNN: This is title only. I'm
13 sorry. Go ahead.

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

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

45 So I've asked Mr. Harmon to work with us to come
46 up with an amendment to provide some enforcement
47 measures. For example, out at our airport, we've been
48 informed that there's a five mile radius that these
49 drones have GPS features build into them so that
50 they're disabled if they're within that five mile

1 corridor. But all that we're experiencing is probably
2 about maybe ten miles from the airport. So there's
3 not that feature. I've called the FFA numerous times.
4 They are obviously not enforcing their own rules and
5 regulations. I've spoken with our sheriff's
6 department. We have people on the ground looking for
7 some of the drug activity that may be connected to
8 this. But they don't have a drone. I've spoken with
9 the DEA representative. They don't have a drone up
10 here. It appears to be these three areas of concern
11 that are problematic.

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

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

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

34 Number one, if you remember back and I've talked
35 to some this week, whatever we get crafted, we need to
36 have input with the magistrates to make sure they're
37 going to enforce something that we come up with. It
38 would behoove us if we come up with an ordinance and
39 they're not -- saying it's not airtight or won't -- we
40 done this on the puppy mill thing, you know, to bring
41 them on it. I'd like to talk to the sheriff. I've
42 had some conversation with him about his thoughts and
43 ideas and his men and everything. I think we need to
44 find out exactly, because you know this is regulated
45 through the FFA, find out what we can legally do and
46 what we can't do. And also I'd like to get public
47 input. Not just on a council meeting night. I want
48 to go out in my district and have a meeting and see
49 what people's thoughts are on this. There are
50 businesses that does this. I don't know about

1 nighttime or whatnot. I can understand the problem,
2 but like I said, this is something that I don't think
3 is going to be done -- I hope it moves quicker than
4 what I always say government does. But I don't think
5 it's going to be something -- like I said, it's a
6 pretty complex issue. And that's my thoughts. I'll
7 open the floor up for anyone else.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?
9 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

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

22 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

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

26 TOMMY DUNN: Well, it's not the first
27 time. Mr. Sanders?

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

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

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

44 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Mr. Wooten?
45 CRAIG WOOTEN: No.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?
47 RAY GRAHAM: Basically the same thing. I
48 guess my biggest concern is some of the businesses
49 that does conduct this as part of their daily
50 business. You know, we definitely don't want to be

1 regulating those. I understand Ms. Wilson's concern
2 at night, and that's really a completely different
3 bear as far as the regulations and what's controlling
4 that.

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

24 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman?

25 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

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

48 But we need to do something because I'm telling
49 you if someone gets killed with our medical helicopter
50 or one of these small lower flying planes, these

1 things go up much higher than a thousand feet in some
2 places.

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

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

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

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

30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

31 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?

32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

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

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

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

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

50 GRACIE FLOYD: But the point is these

1 people can't get off of their work, off their jobs to
2 come to a committee meeting.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

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

8 TOMMY DUNN: I'm not disputing that.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.

10 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
11 show of hands. Now, all in favor of the main motion
12 show of hands. That was amendment to the motion. So
13 we've got to vote for the main thing to tie it in.
14 Are you voting one way or the other?

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

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

20 GRACIE FLOYD: So now we're voting on two
21 ---

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

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

26 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. Because I want
28 ---

29 TOMMY DUNN: It goes to committee first.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. I voted for
31 that one.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Show the record ---

33 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
34 And thank you fellow council members.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
36 Moving on now to Item number 11(a), R2019-008.
37 This is 11(a) resolutions. A resolution inducing and
38 identifying a proposed investment under code name of
39 Project Tarpon. Do we have a motion to move this
40 forward? Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a second?

41 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

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

46 Now moving on to 11(b), R2019-009, a resolution
47 authorizing the execution and delivery of an
48 Inducement Agreement by and between Anderson County,
49 South Carolina and Project 20190114, whereby under
50 certain conditions Anderson County will execute a Fee

1 in Lieu of Tax and Special Source Credit Agreement
2 with respect to an industrial project in the county
3 whereby the project would be the subject of payment of
4 certain fees in lieu of taxes, and whereby Project
5 20190114 will be provided certain credits against fee
6 payments in reimbursement of investment in related
7 qualified infrastructure. This is the same thing that
8 Mr. -- legal things that Mr. Nelson -- we just voted
9 on a few minutes ago. We put that in the form of a
10 motion?

11 CINDY WILSON: Second.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis, second Ms.
13 Wilson. Now are there any discussion?

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

16 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am.
17 Anymore discussion? All in favor of the motion show
18 of hands. All opposed. All in favor.

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

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

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

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

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

1 discuss planning of this facility.

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

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

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

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

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

24 **(OFF THE RECORD FOR BREAK)**

25 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to get started.
26 At this time I call the meeting back to order.

27 We're going to move on to Item number 14,
28 appointments. Mr. Sanders?

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

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

34 CINDY WILSON: Second.

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

39 Anybody else have any appointments?

40 Moving on to Item number 15. Do we have a motion
41 to go into executive session to take legal advice
42 regarding the Colonial Pipeline?

43 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.

44 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, I'm sorry. Whatever.

50 Yes.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Show the motion carries
2 unanimously. We'll step right back here in the back.

3 **(EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

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

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

9 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

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

13 Do we have a motion?

14 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chairman?

15 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.

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

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

25 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

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

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

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

37 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr. Davis.
38 Have a second?

39 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any
41 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
42 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
43 unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Davis?

44 JIMMY DAVIS: No.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders?

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

48 TOMMY DUNN: You can.

49 BRETT SANDERS: Okay. For Anderson Voices
50 For Animals, I'd like to do one hundred; Dancing For

1 Our Heroes, Cancer Association, also one hundred; and
2 the Pendleton Farmers Society. The Farmers Society
3 was organized in 1815 and completed in 1828. It's a
4 hundred and ninety-one years old and it's the oldest
5 Farmers Hall still in operation in the nation. John
6 C. Calhoun, Vice President, Thomas Clemson, were all
7 members. They're having some issues with some paint
8 and maintenance, and District 4 would like to allocate
9 five thousand towards their maintenance.

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

12 BRETT SANDERS: In the form of a motion.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second?

14 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any
16 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
17 Opposed like sign. Motion carries unanimously.
18 Anything else, Mr. Sanders?

19 BRETT SANDERS: That's all, sir. Thank you.

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

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

24 TOMMY DUNN: Agenda?

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. But anyway, I'm
26 going to do it anyway. This is a recreational
27 donation -- allocation from District 2 to Generation4.
28 This is a request for summer recreational activities
29 for a little kindergarten class. And they are
30 501(c)(3). And I would like to do that in the form of
31 a motion to allow them to have the money from District
32 2. In fact, it's a District 2 entity, as well.

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

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

38 CINDY WILSON: Second.

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

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

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

47 GRACIE FLOYD: One thousand dollars.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thousand dollars.

49 Mr. Graham?

50 RAY GRAHAM: Nothing at this time.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?

2 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir. Two items; I'll
3 put them together. One hundred for Anderson Voices
4 For Our Animals and one hundred from District 1 for
5 Dancing For Our Heros. Put that in the form of a
6 motion.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Wooten and second
8 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the
9 motion show of hands. Show the motion carries.
10 Anything else, Mr. Wooten?

11 CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?

13 CINDY WILSON: District 7 is broke.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. District 5's account
15 would like to do five hundred dollars for Anderson's
16 Voices For Animals and one hundred for Dancing For Our
17 Heroes. Put that in the form of a motion. Second Ms.
18 Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion
19 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion
20 carries unanimously.

21 Moving on now to Item number 17, Administrator's
22 report.

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

25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Burns.

26 Now moving on to Item 18, citizens comments.
27 Please step forward when Mr. Harmon calls your name.
28 You have three minutes. Address the chair, state your
29 name and district for the record. Mr. Harmon.

30 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one
31 speaker signed up. Elizabeth Fant.

32 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3.
33 One of the real things that deters people from coming
34 through our county is the litter. Litter is in all
35 kinds of forms. Litter is in trash on the road.
36 Litter is in wasted people that have not used their
37 potential. Litter is also falling-down houses.
38 Litter is what I call -- the word I'm looking for --
39 scum lords. People who own property and don't keep it
40 up. And so the people who move in have a hard time
41 dealing with that. That's a deterrent. That's a bad
42 deterrent to our county, too. So it's not just the
43 litter that's along the street.

44 However, I have some very good news to talk about
45 tonight. I'm very enthusiastic on several levels. I,
46 like Ms. Floyd, question things that come across. I
47 don't just accept them willy-nilly. And some things
48 here recently that have been going on in the county,
49 the new hotel, whatever, the money for the buildings
50 downtown and so forth. But I mean to tell you that if

1 you're not noticing what's going on in Anderson
2 County, you're missing it. We've got at least -- road
3 construction is out there. There are trucks
4 everywhere. We have an abundance of people who are
5 moving into the community. That's why you've got all
6 these things on the housing and developments that are
7 brought before you. We're probably getting too fast a
8 development in that in order to take care of the
9 people that move in.

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

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

28 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

30 LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

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

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

43 On the 28th, Mr. Greg Smith and I met with the
44 landfill company out at Big Creek Landfill and had a
45 couple of the neighbors there. There were issues that
46 had not been resolved concerning communication. At
47 our last meeting over there in the community, we had
48 had one of the community members to set up a website
49 so that people -- it was kind of like a community
50 party line, if you will. And the landfill company had

1 not taken advantage of that. Consequently, in
2 addition to the terrible stench over there that's a
3 fairly regular feature, there were numerous calls from
4 different areas around the landfill about a terrible
5 gas smell. We thought we had another gas line leak
6 over there. Everyone was calling DHEC and Public
7 Safety and so forth. Well, it turned out they were
8 doing a methane gas project onsite and had failed to
9 notify people. Consequently they had a visit from
10 DHEC which found some issues that needed to be
11 resolved. So now we have excellent communications
12 with the landfill company. We have a protocol in
13 place so that these type things won't happen in the
14 future.

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

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

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

25 CRAIG WOOTEN: Nothing.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Graham?

27 RAY GRAHAM: Nothing, Mr. Chairman.

28 Thank you.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd?

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I don't think I
31 received -- Mr. Burns, I don't think I received one of
32 whatever ---

33 TOMMY DUNN: I'll get it.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, that's what it was.

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

48 But it says that help for the potentially
49 dangerous lead in Belton's drinking water is months
50 away. It's months ---

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

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

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

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

38 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders?

39 BRETT SANDERS: Nothing at this time.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis?

41 JIMMY DAVIS: Nothing at this time, Mr.

42 Chairman.

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

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