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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
APRIL 16, 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT

Anderson County Council - Special Presentation Meeting - April 16, 2019

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to call
2 to order the April 16 Anderson County Council meeting
3 of proclamations and resolutions. First we'll be
4 having resolution R2019-015. Ms. Cindy Wilson. Ms.
5 Wilson.

6 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We
7 have a stellar group of thespians here tonight.

8 This is a resolution to honor and recognize the
9 Mill Town Players for their exceptional theatrical
10 performance and other matters related thereto.

11 Whereas, the Mill Town Players Community Theater
12 was founded in 2014 by Will Ragland whose purpose was
13 to entertain, inspire and enrich the community with a
14 quality, affordable live theater; and,

15 Whereas, Mill Town Players hosts a variety of shows
16 year round to include: American musicals, dramas,
17 Southern comedies, themed concerts and youth shows.

18 The season attendance has grown to over 34,000 patrons
19 from all over the Upstate and surrounding areas; and,

20 Whereas, in 2016, the Mill Town Players received
21 the prestigious Founders Award that recognizes
22 an organization that has made the most significant
23 contribution to theater in South Carolina; and,

24 Whereas, in November 2018, the Mill Town Players
25 performed at the South Carolina Theatre Association
26 52nd Annual Convention at Anderson University. After
27 their performance, the Mill Town Players were
28 chosen as the State winner in the SCTA Community
29 Festival for their production of Romeo and Juliet.

30 They also received honors for Best Ensemble, Best
31 Costumes and Best Director, Best Supporting Actor and
32 Best Supporting Actress; and,

33 Whereas, the 2019 Community Theatre Festival was
34 held on February 28 through March 2, 2019 in Knoxville,
35 Tennessee. During this festival the Mill Town Players
36 competed against nine others states and were chosen as
37 Best Production for their performance of Romeo and
38 Juliet; and,

39 Whereas, the Anderson County Council is grateful
40 for your willingness to share your talents to
41 entertain, and inspire our citizens, bringing a
42 positive impact to our community. We wish the Mill
43 Town Players great success as you represent the Upstate
44 in the upcoming national competition at the American
45 Association of Community Theatre in June 2019.

46 RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 16th day
47 of April 2019.

48 Mr. Chairman, may I put that in the form of a
49 motion?

50 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Have a second?

1 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any
3 discussion? Go ahead, Mr. Wooten.

4 CRAIG WOOTEN: I'd like to add, my family has
5 attended a Mill Town Players production. And I love
6 sports, but I think so many times we talk about sports
7 and its impact on the community and people don't
8 realize how art and culture not only brings the
9 community together but it enhances the lives of the
10 people who live here. And when you look at it, it
11 brings people from outside this county here at the same
12 rate that some of the other things that we support.
13 And so I thank you for what you all are doing. And
14 it's known across, I know the upstate, as a quality
15 presentation by talented people.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten. I
17 wholeheartedly agree. Anyone else?

18 CINDY WILSON: May I quickly point out, this
19 group has brought about the beginning of the
20 renaissance of Pelzer. It is amazing to see what has
21 transpired in just a few years and imagine what's about
22 to take place over there in the next two to three
23 years. So thank y'all very much.

24 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
25 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
26 carries unanimously.

27 CINDY WILSON: If we may have my fellow
28 council members and this wonderful group of actors ...

29 **PRESENTATION OF AWARD**

30 WILL RAGLAND: We just want to thank y'all
31 for recognizing us. We know that community theater is
32 all about community. And that's where our mind and our
33 heart is. And we love Pelzer, we love Anderson County,
34 and we're so proud to be the first team from South
35 Carolina to go to Nationals since 1985. So this is
36 going to be a lot of fun. And we hope to bring back
37 another award for you. Thank you so much.

38 **APPLAUSE**

39 WILL RAGLAND: Oh, sure. You want to hear
40 about the sign? We've got concrete pouring on April
41 22nd. They're going to put a curb and a sidewalk in
42 there and St. Clair signs has already made it. They're
43 going to install it. And it's going to be ready for
44 the next production. We can't wait. We've been
45 waiting for this for years, to have a real proper sign
46 that lights up at night where folks can actually see
47 where we are. And we're so thankful for y'all for
48 helping us finish that goal. It has been a long time
49 and so many people gave. And we're just so excited
50 that this was a community effort. And so ten thousand

1 cars a day will now see us on Highway 8. Thank you.

2 **APPLAUSE**

3 WILL RAGLAND: Sure. Listen, you don't
4 have to make me talk. A Pelzer Gospel Homecoming is
5 happening for one weekend only May 10, 11 and 12;
6 followed by a Southern comedy called the First Baptist
7 of Ivy Gap, which will open in late May and it's
8 perfect for the whole family. And if you haven't come
9 to see us we'd love to have you. Tickets are very
10 cheap; twelve dollars and ten dollar discount for
11 seniors, military and students. So we like making our
12 plays affordable, less than a movie, so that anybody
13 who wants to see one can see one. So come see us in
14 Pelzer, South Carolina.

15 **APPLAUSE**

16 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to move on at this
17 time to proclamations (b). This will be Honorable
18 Councilman Sanders will be giving this out.

19 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.

20 A proclamation to recognize and honor Darien
21 Rencher for his personal achievements and as a member
22 of the 2016 and 2018 Clemson Tiger National Champions.

23 **WHEREAS**, the Anderson County Council considers it a
24 privilege to recognize those who have excelled in
25 particular areas of personal achievement, especially
26 the youth of Anderson County; and,

27 **WHEREAS**, the Anderson County Council considers it
28 an honor to recognize its young athletes who have
29 distinguished themselves as leaders academically
30 and athletically; and,

31 **WHEREAS**, Darien Rencher is a graduate of TL Hanna
32 High School, earning his letter in football for the TL
33 Hanna Yellow Jackets; and,

34 **WHEREAS**, Darien is currently a junior at Clemson
35 majoring in elementary education. Darien has followed
36 his father's path to Clemson athletics. Darien's
37 dad, Darwin Rencher, lettered in Clemson track and
38 field, and is still sixth in Tiger history for outdoor
39 long jump; and,

40 **WHEREAS**, Darien Rencher is a walk-on player in the
41 Clemson Tigers Football Program, and he has earned a
42 record 10 career games with 24 carries thus far in his
43 Clemson career; and,

44 **WHEREAS**, the Anderson County Council wishes to
45 congratulate Darien Rencher for his academic
46 achievements and his remarkable athletic career; and,

47 **NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby proclaimed by the
48 Anderson County Council: The Anderson County Council
49 commends and congratulates Darien Rencher on his
50 personal achievements both academically and

1 athletically and for representing the youth of our
2 community by bringing the honor not only to himself,
3 his family, TL Hanna High, but to Anderson County.
4 We, the Anderson County Council, are proud of your
5 outstanding representation of our community and wish
6 you well as you continue to pursue your degree and
7 athletic dreams at Clemson University.

8 Mr. Chairman, I'd like to put that in the form of a
9 motion.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr. Sanders;
11 second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of
12 the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
13 motion carries unanimously.

14 Thank you, Councilman Sanders.

15 Now, we'll be moving on to proclamation (c),
16 Councilman Craig Wooten.

17 CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Chairman.

18 This is a proclamation to commend and honor Kendall
19 Joseph for his personal achievements and to
20 specifically congratulate Kendall Joseph as a member of
21 the 2016 and 2018 Clemson Tigers National Champions.

22 WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council considers it a
23 privilege to recognize those who have excelled in
24 particular areas of personal achievement who have
25 distinguished themselves as leaders academically and
26 athletically; and,

27 WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council strives to
28 encourage initiatives, activities, and programs that
29 foster leadership, citizenship and life skills, which
30 often are facilitated through our local education
31 system and sports programs; and

32 WHEREAS, Kendall Joseph is a graduate of Belton-
33 Honea Path High School and he is a multisport
34 athlete. Before arriving at Clemson, Kendall Joseph
35 ranked 18th as inside linebacker in the nation
36 by ESPN, ranked 17th player in South Carolina by
37 247Sports.com, selected for Shrine Bowl and three time
38 state weightlifting champion; and,

39 WHEREAS, Kendall Joseph began his time with Clemson
40 Tigers Football as a red shirt freshman in 2014.
41 Kendall Joseph demonstrated dependability, leadership,
42 and his desire for team success giving way to his
43 teammates naming Kendall as permanent team captain;
44 and,

45 WHEREAS, Kendall Joseph completed his college
46 career at Clemson playing in 48 games with 40 starts.
47 Kendall received various accolades for his athletic
48 abilities, receiving team awards, nominated as an NSCA
49 Strength All-America, 2018 rankings: as the 57th player
50 in the nation (preseason) by Sports Illustrated and

1 99th player by NFL.com.

2 WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council wishes to
3 congratulate Kendall Joseph on his remarkable high
4 school and college athletic career; and,

5 WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council and the
6 residents of Anderson County are pleased to acknowledge
7 and congratulate Kendall Joseph for his achievement as
8 a 2017 Clemson graduate with a degree in health
9 science; for his outstanding career on the field as a
10 dependable and selfless teammate and a champion
11 athlete; and,

12 NOW, THEREFORE, it is proclaimed by the Anderson
13 County Council: The Anderson County Council commends
14 Kendall Joseph on his achievements, both
15 academically and athletically; for exemplifying the
16 youth of our community.

17 We, the Anderson County Council extend our warmest
18 wishes for much success to Kendall Joseph in future
19 endeavors.

20 PROCLAIMED this 8th day of April, 2019.

21 I put that in the form of a motion.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Wooten;
23 second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of
24 the motion? Opposed? Show the motion carries
25 unanimously.

26 I want to thank my fellow council members for
27 making that official. They was giving those awards the
28 other night at the Touchdown Club. Appreciate that.

29 This will be adjourned. We'll meet back and
30 reconvene here at 6:30 for our council meeting.

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32 **(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15 P.M.)**

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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

April 16, 2019

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1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to
2 call the regular Anderson County Council meeting of
3 April 16th, 2019 to order. At this time I'd like to
4 ask Councilman Graham to lead us in the invocation and
5 pledge of allegiance.

6 Before we do that, thought, I'd like for us to all
7 rise and have a moment of silence, please, for Mr.
8 Grady Phillips, who passed away. Please be with him
9 and his family as they go through this for all he's
10 done for Anderson County. Let's have a moment of
11 silence for him and his family, please. Amen.

12 Mr. Graham, if you would.

13 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
14 Let us pray.

15 **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY RAY GRAHAM**

16 TOMMY DUNN: We'll move on with a couple
17 of things. I'd like to welcome and say hey to Mr.
18 Allen back in the back, back there. A former
19 councilman. He can't get enough of us. Glad to see
20 you here, Mr. Allen.

21 Also, if y'all will turn to the second page, 8(b),
22 some changes, 8(b), 2019-014, it reads: An ordinance to
23 amend Chapter 70, Article 5 of the Anderson County Code
24 of Ordinances, so as to clarify storage of commercial
25 equipment in residential zones. That actually should
26 read: An ordinance to amend Chapter 70, Article 5 of
27 the Anderson County Code of Ordinances so as to clarify
28 our storage of personal property in residential zones.
29 Just want to make sure we've got things right. Coming
30 to that in a little bit.

31 So moving on, are there any corrections or changes
32 to be made to the March 19, 2019 minutes? Anyone have
33 any? Ms. Wilson.

34 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
35 On page 20, line 43, the word and, A-N-D, should be O-
36 N, on. That's all I've got on that particular set of
37 minutes. Thank you.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Do we have a
39 motion to move these forward with that change?

40 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Ms. Wilson to
42 move forward with that change. Do we have a second?
43 Second Mr. Sanders. All in favor show of hands.
44 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.

45 We'll be moving on now, are there any corrections
46 to be made to the April 2, 2019 regular Council
47 meeting?

48 CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman, may
49 I?

50 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

1 CINDY WILSON: On page 25, line 33, it
2 says on F-O-Is. And I don't know if I said that, but I
3 certainly meant FOIAs, F-O-I-A. And that should follow
4 through the paragraph there, F-O-I-A for FOIA, instead
5 of F-O-I.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Do we have a
7 motion to accept the minutes with that correction?

8 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

11 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

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

15 Thank y'all very much.

16 Now we'll be moving on to citizens comments. When
17 Mr. Harmon calls your name, please, for the record,
18 state your name and district. You've got three
19 minutes. For agenda items only. And address the
20 Chair, please.

21 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one
22 speaker signed up. Elizabeth Fant.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

24 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3.
25 I'm speaking on ordinance number 8(b) and (c), about
26 the personal property.

27 I understand that some subdivisions don't want junk
28 in people's yards. I'm saying that wholeheartedly and
29 if you're an HOA, homeowner's association, you have
30 rules as to what you can park and what you can't. I
31 have friends who are in them and they can't even park a
32 trailer behind your car to take the trash to the dump
33 or something. It has to be hidden somewhere, where it
34 can't be seen in the front. But I hope you're going to
35 do due diligence on this. This is second reading on
36 this thing tonight, and I see all kinds of problems
37 with this, and I see limiting people's freedom and the
38 use of their property. If there's got to be something
39 where you hide this stuff or whatever, maybe there
40 could be some sort of fencing or tarp, whatever. But
41 there are a huge number of people in Anderson County
42 that make their living by stuff that they do from out
43 of their backyard, whether it be hauling gravel, doing
44 lawn work, painting trucks, roofing; just any number of
45 things. And I think we're getting into an area that we
46 have no business being in.

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

49 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

50 Moving on to Item number 5, Appalachian Council of

1 Government Annual Review, Steve Pelissier.

2 STEVE PELISSIER: (Inaudible at beginning).

3 Thank you. Mr. Chairman, members of council, here this
4 evening first of all to say thank you for Anderson
5 County's support to the Appalachian Council of
6 Governments since 1965. And we've always enjoyed a
7 really good relationship with County Council, your
8 staff and other entities within the county. And also
9 I'm here to give my return on investment report, as
10 well as my annual report of services from Council of
11 Governments to Anderson County.

12 I do want to thank Ms. Wilson and Mr. Graham for
13 serving on our Board of Directors. I realize with your
14 service on County Council, and Mr. Graham running a
15 business and Ms. Wilson running a business, as well,
16 that you probably don't have a hard time filling up
17 your days with activities. So I certainly appreciate
18 you taking extra time out to serve on the COG board.
19 In that same vein, Ms. Floyd, thank you, as well, for
20 your many years of service on the Appalachian Council
21 of Governments board, also.

22 Prior to the meeting I distributed copies of our
23 annual report and stuffed in the front an insert that
24 gives some specific information for Anderson County.
25 And I think a good measure of performance is return on
26 investment. And Anderson County's annual investment in
27 the Appalachian Council of Governments is ninety-three
28 thousand eight hundred eighty-five dollars
29 (\$93,885.00). In 2018, the money that came back to
30 Anderson County or your municipalities or the people of
31 other organizations in the county was four million four
32 hundred fifty-four -- four million five hundred forty-
33 five thousand dollars (\$4,545,000.00). That's a return
34 on investment ratio of forty-eight dollars back to the
35 county for every dollar you investment; a little over
36 two and a half million dollars on grants for community
37 and economic development projects; a little over eight
38 hundred thousand for services to the seniors; through
39 out partners over at WorkLink, seven hundred twenty-
40 seven thousand for workforce development and training;
41 three hundred fifty thousand for the rural
42 transportation improvement program; and a hundred and
43 five thousand for transit. We were able to work with
44 the county to secure a five hundred thousand dollar
45 Appalachian Regional Commission Grant for your airport
46 terminal project. We were able to work with Honea Path
47 on the Chiquola Mill brownfield project, a half million
48 dollar Community Development Block Grant; Powdersville
49 Water District, SC 153 waterline project, another half
50 million dollars; Sandy Springs Water Company line

1 replacement three hundred seventy-two thousand dollars;
2 and the Williamston/Belton Drive Sewer Project six
3 hundred ninety thousand dollars.

4 The money for seniors provides money for meals,
5 both home delivered and congregate dining, senior
6 activities, home healthcare, transit, transportation,
7 and limited medical services.

8 The main purpose of those funds is to keep seniors
9 in their homes. They do better. They enjoy it better.
10 They do well staying in their neighborhoods and their
11 communities rather than going into an institution. And
12 it saves taxpayers a lot of money that way. And so if
13 we can get somebody a ride to dialysis or to physical
14 therapy or get them a meal so they don't have to go to
15 an institution, that just wins for everybody.

16 The Workforce Development provides skills for
17 people who maybe didn't complete high school or needs
18 some training to match up with the needs of industries
19 in this area, for folks who wind up losing their jobs
20 or plant closings, as well as internships and incumbent
21 worker.

22 Three hundred and fifty thousand dollars in
23 transportation improvement program. That was for
24 engineering and right-of-way for the U.S. 29 Jockey Lot
25 access and safety project. And that project and a
26 couple of other projects are coming up where we
27 actually have a lot more money programmed for
28 transportation in Anderson County, I'll talk about in a
29 minute or two. And a hundred and five thousand dollars
30 for transit. We were able to purchase an ADA compliant
31 bus for Anderson County DSN board and also an ADA
32 compliant van for Senior Solutions.

33 So in addition to the dollars, I list in my report
34 several other services we provided to the county. I
35 know you have a long agenda, so I'm not going to read
36 all of those to you. But we would encourage you to
37 take a look at them in your free time and maybe a
38 couple of highlights. In addition to the new grants
39 this year, we continued the administration of several
40 ongoing grants in the county. We work with you all,
41 the town of Belton and the city of Anderson for the
42 HOME program. This is a program for the elderly folks
43 and low and moderate income people to fix up their
44 houses if they have safety or code issues. Provides
45 funding to improve those. And Ms. Floyd, you have been
46 a real hero on this. You have referred numerous folks
47 to us over the years to take advantage of this program.
48 And I would encourage all of county council to. We're
49 actually seeking people for this project. As I
50 mentioned, elder or low and moderate income. If you

1 know of some communities, that's great, because it's
2 efficient and I think has a bigger impact if you can
3 get several houses on the same block or the same
4 neighborhood. But we do individuals, as well. If you
5 know of someone contact us or Steve Newton is your
6 staff member who we work with most closely on this.
7 Mr. Newton also can provide information and get
8 information to us.

9 We're working with the county to do an update of
10 your land development regulations. Working with city
11 of Anderson to update comprehensive plan and Pendleton
12 to update their zoning ordinance. Continue to work
13 closely with Mr. Nelson and your economic development
14 folks on our Infomentum Program. Enjoy that
15 partnership with them very much. Do board and
16 commission training. We provide the mandatory training
17 for your Planning Commission and Board of Appeals to
18 keep them in compliance with state law and other local
19 government support. Just have lots of projects there
20 listed with communities throughout the county.

21 Mr. Dunn, that completes my prepared comments, but
22 I'd certainly be glad to respond to any questions.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it, Mr.
24 Pelissier. Anyone have any comments or questions? Ms.
25 Wilson.

26 CINDY WILSON: (Inaudible at beginning)
27 grateful for all that the COG does to assist our county
28 in all these different areas. But there's going to be
29 a section of -- two sections of Highway 29 North that
30 are going to be eternally grateful, especially the
31 Cherokee Road bridge that stops so many transfer trucks
32 from coming under. If you've ever been that route,
33 some of them try to wiggle under and it's somewhat
34 detrimental sometimes. And there's so much economic
35 development waiting to happen in that area that can't
36 until they can get eighteen wheelers in and out safely.
37 So that project alone will mean so much to the county.

38 And down the road toward Anderson in front of the
39 Jockey Lot, there have been three fatalities, people
40 crossing that road, in the last, I think, twenty-four
41 months or thirty-six months. It's just so sad that
42 even the owner of the Jockey Lot, trying to be the good
43 Samaritan to help a lady out got hit going across. So
44 getting that intersection changed around so there's a
45 good line of sight, that will be so -- people will be
46 so grateful there. And to also express gratitude to
47 our SC DOT secretary, Christy Hall, she came up and in
48 person looked at it. So it's so nice to have the COG
49 because y'all engender so many ways to communicate with
50 all the different jurisdictions and also the

1 partnerships needed to make some of these projects
2 happen. So I'm very grateful, and I greatly enjoy
3 working with all of you. Thank you.

4 MR. PELISSIER: Thank you, Ms. Wilson, and I
5 forgot to update the Cherokee project. But absolutely,
6 preliminary engineering is complete. The right-of-way
7 is ongoing. And construction is due to start in 2021,
8 a total of thirteen million dollars. And what I'll
9 also mention, Ms. Wilson is your representative on the
10 Council of Governments Rural Transportation Committee.
11 We get about four million dollars a year for projects
12 to be spent outside of the ANATs or GPATs area. But
13 over the next eight, nine months, Ms. Wilson and that
14 committee will be updating that plan. So if you know
15 of a need, you may want to talk to Ms. Wilson. And the
16 Cherokee Road bridge project, really that got to the
17 top of the list when Mr. Crowder was in that position.
18 He's a tough guy and he just made it happen.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

20 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?

21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

22 RAY GRAHAM: Just want to commend Steve
23 and his staff mainly for the commitment that they have
24 continued to do with Anderson County, and basically
25 this partnership, basically bridging the partnership
26 with all the entities that continues to move these
27 programs forward. A return on forty-eight to one,
28 that's pretty outstanding on any type of investment,
29 but it's really a core group of individuals that,
30 again, brings partnerships together. It really makes
31 things happen. Definitely been a pleasure being a part
32 of you guys and learning and looking forward to
33 continue working with y'all. Thank you for everything
34 you guys do.

35 MR. PELISSIER: Thank you, sir.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

37 Mr. Sanders.

38 BRETT SANDERS: I would like to thank you,
39 as well, for the projects in District 4, the
40 Pendleton/Sandy Springs area. There's a lot going on
41 and we appreciate it. Thank you.

42 MR. PELISSIER: Thank you, sir.

43 TOMMY DUNN: I'd just like to thank you
44 for what ACOG has done in the past and continues to do
45 now and what it does in the future, especially our
46 relationship we have with WorkLink and what all it's
47 done with that. Appreciate it very much. Thank y'all.

48 MR. PELISSIER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
49 appreciate y'all's support.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all.

1 Now we'll be moving on to Item number 6,
2 commendation, Ms. Floyd. Ms. Floyd.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: I want to give a big ole
4 shout-out to the department that's headed by -- can't
5 think of his name. The other day I had the opportunity
6 and the privilege to go over to the McCants building to
7 look at some things there. And the building is
8 absolutely awesome. We have one spot that we're
9 working on, but it was clean, the landscaping was
10 pretty, the yard was all picked up. It was really,
11 really nicely done. I asked about the cleaning and
12 they explained that to me. And they told me about the
13 people there who are making sure that it's everything
14 we want it to be. Mr. Burns, what was the -- who is
15 the department head over there?

16 RUSTY BURNS: Brian Richardson.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: That's right. Brian
18 Richardson is our department head over the buildings
19 and the grounds and everything else. And when somebody
20 is doing a good job, you have to say, good job and a
21 pat on the back. And today I would like to give Brian
22 Richardson and all of his staff, every member of his
23 staff, I like to call it an attaboy. That's the way to
24 go. He's doing a good job over there, and we can see
25 it. Thank you.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.
27 Moving on to Item number 7, ordinance third
28 reading, 7(a), 2019-006, an ordinance to amend an
29 agreement for the development of a joint county
30 industrial and business park, 2010 park, of Anderson
31 and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park,
32 Project Pak. Like I said, this is our third reading.
33 Mr. Nelson, would you mind just touching on this for
34 just a second before we go into our public hearing in
35 case anybody wants to talk so they'll know what they're
36 talking about.

37 BURRIS NELSON: Sir, I'm happy to do that.
38 This is a courtesy to Greenville County on a project
39 that they have. They announced this project on the 2nd
40 of April, a company called Multi-Pak Solutions. And it
41 gives them an opportunity to position the company for
42 some state incentive programs. And this is a
43 reciprocal agreement opportunity between us and
44 Greenville County to include this project in a multi-
45 county park agreement. And they -- of course,
46 Greenville County Council sends their thanks for our
47 assistance, and they look forward to our next project
48 that they can help us with.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Now we'll go into a public
50 hearing. Anyone wishing to speak on this matter,

1 please step forward, state your name and district for
2 the record and address the chair. Anyone at all?
3 Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will be
4 closed. Do we have a motion to put this on the floor?

5 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

8 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Now
10 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
11 Show the motion carries.

12 Moving on to Item number 7(b), third reading, this
13 will be 2019-009, an ordinance authorizing the
14 execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax
15 agreement by and between Anderson County, South
16 Carolina and COI Anderson Industrial, LLC with respect
17 to certain economic development property in the county
18 whereby such property will be subject to certain
19 payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of
20 certain special source credits. Project 20190114.

21 Mr. Nelson, do you want to touch base on this
22 before we go into public hearing?

23 BURRIS NELSON: Yes, sir, thank you, Mr.
24 Chairman. And before anybody asks, COI stands for
25 Columbus Ohio Industrial. Van Trust is the development
26 company and they have five locations across the U.S. in
27 five different cities. This project is worked out of
28 Columbus, Ohio. And I had to call and ask. I had no
29 idea what COI stood for. But this is the first time,
30 and a great first for Anderson County, where we have an
31 industrial developer willing to come in and build a
32 spec building using only their money. We don't have to
33 spend any money for infrastructure, land, building, any
34 of those things. We simply discount the property tax a
35 little bit to help them offset their infrastructure
36 costs. And it keeps us from being a landlord and
37 building builder and many other things that I'd rather
38 not be involved in. And I appreciate that opportunity.
39 But this is a great opportunity for Anderson County to
40 get a two hundred square foot, plus, size building.
41 They're talking about two thirty to two eighty thousand
42 square feet of building. But they're getting ready to
43 start. They're waiting on us. And thank you for the
44 opportunity. And this is a good opportunity for the
45 county. Thank you, sir.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.

47 We'll go into a public hearing. Anyone wishing to
48 speak to this please step forward, state your name and
49 district and address the chair. Anyone at all? Seeing
50 and hearing none, public hearing will be closed. Do we

1 have a motion to put this on the floor?
2 JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis; second
4 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?
5 CINDY WILSON: Very quickly.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
7 CINDY WILSON: Just wanted to give you a
8 little amusement here, COI and you had to figure that
9 out. The nice thing about this project is that it's
10 using OPM, that's other people's money.
11 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.
13 JIMMY DAVIS: I'd just like to express my
14 appreciation for staff. This is a project we look
15 forward to it and I think the surrounding neighbors are
16 excited that there is commercial property being put on
17 this property. It's a welcome sight.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis. I
19 appreciate the job the Economic Development Department
20 is doing. I know this is a good project for District
21 6, but it's also a good project for Anderson County,
22 and we appreciate that.
23 Anymore discussion? All in favor of the motion
24 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion
25 carries.
26 Moving on to Item number 7(c), again third reading,
27 2019-012, an ordinance authorizing the execution and
28 delivery of fee in lieu of ---
29 BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman.
30 TOMMY DUNN: You going to step outside?
31 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir.
32 TOMMY DUNN: That's all right. --- fee
33 in lieu of tax agreement by and between Anderson
34 County, South Carolina and Tile Council of North
35 America, Incorporated with respect to certain economic
36 development property in the county, whereby such
37 property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of
38 taxes, including provision of certain special source
39 revenue credits, Project 20180801.
40 Mr. Nelson, again, would you be so kind to give us
41 some information on this?
42 BURRIS NELSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.
43 Thank you so much. This is a project with the American
44 Tile Council and in collaboration with Clemson
45 University in advanced materials research, mostly in
46 ceramics. And the Tile Council has been -- was formed
47 over fifty years ago. Our relationship in Anderson
48 County with them is almost twenty years old. And this
49 is an expansion of the Tile Council property in the
50 Clemson Research Park. They do extensive research with

1 all kinds of ceramic materials. And some of it looks
2 like plastic. It's pretty amazing all the things that
3 they do. But they'll be hiring a minimum of twelve
4 employees that will all be paid in the sixty, seventy,
5 eighty thousand dollar range. Great job opportunities.
6 Young people that are scientists will have an
7 opportunity for a job. A good project for Anderson
8 County. And of course, it comes with a recommendation
9 from staff and Advisory Board for council's
10 consideration. Thank you, sir.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.
12 Now we'll go into a public hearing. Anyone wishing
13 to speak to this, please step forward and state your
14 name and district and address the Chair, please.
15 Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing no one, public
16 hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to put
17 this on the floor?

18 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
19 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
20 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson; second
21 Mr. Graham. Any discussion? All in favor of the
22 motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
23 motion carries. Let the record show Mr. Sanders
24 recused himself.

25 Mr. Davis, do you mind asking him to come back
26 inside?

27 Moving on to Item number 8(a), 2019-013, second
28 reading. Ordinance authorizing the execution and
29 delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and
30 between Anderson County, South Carolina and a company
31 or companies known to the county at this time as
32 Project Azul with respect to certain economic
33 development property in the county, whereby such
34 property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of
35 taxes, including the provision of certain special
36 source revenue credits. Mr. Nelson.

37 BURRIS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
38 This is a solar project. It doesn't create any jobs,
39 but it's taking a property that's about forty acres
40 paying sixty-one dollars in property tax. And once the
41 operation is completed, construction is completed,
42 operation is in place, they will be paying
43 approximately seventeen thousand five hundred dollars a
44 year. And of course, over a twenty year period that
45 will generate more than three hundred and fifty
46 thousand dollars in property tax for Anderson County.
47 If it had stayed that way it would have generated in
48 twenty years about thirteen hundred dollars total. A
49 great opportunity for investment and return on a dollar
50 for Anderson County. This comes to council as a

1 recommendation from staff and from the Advisory Board
2 for your consideration.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to put
4 this on the floor? Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a
5 second?

6 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Any
8 discussion, questions, comments for Mr. Nelson?
9 Anything at all? Hearing none, all in favor of the
10 motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
11 motion carries.

12 Thank you, Mr. Nelson. Appreciate you and your
13 team.

14 BURRIS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you so
15 much for your support.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Now moving on to Item 8(b),
17 second reading, 2019-014, an ordinance to amend Chapter
18 70, Article 5 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances
19 so as to clarify storage of commercial -- I'm sorry --
20 clarify storage of personal property in residential
21 zoned areas. If we move forward, and I talked to (new
22 audio file) attorney about this in the next (c), also
23 Item number (c). Before we can pass these, if we
24 decide to pass these or not and do anything, our
25 ordinance says they've got to go before the Planning
26 Commission. I've already talked to Dr. Parkey for them
27 to look at this, asked them if they would and not do
28 this at -- they might not be able to do this at a
29 zoning -- I'm sorry -- at a Planning Commission
30 meeting. They might have a special meeting to do this,
31 have some workshops to do it. But it's my
32 recommendation at this time to send this to the
33 Planning Commission. I put that in the form of a
34 motion.

35 RAY GRAHAM: I second that.

36 CINDY WILSON: Second.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Graham. Any
38 discussion?

39 CINDY WILSON: Very quickly.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, Ms. Wilson.

41 CINDY WILSON: Both ordinance 14 and
42 ordinance 15, both of them, the first ordinance I don't
43 think there was a real concern about. But the second
44 one, we've been struggling with that one.

45 TOMMY DUNN: It is the second one we're
46 struggling with, but according to our ordinances, this
47 has to come as a recommendation from the Planning
48 Commission, both of them.

49 CINDY WILSON: Well, I did want to give
50 you an update on the second one. One of the two

1 properties that was used for an example of concern, the
2 neighbor has come to the aid of that particular young
3 man who has probably less than an acre, and it's zoned
4 R20 and he has all the equipment. But she has offered
5 to allow him to put all of his equipment and the mulch
6 and everything onto her property tucked in behind
7 everything because she has a big farm adjoining it. So
8 that issue, that immediate issue, is going to be
9 resolved pretty shortly. But we do need to figure out,
10 maybe with the help of the Planning Commission and
11 other communities a way henceforth on these issues.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Also keep in mind, these
13 two things only pertain to zoned areas. Mr. Graham.

14 RAY GRAHAM: I just want to clarify.
15 With your motion we would be sending this to Planning.
16 Once they come back with a recommendation, at that
17 point we would move forward with the second reading?

18 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

19 BRETT SANDERS: (Inaudible.)

20 TOMMY DUNN: I'm going one at a time.
21 I'm going to do the second one, too, but one at a time.
22 Mr. Wooten.

23 CRAIG WOOTEN: I guess my concern is
24 (inaudible). I guess what I was thinking is what could
25 the Planning Commission do to this ordinance so that if
26 it came back I would be supportive of it? And I'm not
27 really -- I can't really think of what they could do to
28 it that would make me comfortable. And therefore I
29 feel like I'm sending them something that I already
30 know the answer to. And -- but not to say that they
31 could not bring things to light that maybe I'm not
32 seeing. But I guess that's my only concern. I mean I
33 don't mind a fresh set of eyes on it, but I worry that
34 we're sending them something troublesome that we might
35 already sort of know where we're going with it.

36 TOMMY DUNN: And I can -- if I may, I
37 may can agree with a lot of that statement, Mr. Wooten,
38 but also I think it don't hurt to have some more eyes
39 on it. They may very well come back with a
40 recommendation that it's no good. They won't move it
41 forward. They've got that option after they give some
42 thought to it.

43 CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay.

44 BRETT SANDERS: (Inaudible) agreeing with
45 Mr. Wooten.

46 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, when is the
47 next Planning Commission meeting?

48 TOMMY DUNN: They meet the second
49 Tuesday of the month, if I'm not -- that's right, yeah,
50 that would be the second Tuesday of the month. Now

1 they may have a committee meeting before. You know,
2 they can have a called committee meeting. Because
3 they're their own -- got their own rules and their own
4 leadership and all. But I expressed to them, this is
5 something I don't think can be done one night at a
6 zoning -- I keep saying zoning -- I mean at a Planning
7 Commission meeting with a lot of zoning issues on it.
8 This needs to be something done at a workshop, to start
9 with anyway.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: The thing that gets me is
13 -- I agree with Mr. Wooten, as well. But the thing
14 that gets me is you're talking about a fresh pair of
15 eyes on it. The Planning Commission, you're talking
16 about the Anderson County Planning Commission; right?
17 Okay. The three people on that committee is sitting up
18 here now.

19 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. There's seven
20 on the Planning Commission, our appointees.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, okay. Mr. Chairman,
22 it's my mistake and I apologize.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, ma'am. This is
24 our Planning Commission that we appointment. Each
25 member has got one appointment. Mr. Sanders.
26 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. To
27 me it looks like we're getting ready to open up a can
28 of worms. Next time someone comes in with a complaint,
29 it could be something as simple as they don't like the
30 color of someone's mailbox. And I don't -- I mean it's
31 getting a little tricky here. And I hate to see people
32 get upset or discouraged about things going on, but I
33 also hate to put unnecessary work on Dr. Parkey and his
34 staff, already as busy as they are.

35 TOMMY DUNN: I understand.
36 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.
37 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
38 RAY GRAHAM: I'm not going to continue
39 to voice my concerns from last meeting. I mean I think
40 everyone knows how I stand on this. I guess the reason
41 I support this is knowing that the Planning Commission,
42 for one thing, they're more knowledgeable as far as
43 what's -- what is allowed and what's not allowed. And
44 I'm not too sure with their expertise and the knowledge
45 that they have on this subject that they're not going
46 to be able to come back and basically enlighten us
47 that, you know, basically some of your subdivisions has
48 already got things in place as far as whether to sue
49 the homeowners or whatever, and they manage that, and
50 we're basically overstepping our bounds trying to do

1 something different. I guess we're putting that extra
2 set of eyes. I don't want to be dumping it on their
3 plate to make a decision for us, but in the same
4 respect I do want to rely on their expertise and the
5 knowledge that they do have. I do not support neither
6 one of these. And I don't want to say I won't change
7 my mind. But it's definitely going to have to come to
8 us with a completely different mentality than what I'm
9 seeing at it right now. But I definitely feeling like
10 relying on the Planning Commission as far as with their
11 knowledge would hopefully bring back some insight to
12 all of us.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Let me say this. I know
14 it's just a play on words, but this is not something
15 that's being dumped on the Planning Commission. This
16 is a -- we passed this. It can't go into effect before
17 it goes before the Planning Commission. That's our
18 ordinance and our state law, plus the ordinance. Also,
19 we've got a professional staff that's went to school on
20 this and hopefully they can look at this and they can
21 put some eyes on this and have a recommendation, too.
22 And they very well -- the ultimate decision is going to
23 be this body right here.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, how did this
25 come to be? I mean how did the whole start to do this?

26 TOMMY DUNN: I think it come out of the
27 Planning and Public Works Committee.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

29 CINDY WILSON: May I add to that?

30 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

31 CINDY WILSON: There were a lot of
32 citizens who showed up and were very anguished over a
33 situation in one neighborhood. And then another
34 gentleman in reference to the second item that we think
35 we may have a resolution, he and his neighbors on the
36 other side were really upset because it was so junked
37 up. It was formerly a very pretty little ranch house
38 and it's the worst mess you've ever seen. So it's
39 zoned out there and there's no homeowner's association.
40 So anyway, we think we're going to get that particular
41 situation resolved. But henceforth it would be good to
42 have some kind of decent rules for the zoned areas. He
43 knew when he purchased the property what it was zoned,
44 and that's -- it kind of comes with the land. But
45 anyway thank you.

46 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
47 show of hands.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: (Inaudible.)

49 TOMMY DUNN: To go to the Planning
50 Commission. Show the motion carries.

1 Moving on to Item number 8(c), again second
 2 reading, 2019-015, an ordinance to amend Chapter 70,
 3 Article 6 of Anderson County Code of Ordinances so as
 4 to clarify storage of commercial equipment in
 5 residential zones. This is the one here we had a lot
 6 of concerns with, talked about last meeting, and this
 7 is the one that, again, I make the motion we send this
 8 to the Planning Commission.

9 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any
 11 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
 12 Show the motion carries.

13 Moving on now to Item number 9(a), this is first
 14 reading, ordinance 2019-016, an ordinance authorizing
 15 the transfer of a tract of real property located within
 16 the city of Belton, South Carolina municipal limits to
 17 the city of Belton for use by the city for municipal
 18 purposes. Mr. Burns, do you have anything? Or Mr.
 19 Harmon? I didn't mean to wake Mr. Burns up. I
 20 apologize.

21 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman and members of
 22 council, this is a matter that came out of a committee
 23 to donate a small lot and building in the city of
 24 Belton to the city.

25 TOMMY DUNN: We was not using this
 26 building; right?

27 LEON HARMON: We are not using the
 28 building. It had been rented out at one time, and the
 29 lessee moved out.

30 TOMMY DUNN: I think Belton requested
 31 the use of this building; right?

32 LEON HARMON: Pardon me?

33 TOMMY DUNN: Belton has requested the
 34 use of this building?

35 LEON HARMON: They have; yes, sir.

36 TOMMY DUNN: I think it's in here or it
 37 should be in here somewhere, if it's ever sold the
 38 money comes back to us, the money or whatnot, the
 39 council -- when I say us, I'm talking about Anderson
 40 County.

41 LEON HARMON: It will. And that will be
 42 part of the deed when the deed is drawn. The reason we
 43 have to do this ordinance is because of state law,
 44 we're required to do an ordinance to sell, lease or
 45 donate property.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have any questions
 47 or comments? Do we have a motion to put this on the
 48 floor?

49 RAY GRAHAM: Motion.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham; second

1 Ms. Wilson. Anymore discussion? All in favor of the
2 motion show of hands. Show the motion carries.

3 Moving on to Item number 10(a), R2019-016, a
4 resolution declaring April as Fair Housing Month, and
5 other matters related thereto.

6 WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council desires that
7 all its citizens be afforded the opportunity to obtain
8 decent, safe and sound living environment; and

9 WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council rejects
10 discrimination on the base of race, religion, color,
11 sex, national origin, disability and/or family statute
12 in the sale, rental and provision of other housing
13 services; and

14 WHEREAS, the state of South Carolina enacted the
15 South Carolina Fair Housing Law in 1989; and

16 WHEREAS, April is recognized nationally as the Fair
17 Housing Month.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, may it be resolved that Anderson
19 County does hereby designate April 2019 as Fair Housing
20 Month.

21 RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled the 16th day of
22 April, 2019.

23 I put that in the form of a motion. Second Ms.
24 Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion
25 show of hands.

26 Moving on to Item number 10(b), a resolution
27 expressing intent to cease county maintenance on and to
28 authorize county consent to judicial abandonment and
29 closure of Abner Place designated as C-16-0069, in
30 District 3. Do we have a motion?

31 RAY GRAHAM: Motion.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr. Graham
33 to approve this. Do we have a second? Second Ms.

34 Wilson. Now discussion. Do we have any discussion?

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. Chairman,
38 have we informed or put up signs or something so the
39 people in that area will know that this is going to be
40 a chance here?

41 TOMMY DUNN: Have we, Mr. Burns?

42 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns says yes.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Mr.

45 Burns, have we had anyone to object to this?

46 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me, Ms. Floyd. Ms.

49 Wilson.

50 CINDY WILSON: There's one objection in

1 the backup material.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Did you see that, Mr.
3 Burns? While he's looking for that, Mr. Graham, I
4 think it's his district, I think there's three property
5 owners?

6 RAY GRAHAM: That's correct. There's
7 actually three property owners. And this is literally
8 a triangle. One of the property owners owns the house
9 on one side of the road, and plus the triangle. And
10 when I say triangle, the cut-through road is probably
11 from here to the wall. At one time it was utilized for
12 school buses. But as they redone the road and the main
13 highway that runs down through there, that's not even a
14 necessity no more. And I apologize, I did not realize
15 that anyone did request it not be closed. But all the
16 residents that's actually surrounding this property is
17 basically the ones that brought it before council. I
18 done like we always do, send it to Holt's staff and
19 they done their due diligence to ensure that there was
20 no type of issues with the closure of that road.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Do you recognize the person
22 or people that -- the person that objected, do they
23 live around there?

24 RAY GRAHAM: No, actually he lives in
25 the town of Iva. He's a prior council member for the
26 town of Iva. Great gentleman. Talk with him on a
27 regular basis. It says he uses the road often. I'm
28 definitely not going to go against what he's stating,
29 but it literally -- it's almost a circle that comes
30 through there. And you almost have -- it's almost more
31 aggravating to come through Abner Place versus doing a
32 complete circle. But, you know, I'm sure he has his
33 reasons for utilizing that road. I didn't realize he
34 had objected to that until tonight. Thanks, Ms.
35 Wilson, for pointing that out.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. This is the same
38 type of problem that was brought to county council, I
39 think it was last month. There was some folks who
40 wanted to shut down Diana Street because of the same
41 problems. And I think one of the council members
42 chaired -- I mean took over on that one. But it's the
43 same thing. There was only two people that lived on
44 Diana Street, and they were having the same problem;
45 speeding on the road, disregard of the stop signs on
46 the road, and the big heavy trucks coming through at
47 all hours of the night that disrupted their sleep. And
48 it's almost the same thing. And yet we would not even
49 listen to the people -- those ladies when they came
50 here, but now we have another one in a different area.

1 And it appears to be all right, we're going to close it
2 down. We even had a list of people who agreed to close
3 it down, but none of that was considered that night.
4 And I didn't really have a chance to speak on it. The
5 ladies were sitting there and they were just
6 overwrought. And to this date they are still -- I
7 talked with them yesterday. I talked with them today
8 on this same issue. They are still trying to get
9 something done. Lady sent me a picture of a school bus
10 coming up that way on Diana Street, and it ran the stop
11 sign there. Of course, I sent that on to the school
12 district. And then there was a big truck that came
13 that way. It ran the stop sign, too. That was sent to
14 Mr. Hopkins. But what's the difference between what we
15 did on that road and what we're doing on this one?

16 TOMMY DUNN: Are you asking me?

17 GRACIE FLOYD: No. I was just looking at
18 you. But I ask council, what's the difference? And
19 you all voted against it. What's the difference?

20 TOMMY DUNN: I think, Ms. Floyd, the
21 difference is, if I'm not mistaken, county staff
22 recommended denying that road closure versus they
23 haven't on this one. Another thing, this road is sort
24 of out in the country. The road you're talking about
25 is right on the corner of -- there's some business
26 corners right there on 28 Bypass. There's a big
27 difference; isn't there?

28 GRACIE FLOYD: No, not really. On 28
29 Bypass you've got a store there that's empty.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. But that's a
31 business.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: They're trying to rent.
33 And they asked that we not close the road until they
34 rent the property. So who are we pleasing here?
35 Somebody is being pleased. Not the homeowners. But
36 are we waiting for the business to do what they said
37 they're going to do before we can close it. But
38 listen, my only thing is you did it that time without
39 even giving any full consideration. And just that one
40 person said well, I don't want it closed. But here
41 we've got something here now that's different, and
42 we're going to close it. But anyway, I only have one
43 vote.

44 BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

46 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. I understand
47 Mrs. Floyd's position, but I do understand also that
48 the county went out, roads and bridges went out, and
49 they recommended one not be closed and they're
50 recommending the other one to be closed. I'm not a

1 road expert by any means, but they are the experts that
2 the county hires and pays them. And I think that they
3 do a fair job. I hate that Ms. Floyd's got -- she's
4 upset about her's. I think there was some confusion
5 about the district at the time. And someone had
6 brought it up on council, and the thought was that was
7 their business.

8 But I support what our county employees do. I
9 respect them. I think they are experts in their field.
10 And I also would support Councilman Graham, it's in his
11 district and the ultimate call, I think, would be his.
12 And the county will vote on it. It's his district.
13 Roads and Bridges went out and looked, said they would.
14 Roads and Bridges actually looked at Ms. Floyd's, said
15 to leave it open. But on her behalf a council member
16 came up and spoke, recommended, and I was under the
17 assumption that was their district and they wanted it
18 open, and went along with what the county employees
19 said.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Sanders, thank you.
21 Mr. Chairman, may I? Mr. Sanders, let me tell you
22 something; okay?

23 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, ma'am.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. I represent
25 twenty-two thousand people. They voted for me. They
26 did not vote for Roads and Bridges.

27 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, ma'am.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Now I do think that they do
29 a wonderful job. I've worked with them explicitly for
30 the last twenty years. I have worked with them. I
31 have taken their advice. But there are some times when
32 you have to make a decision what's best for Roads and
33 Bridges or what's best for the people that you serve. N
34 ow, I went along with it. I went along with it. I did
35 not like the way it was presented or who presented it.
36 I should have been given the courtesy to present that
37 because it was my district, like everybody else. But I
38 know fully well what Roads and Bridges do. And I do
39 support them. But in your political lifetime, you will
40 not do everything somebody else tells you to do. You
41 will be making decisions that's best for your people
42 because you are the people that represents them. If
43 that wasn't the case then we would not have voted for
44 council people; we would have voted for Roads and
45 Bridges. And I thank you for that. Mr. Chairman, I
46 yield.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. All in favor of
48 the motion show of hands. All opposed. Abstains.
49 Show the motion carries with Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders,
50 Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten and Ms. Wilson in

1 favor and Ms. Floyd abstains.
2 Moving on now, Item number 11, road acceptance into
3 the county inventory, Magnolia Farms Subdivision,
4 Magnolia Farms Way, Sparrow Drive. Do we have a motion
5 to put this on the floor? Motion Ms. Wilson, second
6 Mr. Graham. Now, discussion.
7 JIMMY DAVIS: Yes, Mr. Chairman.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.
9 JIMMY DAVIS: Do we have anybody here
10 that's qualified ---
11 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, he'll do for the time
12 being, I guess. We'll have to take what he says.
13 RUSTY BURNS: Everything has been
14 inspected by Roads and Bridges Department and they are
15 acceptable to be accepted into the county system.
16 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Burns.
17 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else have any
18 questions or comments? All in favor of the motion show
19 of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.
20 Now moving on to requests by council members.
21 Anyone have anything. Mr. Davis, do you have any?
22 JIMMY DAVIS: No, sir.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders?
24 BRETT SANDERS: None at this time.
25 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, do you have any?
26 GRACIE FLOYD: Not at this time.
27 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?
28 RAY GRAHAM: None at this time.
29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?
30 CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir, not at this time.
31 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?
32 CINDY WILSON: No.
33 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to
34 administrator's report.
35 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.
36 Chairman.
37 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on, citizens
38 comments. Please when Mr. Harmon calls your name,
39 please address the chair. You've got three minutes.
40 State your name and district for the record, please.
41 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one
42 citizen signed up. Elizabeth Fant.
43 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3.
44 Signage is real important. Today coming in from I-85,
45 I again looked at our new sign kind of near
46 Powdersville and it's really nice; showing where we
47 are. And also to tell people what we want, just like
48 the Mill Town Players, their sign. You want people to
49 know who you are, where you are, what you are. You
50 need to have a good sign. I'm amazed at how many signs

1 there are out here, though, that are in such poor
2 condition. And I don't know whether there's an
3 ordinance or something that should deal with that. But
4 I see so many signs out here, commercial signs,
5 property for sale and the sign is falling over or the
6 sign is falling off of its frame, or the grass is a
7 foot high. How in the world do you expect to sell a
8 piece of property if you're not representing it in the
9 best manner.

10 Two things that I picked up in the last week; one
11 was at the museum, Anderson County Events April of
12 2017; another one is for Belton Events. These are the
13 kind of things that people pick up, they file and then
14 they go to these things. That and Facebook. If you
15 don't advertise you're having these events, they're not
16 coming. I've been digging in some of my resources. I
17 have Anderson County operations from 1970. Real
18 interesting some things in there. 2001, Anderson
19 County Report to the people, I think. Also some
20 interesting things. And then the Anderson County
21 Courthouse addition, 1991. New courthouse was 1991?
22 That's almost thirty years ago.

23 There's not much information out there, but you
24 need (inaudible) if they're going to do something with
25 it.

26 Now, Ms. Floyd, I'm going to agree with you. I
27 think I saw that same road on Facebook. Somebody was
28 on there and they were talking about and showed
29 pictures of how that big truck came through and another
30 car. They're not heeding the stop sign. It's not just
31 about the road. Somebody needs to get out there and
32 give them a ticket. Which leads me to the Sheriff's
33 report.

34 Litter crew picked up one thousand eight hundred
35 and forty-one bags. I participated in the Belton
36 clean-up. I participated in the Anderson County clean-
37 up. My contribution to Belton was cleaning up the
38 Farmers Market by myself and also the sign that's
39 coming into Belton, real nice rock sign, the weeds were
40 so high you couldn't see it over the growth. I paid
41 somebody to go out there and mow it and weed it down so
42 you can see it. There's absolutely no point in putting
43 signs out there advertising things if nobody can see
44 them.

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

47 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

48 At this time we'll move on to comments from council
49 members. Mr. Davis.

50 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I

1 just want to say a great word of appreciation for Mr.
2 Burns and all of the county staff that participated in
3 the town hall meeting we had just a few short days ago
4 in Powdersville. I think we had fairly good
5 participation, and we look forward to more meetings in
6 District 6, but the county staff was absolutely amazing
7 to have there. They helped me immensely. I just
8 wanted to say a word of appreciation. Thank you, Mr.
9 Chair.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis.
11 Mr. Sanders.

12 BRETT SANDERS: Nothing.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Sanders.
14 Ms. Floyd.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I do. Thank you. If
16 you would look around you don't see a group of people
17 that have been coming to council meetings religiously,
18 and I want to tell you why. They are in Alabama
19 visiting the new black statue down in Alabama. They
20 took a group of kids. And this was the money from
21 their -- District 2's recreational account so they
22 could do that. They're gone there for the, yeah, for
23 the holidays. And I think they took about fifteen kids
24 there. Uh-huh (affirmative). And we're really excited
25 about them and we wish them well and that everybody has
26 a really good time.

27 Now, on Friday when they -- they get back on
28 Wednesday or Thursday, I can't remember, but they have
29 another group that they're taking to the Civic Center
30 to see the rodeo. This is a younger group. So they'll
31 be going there to see the rodeo. And they're really
32 excited about that. And again, thanks to the
33 recreational fund from District 2.

34 And we would also like to thank Brett Sanders, Mr.
35 Sanders, for helping with the transportation. He
36 arranged the transportation for the children to go to
37 the Civic Center to see the whole thing. And they're
38 taking the little fifteen younger kids there. They're
39 just boys, just a group of boys. They're black and
40 they're white and they're all the colors of the
41 beautiful rainbows. And they're down there hoping that
42 they're safe because of this weather. But District 2
43 and I are very, very proud of the fact that these kids
44 could do that.

45 Thank you.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.
47 Mr. Graham.

48 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
49 Just want to mention one thing to kind of give fellow
50 council members a little heads up. There will be a

1 Public Safety meeting April 23rd at 10:15. There's
2 going to be a gentleman from FAA that will be present
3 that's going to be providing some training and
4 basically some knowledge of dos and don'ts as far as on
5 drones and, you know, basically what counties can do to
6 enforce the different law on that. So anyone that
7 wants to attend that, hopefully there will be some good
8 information shared there.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.
10 Mr. Wooten.

11 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. Just real quickly.
12 My family and I went to the Spring Jubilee a couple of
13 weeks back and on the way back out of town we took the
14 kids to Barrett's Park to hang out for a little bit.
15 And I looked out over the fields because it's hard to
16 believe more than thirty years ago, I played for PYAA,
17 Pendleton Youth Athletic Association. And those fields
18 meant a lot to us and we spent a lot of afternoons on
19 those fields. Quite honestly they looked a little bit
20 sad. And I don't think it's any fault of the folks
21 that work out there; they're trying to do their best.
22 So you know, I was going to say, Councilman Sanders and
23 David Taylor at Stack (phonics), I don't know how all
24 this came about, but when I got that memo, that means a
25 lot to a lot of people out there, the fact that this
26 gentleman would step forward with his own to make
27 improvements out there, because I know a lot of kids in
28 that area still use it. The timing of that was just
29 incredible and really encouraging.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
31 Ms. Wilson.

32 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
33 Our county is so rich in entertainment and recreational
34 opportunities. We are so blessed from the river in the
35 northeastern part of the county, to the lake in the
36 south part. For example over last weekend the South
37 Carolina Upstate Equine Council hosted their charity
38 horse show that funds vet tech scholarships and the
39 training work and a lot of youth opportunities for
40 equine education and so forth. There were over four
41 hundred entries. And there were people from four hour
42 drives away. Even a very courtly European gentleman
43 showing his horse who has moved to the area. So that
44 was really cool.

45 The note of speeding vehicles and reckless driving,
46 Ms. Floyd, you may want to give Mr. Dale McCarley a
47 call. He has worked magic, although it's temporary in
48 nature, apprehending the speeders and the traffic
49 violators around the Big Creek Landfill out in the
50 Cheddar area, and then on Midway, Stringer and Traynum.

1 He's caught people going sixty-five miles an hour in
2 thirty-five mile zones and not stopping at stop signs.
3 But he is a wonderful county employee and he's done a
4 lot to help those areas out.

5 But anyway, we're very blessed in our county with
6 good folks and beautiful places.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you for allowing me
9 to come back. Ms. Wilson, we have turned it all over
10 to the folks who are trained and paid to take care of
11 traffic. We have called the state and we have called
12 the county. And I thank you.

13 But there was something else I have to say that I
14 wanted everybody to know. I want you to know that this
15 is my first full day of leaving my house without my
16 rollator. Yeah, I'm on a new type medicine and I think
17 it's going to work. The only thing I have now is my
18 cane. I haven't gotten rid of it yet, but that's the
19 only thing I'm walking with now. So keep me in your
20 prayers. Keep me able to do this longer. But when I
21 fall, if I fall, I won't be down long. Thank you.
22 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson --
24 pardon -- Ms. Floyd, that's good news to hear. Glad
25 you're feeling better.

26 I'd just like to take a quick few minutes to thank
27 all the volunteers, not only last Saturday's clean-up,
28 but Saturday before last. We had a group of people
29 that I think worked up in Pendleton. I know Mr.
30 Sanders and Mr. Wooten was there. We also had a group,
31 a bunch of folks at the Civic Center. These people
32 spread out mulch, cleaned up. I know there was several
33 organizations out there. New Springs Church had about
34 two hundred and fifty volunteers out there. Those
35 people -- that's what makes Anderson County -- I've
36 always said when I go somewhere to talk, that's what
37 makes Anderson County special, I think, is the
38 citizens. They're going out and doing action and doing
39 things and not just talking about it.

40 Also, I want to thank Mr. Burns, his staff, and
41 hope to do something for them very soon for all the
42 hard work they done at the two Bass Tournaments this
43 past week. I know Greg Smith and his folks and others
44 were over there at the CVB, they just worked
45 tirelessly. And been a big success, a lot of good
46 things. And appreciate all that what we do.

47 I want to echo Ms. Floyd. You know, we've got a
48 rodeo coming up this weekend at the Civic Center. Hope
49 we go out and support that.

50 And last but not least, working with Ms. Davis

1 trying to put the final touches. She is the
2 administrator as far as the budget. As soon as they
3 get that, and I think it'll be next week, we'll be
4 having a budget workshop. I'll be getting a schedule
5 and getting y'all -- letting y'all know, the full
6 Council.

7 Thank y'all. Meeting be adjourned.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:36 P.M.)