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County of Anderson )

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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING  
JUNE 4, 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT:  
RUSTY BURNS  
LEON HARMON  
LACEY CROEGAERT

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to call  
2 the regular County Council meeting of June 4th to  
3 order, the part with our resolutions and proclamations,  
4 part of our council meeting. I'd like to welcome each  
5 and everyone here. Thank y'all for coming. First  
6 we've got Resolution R2019-023, Ms. Wilson. Ms.  
7 Wilson.

8 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
9 It is with great pleasure and such an honor to  
10 honor and recognize this incredible program.  
11 THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE PALMETTO HIGH SCHOOL  
12 AIR FORCE JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS FOR  
13 RECEIVING THE 2018-2019 DISTINGUISHED UNIT MERIT AWARD,  
14 AND THE SILVER STAR COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH EXCELLENCE  
15 AWARD; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

16 Whereas, The AIR FORCE Junior ROTC program is  
17 located in 900 high schools worldwide with an  
18 enrollment of more than 120,000 cadets who will  
19 complete over 1.6 million hours of community service  
20 each year; and,

21 Whereas, the Junior ROTC program was established to  
22 educate and train high school cadets in life skills  
23 such as citizenship, responsibility, self-discipline  
24 and building character. Students also receive  
25 instruction on air and space fundamentals. This  
26 program promotes and encourages cadets to actively  
27 engage in community service; and,

28 Whereas, The Air Force Junior Reserve Officer  
29 Training Corps, Unit SC 942 of Palmetto High School,  
30 was selected as the recipient of the 2018-2019  
31 Distinguished Unit with Merit Award for the 13th  
32 consecutive year. This award recognizes the cadets who  
33 have performed with above normal expectations, and  
34 distinguished themselves by providing service at school  
35 and throughout the community; and,

36 Whereas, this unit also earned the "Silver Star"  
37 Community Service Award with Excellence award for the  
38 fifth consecutive year. This prestigious award  
39 recognizes the dedication of cadets who have provided  
40 the highest per average community service hours in  
41 support of schools and their local communities. Of the  
42 41 AFROTC units in South Carolina, Unit SC 942 of  
43 Palmetto High School is the only unit to receive this  
44 award; and,

45 Whereas, on Saturday, May 11, 2019 the Palmetto  
46 High School AFJROTC Unit SC 942 did participate in the  
47 2019 "Howdy" town-wide Williamston cleanup day. During  
48 this event they assisted fellow community volunteers in  
49 clean-up work and beautification efforts for the town;  
50 and,

1           Whereas, the Anderson County Council commends and  
2 congratulates the Palmetto High School Junior Reserve  
3 Officer Training Corp on all of your tremendous  
4 accomplishments. We recognize the exceptional  
5 character, citizenship and self-discipline it takes to  
6 put service before self. We are proud of our youth who  
7 will become future leaders of Anderson County, South  
8 Carolina and the United States. We would like to wish  
9 you great success in all of your future endeavors.

10           RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 4th day  
11 of June 2019.

12           May I put that in the form of a motion?

13           TOMMY DUNN:                               Yes, ma'am. Have a  
14 motion. Second?

15           RAY GRAHAM:                               Second.

16           TOMMY DUNN:                               Second Mr. Graham.

17 Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of  
18 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
19 unanimously.

20           CINDY WILSON:                            May I have my fellow  
21 council members and members of the corp, along with  
22 their officers, please.

23   **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION**

24           TOMMY DUNN:                               Moving on now to  
25 Item 2(b), resolution R2019-024, Mr. Graham. Mr.  
26 Graham.

27           RAY GRAHAM:                               Thank you, Mr.  
28 Chairman. I'd like to present this Resolution R2019-  
29 024.

30           THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE  
31 CRESCENT HIGH SCHOOL TIGERS BASEBALL TEAM FOR THEIR  
32 EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCES, AS 2019 AAA STATE RUNNER UP,  
33 2019 AAA UPPER STATE CHAMPIONS, AND 2019 DISTRICT ONE  
34 CHAMPIONS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

35           Whereas, the Crescent High School Tigers baseball  
36 team began their season in February 2019 and continued  
37 to energize the community throughout this historic  
38 baseball season with a record of 19-11; and,

39           Whereas, on April 4, 2019, the Crescent Tigers  
40 traveled to Seneca High School to face the Seneca Cats.  
41 The Tigers defeated the Cats with a winning score of  
42 10-1, earning the Region 1 AAA Championship title, a  
43 first since 2006; and,

44           Whereas, on April 29, 2019, the Crescent Tigers  
45 played against the Broome High School Centurions in the  
46 District 1 Championship. The Tigers defeated the  
47 Broome High School with a score of 3-2, winning the  
48 District One Championship for the first time in school  
49 history; and,

50           Whereas, on May 8, 2019, the Crescent Tigers played

1 against the Chapman High School Panthers winning with a  
2 score of 10-3, and receiving the title of Upper State  
3 Champions for the first time in school history, as  
4 well; and,

5 Whereas, on May 11, 2019, the Crescent Tigers faced  
6 Bishop England at home in Iva, South Carolina for game  
7 one of the South Carolina State AAA Championship  
8 Series. Bishop England took the lead with a 3-2 win.  
9 On Tuesday May 14, the Tigers traveled to Charleston,  
10 South Carolina to play in game two of the Series  
11 against Bishop England. The Tigers received the win  
12 with the score of 6-4. On Saturday May 18, the  
13 Crescent Tigers traveled to Lexington, South Carolina  
14 to play in game three of the AAA State Championship.  
15 The Tigers were defeated by Bishop England with a score  
16 of 4-3 and became the AAA State Runner-up. It is the  
17 first time for the Crescent Tigers to reach this state  
18 championship; and,

19 Whereas, The Anderson County Council wishes to  
20 commend our youth who demonstrate high levels of  
21 dedication, sportsmanship, teamwork and professionalism  
22 required to compete in a highly competitive  
23 environment. We are proud of the Crescent Tigers  
24 baseball team for reflecting true pride throughout the  
25 community and setting an example for their peers to  
26 emulate. We are proud of your accomplishments and  
27 would like to wish each of you great success in your  
28 future endeavors.

29 LET THIS BE RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled  
30 this 4th day of June, 2019.

31 Mr. Chairman, I bring this in the form of a motion.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr.  
33 Graham. Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in  
34 favor of the motion. Opposed like sign. Show the  
35 motion carries unanimously with the ones here.

36 Thank you, Mr. Graham.

37 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, if I  
38 may, we would have Coach Carson and the players step  
39 down front.

#### **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION**

40  
41 COACH CARSON: Just wanted to thank  
42 y'all for this honor. Like Mr. Graham said, it was --  
43 throughout this playoff run, especially, it was neat to  
44 see the Starr-Iva community come out and really support  
45 us and then to get this at the tail end of it sure is  
46 neat. So again, from all of us -- and we don't have  
47 our six seniors here today; they're at Senior Week this  
48 week. I know they're very appreciative of it and would  
49 like to have been here. But I know the boys sure do  
50 like this kind of stuff. So thank y'all.

1 **APPLAUSE**

2 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item  
3 number 2(c), R2019-025, a resolution, Mr. Graham and  
4 Ms. Wilson. Who's going to do it. Ms. Wilson.

5 THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MATTISON WATSON  
6 FOR HER ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL  
7 CHEER PERFORMANCES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

8 Whereas, Mattison Watson is a 16 year old sophomore  
9 at Belton-Honea Path High School. She is a member of  
10 the National Beta Club, and is academically ranked 2nd  
11 in her sophomore class. Mattison has sustained a 4.85  
12 GPA or higher during her attendance at Belton-Honea  
13 Path High School; and,

14 Whereas, in 2011, 8 year old Mattison Watson began  
15 cheering and has cheered continuously for 9 years; and,

16 Whereas, in 2013, Mattison began cheering at  
17 Rockstar Cheer in Greenville at all levels from  
18 tumbling to stunting capabilities; and

19 Whereas, in 2015, at 12 years, Mattison began  
20 cheering in school during the 7th grade and has  
21 continued as a varsity cheerleader for 5 seasons; and,

22 Whereas, Mattison is a four time Varsity Letterman  
23 in cheerleading and was voted MVP by her teammates in  
24 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018; and,

25 Whereas, Mattison has been competing in cheer  
26 competitions since 2015 and has been named Varsity  
27 Summit Champion, USASF World Champion Silver Medalist,  
28 USASF World Champion, NCA National Champion, UCA  
29 National Champion, Cheersport National Champion, and  
30 South Carolina State Cheerleading Region Champion; and,

31 Whereas, Mattison Watson and the Rockstar Cheer  
32 Beetles did compete in Orlando, Florida on March 10,  
33 2019. During this competition the team won the title  
34 of 2019 Triple Crown Grand Champions for having the  
35 highest score in this level of competition; and,

36 Whereas, the Anderson County Council is proud of  
37 its youth who demonstrate qualities of vision,  
38 dedication, and personal commitment. As a result of  
39 your hard work, sportsmanship and precise attention to  
40 detail you have the ability to be successful in a  
41 highly competitive environment. We are proud of your  
42 accomplishments and we wish you great success in all of  
43 your future endeavors.

44 RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 4th day  
45 of June 2019.

46 May I put that in the form of a motion?

47 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, you may. Have  
48 a motion Ms. Wilson. Have a second? Second Mr. Davis.  
49 Any further discussion?

50 CINDY WILSON: Just a quick note

1 that if you look at the backup, one would think that  
 2 Ms. Mattison Watson must be two hundred years old from  
 3 all the accomplishments she's made in her short sixteen  
 4 years. So thank you.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in  
 6 favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.  
 7 Show the motion carries unanimously.

8 CINDY WILSON: May we have our  
 9 fellow council members and Miss Watson and her family.

10 **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION**

11 **APPLAUSE**

12 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on next to  
 13 Item 2(d), Resolution R2019-026, Councilman Wooten.  
 14 Mr. Wooten.

15 CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr.  
 16 Chairman. It's with honor and regret that I make this  
 17 resolution.

18 THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO HONOR CAPTAIN ROBERT J. DOLBY,  
 19 IV AND CAPTAIN HEATHER DOLBY OF THE SALVATION ARMY FOR  
 20 THEIR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF ANDERSON  
 21 COUNTY.

22 Whereas, Captains Rob and Heather Dolby are  
 23 Salvation Army officers who serve in The Salvation Army  
 24 of the Carolinas under the Southern Territory Command  
 25 of The Salvation Army USA, of which the Anderson, South  
 26 Carolina Salvation Army is an affiliate; and

27 Whereas, the mission of The Salvation Army is "to  
 28 preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human  
 29 needs in His name without discrimination," its motto is  
 30 "Doing the Most Good," and "Through programs that serve  
 31 the body, mind, and soul, The Salvation Army works to  
 32 alleviate the symptoms of poverty, then works to  
 33 address the root issues that cause it"; and

34 Whereas, Captains Rob and Heather Dolby, over the  
 35 past years, have exemplified the mission, motto, and  
 36 programmatic goals of The Salvation Army in their work  
 37 on behalf of Anderson County residents most in need,  
 38 making an indelible mark on our community for the  
 39 better; and

40 Whereas, Captains Rob and Heather Dolby, through  
 41 their energetic, empathetic leadership, have forged  
 42 unprecedented partnerships between our local  
 43 governments, charities, churches, and other  
 44 organizations, of which the fruits are evident and  
 45 ongoing, including a new 30-bed shelter that makes  
 46 Anderson County one of only a handful of communities in  
 47 the United States that have enough beds for every  
 48 person experiencing homelessness; and

49 Whereas, Captains Rob and Heather Dolby conclude  
 50 their duty in Anderson County and begin new

1 appointments in Atlanta, Georgia, effective Monday,  
2 June 17th, 2019; and

3 Whereas, the Anderson County Council, on behalf of  
4 the citizens of Anderson County, in recognition of  
5 their extraordinary service to our county, do hereby  
6 honor and express profound appreciation to Captains Rob  
7 and Heather Dolby, wishing them only the best in their  
8 future endeavors.

9 Resolved in a meeting duly assembled this 4th day  
10 of June, 2019.

11 I put this in the form of a motion.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr.  
13 Wooten; second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion?

14 I'd just like to echo Councilman Wooten's remarks  
15 as far as very privilege to give you this and honored,  
16 but by the same token, we have regrets. We've going to  
17 miss you. I want you to know you and your wife has had  
18 a lasting impression on the citizens of Anderson County  
19 and we appreciate what all you've done for Anderson  
20 County. You're going to be dearly missed and we wish  
21 you nothing but the best.

22 All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed  
23 like sign. The motion carries unanimously. Mr.  
24 Wooten.

25 CRAIG WOOTEN: If everyone would  
26 join up front. Mr. and Mrs. Dolby.

27 **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION**

28 MR. DOLBY: They say I have  
29 thirty seconds to thank you. I just want to say this,  
30 we knew when we got to Anderson County, this is a  
31 county of abundance. We're growing. People are  
32 noticing Anderson County in large part by the work of  
33 this county council. Anderson is a place people want  
34 to move to. Anderson is a place people want to send  
35 their kids to school; raise a family. It's a good  
36 place to live. It's been better to us than we could  
37 have ever been to Anderson. We also notice that more  
38 and more folks are moving to Anderson for opportunity,  
39 sometimes fall on hard times. As we stand here in  
40 government today, I would echo, FDR said this, how do  
41 we measure our progress? Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
42 said, we measure our progress not by the abundance we  
43 add to those who have much, but whether we provide  
44 enough for those who have little.

45 MS. DOLBY: Anderson is one of  
46 the places we've lived, out of many places, as  
47 itinerant ministers in the Salvation Army. And it's  
48 big enough to be growing. It's big enough that people  
49 have opportunities to provide for themselves and for  
50 their family. But it's also small enough to still know

1 your neighbors when you go to the grocery store and say  
 2 hello. And we've enjoyed living here and it's been  
 3 such a tremendous blessing. But my favorite part is  
 4 how neighborly this place really is. It's a loving  
 5 community that cares for one another and love never  
 6 fails. Thank you very much.

7 **APPLAUSE**

8 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now to  
 9 Item number 2(e), Proclamation. This will be a  
 10 proclamation from Councilman Sanders. Mr. Sanders.

11 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr.  
 12 Chairman.

13 This is a proclamation for the War of 1812 Patriot  
 14 Marking for David Russell

15 Whereas, David Russell, a life-long resident of  
 16 South Carolina, having been born January 1, 1793, in  
 17 Cane Creek, Pendleton District; and,

18 Whereas, David Russell enlisted October 6, 1814 in  
 19 support of his country against the British, the United  
 20 States having declared War on June 18, 1812 and David  
 21 following in the footsteps of his father, Thomas  
 22 Russell, and grandfather, Matthew Russell, both North  
 23 Carolina and South Carolina Patriots of the American  
 24 Revolution, respectively; and,

25 Whereas, David Russell served his country in the  
 26 War of 1812 as a private under Captain Chapman Levy's  
 27 Company of Riflemen and later under McWillies' Regiment  
 28 South Carolina Militia; and,

29 Whereas, David Russell, upon discharge on March 5,  
 30 1815 in Charleston, South Carolina, did return home,  
 31 marry and raised a family of six children; and,

32 Whereas, David Russell died July 7, 1860 in  
 33 Townville, Anderson County, South Carolina; and,

34 Whereas, the South Carolina State Society United  
 35 States Daughters of 1812, and the Hermitage Chapter,  
 36 Tennessee State Society, along with the descendants of  
 37 David Russell, wish to mark his grave in remembrance of  
 38 his service therefore; and,

39 Whereas, the Anderson County Council hereby declare  
 40 June 2, 2019 to be a day of remembrance to David  
 41 Russell and his fellow South Carolina soldiers who  
 42 fought in the War of 1812 to preserve our way of life  
 43 and signal to the world the might and resilience of the  
 44 United States of America.

45 Proclaimed this 2nd day of June 2019.

46 Mr. Chairman, I'd like to bring that in the form of  
 47 a motion.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders.  
 49 Have a second Ms. Wilson. Further discussion? All in  
 50 favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.



1 Show the motion carries unanimously.

2 Anything else, Mr. Sanders?

3 BRETT SANDERS: Yeah. This was  
4 actually given on Sunday at the grave site at the  
5 Townville Baptist Church. The family actually came  
6 down from Michigan and they were greatly appreciative  
7 and told me to thank everyone on Council.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr.  
9 Sanders, appreciate that.

10 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. Thank  
11 you.

12 TOMMY DUNN: That will conclude  
13 this part of our council meeting. We'll reconvene here  
14 at 6:30. In about four minutes we'll start the regular  
15 council meeting.

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17 **(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:26 P.M.)**

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GRACIE FLOYD  
JIMMY DAVIS

ALSO PRESENT:  
RUSTY BURNS  
LEON HARMON  
LACEY CROEGAERT

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to  
 2 call the regular Anderson County Council meeting of  
 3 June 4th to order. I'd like to welcome each and every  
 4 one of you here tonight. Thank you for coming.

5 At this time we will -- Ms. Floyd is not here at  
 6 this time. I'm going to ask Mr. Davis if he'll lead us  
 7 in the invocation and pledge of allegiance, if we'll  
 8 all rise, please.

9 **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY JIMMY DAVIS**

10 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 3,  
 11 approval of the minutes. Are there any corrections or  
 12 changes to be made to the minutes. I'm sorry. May  
 13 21st not received.

14 We'll move on before we go to citizens comments,  
 15 couple of housekeeping notes. On the agenda tonight  
 16 9(a) contractual issues related to facilities lease and  
 17 executive session has been pulled. And Item 7(b),  
 18 ordinance to approve agreement for transfer of assets  
 19 between Anderson County, South Carolina and ReWa, that  
 20 will be discussed in executive session. When we come  
 21 back out if there's any votes taken, it'll be voted in  
 22 public. 7(b) will be executive session discussion.

23 At this time I ask Mr. Harmon, be time for citizens  
 24 comments, number 4. When Mr. Harmon calls your name,  
 25 for the record if you'll state your name and district  
 26 for the record. You have three minutes. And please  
 27 keep items that's on the agenda this go-around. And  
 28 please address the Chair, please. Mr. Harmon.

29 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first speaker  
 30 is Melvin Gregory.

31 MELVIN GREGORY: Mr. Chairman and Mr.  
 32 Administrator, I come before you about this fifty  
 33 dollar vehicle excise tax you want to put on us. Being  
 34 a senior citizen, we cannot afford fifty dollars per  
 35 vehicle. Times are hard, especially once you're a  
 36 senior; your income is fixed. We don't have additional  
 37 revenue streams like you do. Every time the county  
 38 needs money, seems like you -- we need a revenue  
 39 stream. Sir, we don't have that. And it's very  
 40 difficult for us to make ends meet when these revenue  
 41 streams just keep coming seems like year-end, year-out.  
 42 We need to do something about that. Mr. Chairman, I  
 43 look for you to, you know, address some of those items.

44 Also, as far as the budget is concerned, do we have  
 45 audits on credit cards? Do we look at the number of  
 46 vehicles that the county has? Do we look at cell  
 47 phones? Do we look at the amount of money that's spent  
 48 when we go to Hilton Head so that it's made public and  
 49 we understand what's being done as far as the budget is  
 50 concerned. We need to look at vehicles very hard. The

1 two times in the last three years I've asked county to  
2 come out, one was standards and building codes, the  
3 gentleman came out in a Ford Expedition, looked at a  
4 house, nothing he could do. The second time he came  
5 out about a gully problem they have at the house in  
6 front of me. He looked at it, sir, we don't have money  
7 in the budget. We can't do anything for you. But he  
8 was driving a late model Chevrolet Silverado truck.  
9 Now, something is not right the way we're handling our  
10 money. We don't have a revenue problem. We've got a  
11 spending problem. And we need to do something about it  
12 and it needs to be done quick. I thank you.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon?

14 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker  
15 is Dan Harvell.

16 DAN HARVELL: Mr. Chairman, members of  
17 council, it's good to see you. Always glad to see that  
18 we've got six out of seven on the council that are  
19 Republicans and we appreciate your service.

20 I used to be a regular fixture here, almost every  
21 council meeting for many years, so you know if I've  
22 come back for this, it's very important to me. I've  
23 talked to a lot of people across the county about this  
24 proposed vehicle fee. A fee is actually just another  
25 tax. I've not talked with anyone that is for this. I  
26 know we may have exceptions for senior citizens, but  
27 there are a lot of other people in between youth and  
28 senior citizens that actually can't -- just can't  
29 afford anymore. For instance, in the town of Honea  
30 Path, you can practically wash your hands with water  
31 one time a month and your minimum bill is going to be  
32 fifty-five to sixty dollars. Now, that's a fact. And  
33 it may continue to go up more because of sewer  
34 problems. Now, we understand the mandates and all  
35 that. But nonetheless we're taxed enough already. We  
36 look to you as our representatives, as our elected  
37 officials, we look to you to trim absolutely everything  
38 you can to do what you can to keep taxes where they are  
39 now. There are people that I've talked to, and yes,  
40 they do have rather expensive vehicles, but some  
41 vehicle taxes are getting close to a thousand dollars  
42 now. That's just -- that's a lot of money. The county  
43 is taking a lot of money based on the vehicles and the  
44 property taxes coming off those vehicles already. So  
45 we ask you to please consider and don't do this  
46 particular thing to the people.

47 And I will say, I want to be fair, you have these  
48 problems based on some things that happened with the  
49 former administrator, and that is certainly to exclude  
50 Mr. Burns, the former administrator who went through

1 almost a decade here with a puppet council that  
2 absolutely paid little attention to paving and  
3 maintenance of roads and bridges. So I do want to say  
4 that because that is something the general public needs  
5 to know. It's not all your fault that we're in the  
6 position that we're in now with our roads and bridges.  
7 But please do whatever you can to avoid this happening.  
8 Thank you very much, and thank you for your  
9 service.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon?

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

13 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

14 Moving on to Item number 5(a), 2019-008, ordinance  
15 authorizing the execution and delivery of Fee in Lieu  
16 of Tax Agreements by and between Anderson County, South  
17 Carolina and a company or companies know to the County  
18 at this time as Project Tarpon with respect to certain  
19 economic development property in the County, whereby  
20 such property will be subject to certain payments in  
21 Lieu of Taxes, including the provision of certain  
22 Special Source Revenue Credits.

23 This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to  
24 speak to this matter, please step forward, state your  
25 name and district and address the Chair, please.  
26 Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, public hearing  
27 will be closed. Mr. Nelson, you got anything? I know  
28 this is third reading. Do you have anything you want  
29 to say on this matter?

30 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr.  
31 Chairman. I certainly appreciate the opportunity.  
32 This is the company, a solar project, Southern Current,  
33 the same company we had projects with in the middle of  
34 last year. This is taking some current property that's  
35 paying six hundred and sixty-eight dollars in annual  
36 property tax and converting that to paying twenty-nine  
37 thousand and forty-three dollars a year in property  
38 tax. And of course, there are no jobs created with  
39 this, but there are also no expenses that would be  
40 incurred by the county or the county schools. This  
41 comes to council as a recommendation from the staff and  
42 from the Economic Development Advisory Board. Thank  
43 you, sir.

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

46 RAY GRAHAM: So moved.

47 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham; second  
49 by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

50 CINDY WILSON: May I very quickly?

1 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
2 CINDY WILSON: On our fee in lieu of  
3 taxes, it sounds like the county will be getting a nice  
4 little hit, and it's certainly more than the current  
5 taxes, but it must be noted that seventy-five percent  
6 of that twenty-nine thousand and forty-three dollars  
7 goes to our schools.  
8 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am.  
9 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.  
10 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.  
11 Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands.  
12 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
13 unanimously.  
14 Moving on now to Item number 5(b), 2019-018,  
15 ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of  
16 a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park)  
17 of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge  
18 the park to include certain property of Project  
19 Browser.  
20 This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to  
21 speak to this matter, please step forward and address  
22 the Chair, state your name and district, please.  
23 Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, public hearing  
24 will be closed. Mr. Nelson, do you have anything you  
25 would like to add?  
26 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr.  
27 Chairman. This, of course, is a reciprocal agreement  
28 project for a multi-county park agreement with  
29 Greenville. This is a project that is yet unannounced.  
30 I think I've given the name of the company to all the  
31 council members. But the Project Browser is a  
32 longstanding company with a great history in Upstate  
33 South Carolina and really around the world. And this  
34 allows Greenville to offer them some state benefits and  
35 incentives that otherwise would not be available to  
36 them. And of course, this is a courtesy agreement  
37 between, and reciprocal agreement, between Anderson and  
38 Greenville Counties in these multi-county park  
39 agreements. And this comes to council as a  
40 recommendation from the staff and from the Economic  
41 Development Advisory Board.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have any questions  
43 or comments for Mr. Nelson? We have a motion to move  
44 this forward? Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second?  
45 Second Mr. Graham. Further discussion? All in favor  
46 of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show  
47 the motion carries unanimously. Thank you very much,  
48 Mr. Nelson.  
49 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you for your support.  
50 Thank you.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number  
2 6(a), ordinance second reading. This was our operating  
3 and capital budgets of Anderson County for fiscal year  
4 July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. We'll go into a  
5 public hearing. At this time anyone wishing to speak  
6 to this matter, please step forward and address the  
7 chair. State your name and district for the record,  
8 please.

9 FRANK PRESSLY: There we go. Frank  
10 Pressly, District 4. I seem to have concerns about  
11 this car tax. I know it's part of the budget. It's  
12 money that we're looking to take in.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Let me just correct one  
14 thing. It's not part of the budget. It's not on what  
15 we're voting on tonight. Go ahead.

16 FRANK PRESSLY: Okay.

17 TOMMY DUNN: And if it is voted on, just  
18 for the record, everybody out there we'll have to have  
19 three readings, separate readings on its own. It's not  
20 on the budget tonight.

21 FRANK PRESSLY: All right. Once again, the  
22 car tax fee, whatever they're calling it, the way it's  
23 supposed to work is that we provide a service for the  
24 people in the county and we then charge them a fee for  
25 that service. You can't just assess a fee and then try  
26 to back up and decide why you're doing it if it's not  
27 offsetting a cost. A fee is a tax. On a tax then the  
28 school is going to get seventy-five percent of it. If  
29 we call it a fee, we retain the funds ourselves. Now,  
30 the difference is, is a tax you have to pay. If this  
31 is money that people have to pay it's not a fee. A fee  
32 is a discretionary money that you pay to use a service  
33 that the county provides. So what we call this, I mean  
34 I don't know what it's going to be, but we're really  
35 entering a slippery slope here if we call it a fee and  
36 then don't follow a gap to explain why that fee is  
37 necessary. Are we going to set up toll booths to  
38 collect fees from the other people that use those  
39 roads? Because you can't just single out a certain  
40 class of people to take on some -- pay some monies that  
41 you don't charge anyone else. If you tell them, look,  
42 we're charging this fee because you're using the county  
43 roads, what about everyone else that's using the county  
44 roads? Are they not -- I mean you're going to run into  
45 some equal protection issues if some people are paying  
46 it and some people aren't.

47 So let's nail down the language on this and make  
48 sure that we're doing this for the right reason. I  
49 know we need the revenue, but these are not supposed to  
50 be revenues; they're supposed to offset a cost. So

1 y'all think about that. We don't want a bunch of  
2 lawsuits to start about this. It is of great concern.  
3 And you just heard two other people talk about senior  
4 citizens can't afford it. Well, I know you've talked  
5 about an exemption for senior citizens. Other people,  
6 they live on limited incomes, too. So if we're going  
7 to do this as a fee, let's think of some way, you know,  
8 are we going to have an annual exhaust inspection or  
9 something that we do for the public in order to justify  
10 charging this money?

11 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Anyone at  
12 all? Public hearing will be closed. We're moving on  
13 now. Do we have a motion to put this on the floor for  
14 discussion?

15 RAY GRAHAM: So moved.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham. Have a  
17 second?

18 CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Wooten. Now  
20 discussion? Do we have any?

21 RAY GRAHAM: I've got some, Mr.  
22 Chairman.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Mr. Graham.

24 RAY GRAHAM: On this, you know, for the  
25 public that's here tonight, you know, naturally this is  
26 really nothing more than policy as far as moving this  
27 forward. We have still got a long ways to go on  
28 getting to a -- I guess a settling point on our budget.  
29 There's still a lot of discussion going on, taking  
30 place daily with meetings, with committees, with  
31 department heads. You know, naturally, the size of our  
32 county, we have got to provide services. Naturally I  
33 think I can speak for most of the council members up  
34 here, there's a huge concern with the possibility of  
35 raising any type of fee, tax, call it whatever you want  
36 to. So with that being said, there's a huge concern, I  
37 know on my part, I've received multiple calls. Mr.  
38 Harvell, I'm surprised I've not received one from you.  
39 But I definitely take your opinion wisely. I have  
40 received multiple calls throughout my district. And we  
41 are looking at this strongly. But again, we're moving  
42 through this process. And we are nowhere near, in my  
43 mind, a settling point as far as the final reading on  
44 our budget. But just wanted to kind of make those  
45 statements tonight. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham. I'd  
47 just like to -- a couple of things, too, on the car  
48 fees talk about -- echo Mr. Graham's points. There's a  
49 lot more discussion to be done, a lot more information  
50 to be got, public meetings, public hearings. The



1 gentleman tonight, rumors, on that fifty dollars. Any  
2 discussion I've been in during this time it hasn't --  
3 fifty dollars hasn't been mentioned. It has been  
4 mentioned about a sixty-five dollar -- I'm sorry,  
5 people sixty-five, senior citizens, being an exemption,  
6 few more exemptions to figure out that account.

7 Also, what nobody don't want to talk about, but  
8 I've said this time and time again, it's not revenue  
9 neutral, I know, but it would be a one mil tax  
10 decrease. And as far as Mr. Pressly's concerns about  
11 the legality of all this and all, that's a non-issue on  
12 that. And that'll be explained at a certain time on  
13 that right there. That's beating a horse -- might not  
14 like the car fee, car tax, whatever you want to call  
15 it, but that ain't going to be a problem. And I'll  
16 have some more talk here in a few minutes. Ms. Floyd?

17 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. My thing about  
18 the budget is that I am -- I like this. Thank you so  
19 much. I like this.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Happy birthday. That's  
21 your birthday present.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Thank you. All  
23 those years I deserve something. But my thing about  
24 the budget is that I've looked at it, read through it,  
25 and it's not a bad budget. It's not a bad budget at  
26 all. But there's one thing in it that I would like to  
27 have in it, even though I am a Democrat, there are  
28 seven good people up here, not six; seven of us. Okay?  
29 And I thought time had changed, but I guess it never  
30 will.

31 Mr. Chairman, ---

32 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: --- may I bring up now what  
34 I would like to see added in this budget?

35 TOMMY DUNN: You can.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I would like to see  
37 -- in this budget I would like to see more money put in  
38 the area of demolition for the houses that we have in  
39 Anderson that are no liveable. The only thing they're  
40 doing is attracting people that we don't want in our  
41 neighborhoods. We have one house -- there's more than  
42 one, but there's one that's been bothering me, it's in  
43 a pretty nice community. It burned down. Not to the  
44 ground. But it's really, really bad. But it seems to  
45 -- it appears to be a haven for drug addicts, drug  
46 buyers, and hanger-outers. You know what a hanger-  
47 outer is. I told the people in this situation, in this  
48 community, that we ran out of money and we could not  
49 finish, you know, our job of taking these houses down.  
50 Well, I found out that we didn't run out of money and

1 there is money to do it. I'm asking that we put more  
2 money in the budget. Fifty thousand dollars will not  
3 do it for seven counties (verbatim). Who's in here  
4 that's quick with math? Seven into fifty is how much?  
5 I'm not that quick, so I don't know.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Seven. Close to seven  
7 thousand.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: That's seven thousand  
9 dollars per district. And that's not enough money.  
10 That's not enough money. How would you like it if you  
11 lived next door to a house that was burned down and  
12 nobody was doing anything about it? If the county  
13 can't do it, then the county ought to get behind the  
14 folks who could do it, the homeowners, and do something  
15 to make them do it. It wouldn't be that way in some  
16 areas of our counties, then why is it like that in  
17 other areas? I don't like it. I don't want to live  
18 next door to that. So why make other people do it?

19 County council members, I'm asking you to, please,  
20 let's put more than fifty thousand dollars in the  
21 budget. District 2 alone has four houses that I know  
22 of that should go. We already have -- and I know about  
23 what has to happen for it to happen that way. But that  
24 is my concern about this budget so far. Thank you, Mr.  
25 Chair.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

27 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?

28 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

29 RAY GRAHAM: Can we get an approximation  
30 as far as what one house would cost to get torn down?

31 TOMMY DUNN: I've got -- I'll let Mr.  
32 Burns answer in a second. You know, we just brought  
33 this up -- Ms. Floyd brought it up at the last budget  
34 workshop. Our next budget workshop, we'll have this  
35 answered, how much money ---

36 RAY GRAHAM: Okay.

37 TOMMY DUNN: --- the treasurer's got and  
38 how much money was actually spent and how much it'll  
39 cost. It's a long process. At the next budget  
40 workshop we'll get this information to all council  
41 members before ---

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Good.

43 TOMMY DUNN: --- third reading.

44 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

45 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

46 CINDY WILSON: Regarding that issue, Mrs.  
47 Floyd is right, it is an excellent program that's very  
48 helpful across all of our districts. But it does have  
49 to go through a legal process. And it seems that it's  
50 been more helpful in District 7, a lot of it starts out

1 as an environmental trash or litter concern. We get  
2 that done. But a lot of times it involves out-of-state  
3 owners and they're very hard to track down. But it  
4 does -- it takes about a year from start to finish to  
5 track them down and to go through all the legal  
6 processes to take the building down.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Unfortunately, if we could  
8 ever get the state to change the law and give us the  
9 same tools that municipalities have got, we would have  
10 some another. And I'm not throwing stones at our  
11 delegation because it's a state -- it's got to pass  
12 statewide.

13 CINDY WILSON: And if anyone else wants to  
14 go, I've got some suggestions for our budget  
15 consideration. To give us a quick recap, the summer  
16 sewer exemption will be rescinded in a vote tonight.  
17 And that will return about a hundred and twenty-five  
18 thousand dollars to our sewer fund, which is an  
19 enterprise fund. And hopefully the ReWa contract that  
20 we'll take into consideration tonight will also take  
21 pressure off the sewer enterprise fund by taking over a  
22 lot of northern Anderson County sewer needs.

23 If we also increase the building and codes fees,  
24 where we are way lower than all the other counties  
25 around, my recommendation is that we follow what  
26 Spartanburg does at about a seventy-seven percent  
27 increase. To do this would put the burden back on  
28 developers, many of whom are not even natives or people  
29 who live here. They frequently, in my district it's  
30 been noted that there are problems and they're gone  
31 after they sell out. So I think that that could  
32 probably bring about a six to seven hundred thousand  
33 dollar increase in fees.

34 At the airport, by reinstating the ramp fees, then  
35 we could look at seventy to seventy-five thousand back  
36 to the airport, which is a special revenue fund. But  
37 it does take funds sometimes from our general fund. It  
38 doesn't look like we quite have the revenue in this  
39 year's budget to cover all the expenditures, but I  
40 don't have the final tally.

41 I would also like to request that at some point in  
42 the near future we look at maybe a request for  
43 qualifications in the realm of maybe looking at  
44 eventually privatizing the airport. It's at least  
45 worth a look.

46 If you look across all the other general fund  
47 departments, it looks to me like somewhere between a  
48 hundred to two hundred thousand dollars can be trimmed  
49 without strapping departments without funds and making  
50 them go through some hardships.

1           Now, if we look at our animal shelter, we need to  
2 take the out-of-county intake numbers, which are like a  
3 thousand fifty-one was the last number we had of out-  
4 of-county animals coming to our animal shelter. Our  
5 animal shelter takes in about, I guess it was fifty-  
6 five hundred, fifty-six hundred this last year for  
7 numbers of our own county animals. I didn't realize  
8 that we were taking in from out of the county except  
9 for emergencies like hurricanes and so forth. But  
10 apparently our vets and staff at the animal shelter  
11 perform a number of surgical procedures for out-of-  
12 county animals. It does not look like, to me, that the  
13 out-of-county animals are being -- they're not  
14 compensating our county adequately, I don't believe.  
15 It appears to me that if Pickens County had the same  
16 program it would be pretty nice for our county to take  
17 advantage of that. I think we could reduce costs  
18 dramatically for our county taxpayers.

19           So I'm requesting that we set up a separate ledger  
20 for out-of-county animal intake and increase our  
21 shelter's charges for out-of-county. I think we need  
22 to look at that carefully, because in the numbers that  
23 we've seen, it doesn't appear to cover adequately  
24 overhead. And that budget is slated to go from I think  
25 somewhere around almost 1.8 million to almost 1.9  
26 million. That is a lot of money. And it is a good  
27 shelter and a good program, and it sure beats the  
28 terrible reputation we had in years past for the way we  
29 handled our animals. So my hat's off to those good  
30 people.

31           I think we really need to look at the Civic Center  
32 and review budget-to-actual and the contract for  
33 management out there. I know they had a later start in  
34 the year, but it sounds to me like we need to tighten  
35 up there, really, very much.

36           Now, I don't know how many of you have actually had  
37 time to look at our budget ordinance, the verbiage part  
38 of it, but it was greatly concerning to me to see our  
39 transfer policy go from twenty thousand dollars within  
40 a department transfers to thirty thousand dollars in  
41 transfers requiring county council approval. That  
42 concerns me, because for example at our airport, we  
43 have transfers that have yet to come before our council  
44 that far exceeded these numbers. So I'm going to make  
45 the motion, and I'll do that now if I may, to keep our  
46 transfer policy as it is currently. And that's ten  
47 thousand dollars -- let's see if we -- let me flip over  
48 to that so I can give you the actual number. Okay. It  
49 would be section -- no, no, no, that's 27 -- section 26  
50 on pages 16 and 17. And that's where our administrator

1 may approve changes in a department budget from one  
2 line item to another in an amount up to and including  
3 ten thousand dollars at any one time, provided,  
4 however, the total department budget shall not  
5 increase. No new positions may be created or capital  
6 expenses may be accomplished by such a transfer without  
7 county council approval. No transfer for any one type  
8 of good or services may be subdivided, split or stacked  
9 for purposes of evading the requirements of this  
10 section. (Change of audio) ... aggregate transfers  
11 within the fiscal year within a department which exceed  
12 twenty thousand shall require county council approval  
13 thereafter. All transfers shall be included in the  
14 administrator's report section of the county council  
15 agenda for council's review. And I would put that in  
16 the form of a motion.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes a motion  
18 we leave the transfer -- simple language, leave the  
19 transfer at it is currently instead of changing it.  
20 She's amending the original motion of the budget  
21 passage. That's an amendment. And I second Ms.  
22 Wilson's motion. Any discussion?

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I am glad that Ms.  
26 Wilson -- I'm sorry -- the council person for District  
27 7 brought that up. But since we are not through with  
28 the budget workshop yet -- are we not?

29 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Since we aren't  
31 through with the budget workshop yet, I think maybe we  
32 ought to let's bring that up then. Bring it up at the  
33 budget workshop so we can all be looking at what she's  
34 talking about. Because evidently -- well, I know we  
35 haven't discussed it yet. And I have missed it  
36 probably when I was going through the budget since we  
37 were concentrating on other things. So, you know, I'm  
38 not prepared to vote on that yet. I want to see it. I  
39 want to read it. I want to discuss it. And then we  
40 can bring it back, you know, to vote on it at a time  
41 when I know what we're talking about, and maybe some  
42 others of you may need to do that, too. Thank you.

43 TOMMY DUNN: My thing is -- and  
44 technically it is, it's got to be voted on the change,  
45 I think is the thing. I don't see no problem on either  
46 side myself voting on this tonight, keep it on second  
47 reading. We'll discuss this at our budget workshop.  
48 If we need to tweak it or change anything, third  
49 reading we can do it then. Might even want to go back  
50 the other way.

1 CINDY WILSON: May I very quickly point  
2 out, it is in our agenda packet, so if you picked up  
3 your packet Friday, it was in it.

4 TOMMY DUNN: I'm just saying it'll give  
5 us all time to talk about it during the budget  
6 workshop, pros and cons of it, we can do that. But we  
7 can move -- we can -- anymore discussion on this before  
8 we vote? Mr. Wooten, I'm sorry.

9 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yeah, I agree with Ms.  
10 Floyd on this in the fact that I'd like to hear it at  
11 the budget workshop just the rationale from staff of  
12 why they asked for it to change and functionally how  
13 they do business. And so I can understand that. And I  
14 can see where we can move ahead and then go back and  
15 change or do what, but that's what I'd like to sort of  
16 hear is, you know, what was the reasoning by putting it  
17 forward?

18 TOMMY DUNN: And I want to hear it.  
19 I've talked to Ms. Davis about this. I want to hear  
20 it. And that way if tonight we pass it, Ms. Wilson's  
21 thing is we'd be just as-is, and then we'll discuss it  
22 at the workshop and we'll either keep it, change it,  
23 one way or the other on third reading. Does that make  
24 sense?

25 CRAIG WOOTEN: That makes sense.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

27 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chairman?

28 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir, Mr. Davis.

29 JIMMY DAVIS: Let me get this straight.  
30 So we are considering the second reading of the budget  
31 and we're going to leave the piece of it for the  
32 transfers as-is as it is in the current fiscal year  
33 that we are now ---

34 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.

35 JIMMY DAVIS: --- and not change it to  
36 the thirty thousand?

37 CINDY WILSON: That's my motion.

38 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.

39 JIMMY DAVIS: So the motion would be to  
40 keep it as it is today?

41 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.

42 JIMMY DAVIS: At the set limit of twenty  
43 thousand dollars?

44 CINDY WILSON: To keep that section 26 as  
45 it currently is instead of what was put into our  
46 ordinance for consideration for fiscal year '19-20.

47 TOMMY DUNN: And we'll -- my thing is  
48 before third reading, at other budget workshops, we'll  
49 discuss this thoroughly, get staff's input, council's  
50 input and debate it; pros and cons.

1 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
2 CINDY WILSON: Do I need to withdraw my  
3 motion?  
4 TOMMY DUNN: No. I think we'll keep it  
5 just like this right here for tonight.  
6 CINDY WILSON: Do what?  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Keep it like it is for  
8 tonight, your motion. Vote on your motion, I think,  
9 and we'll talk about it if it needs to be changed at  
10 the next budget workshop. It ain't that confusing.  
11 We're making it more confusing than we need to. Just  
12 keep it simple. All in favor of Ms. Wilson's motion  
13 show of hands. All opposed to Ms. Wilson's motion.  
14 Show the motion carries, Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr.  
15 Dunn, Mr. Graham, Ms. Wilson in favor. Mr. Wooten and  
16 Ms. Floyd opposes.  
17 Moving on, more discussion of budget.  
18 CRAIG WOOTEN: I had a couple of things.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir, go ahead.  
20 CRAIG WOOTEN: I just wanted to ask, and  
21 maybe this is a question of the administrator or Mr.  
22 Harmon, but with the development fees that we were  
23 talking about earlier where there would be an increase  
24 that would maybe resemble pricing like for Spartanburg  
25 or Pickens, some of the comments around it talked  
26 about, you know, out-of-town developers. And I get  
27 some of the things that are going on there. Is it  
28 possible or would it be overly cumbersome to have where  
29 if you do not have your development or building  
30 business in Anderson and you're an out-of-town, and you  
31 pay the higher amount and if you're an in-town Anderson  
32 longtime resident that we all know, that you pay the  
33 current amount? Would that be cumbersome from an  
34 administrative ---  
35 TOMMY DUNN: I don't think it would  
36 cumbersome. I don't know if it would legal or not.  
37 Mr. Harmon might have to check that. And he might can  
38 answer it tonight; I don't know.  
39 LEON HARMON: Mr. Wooten, my fear from a  
40 legal perspective about that is that we could create  
41 some equal protection problems if we tried to do it  
42 that way. It, as a practical matter, may also be  
43 cumbersome to administer, as well.  
44 CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay. My thought process  
45 is I just didn't want the rationale for us to raise a  
46 fee based on somebody from out-of-town potentially  
47 doing the wrong thing and punishing folks in town who  
48 have done the right thing. But I mean I guess we need  
49 to consider all those angles and ---  
50 TOMMY DUNN: I think, Mr. Wooten, if we

1 can, your point is well taken. But I think that's just  
2 a sidebar that got brought up. I think this got  
3 brought up in discussion at workshops. Mainly Mr. -- I  
4 don't want to throw him under the bus -- Mr. Sanders  
5 when he was talking. We're way, just fact of the  
6 business, development standards hasn't went up, we  
7 haven't had a price change in it since she's been here;  
8 I think over ten years, Mr. Sanders. Thirteen years.  
9 We'll try to bring it in line. Most place -- and this  
10 is not going to do it if we do vote on this -- most  
11 places that department, the fees is operating expenses.

12 CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay.

13 TOMMY DUNN: We're not -- if it passes  
14 at some point in time, that's not even going to do  
15 that. We're just trying to keep the tax burden off the  
16 taxpayers so much is what this is coming to on the  
17 fees. It may up for some more discussion. Ms. Wilson.

18 CINDY WILSON: The fact is that it  
19 appears, looking at our budget-to-actual for those  
20 departments that we are having to pay to run those  
21 departments far more than the revenue that's coming in.  
22 And then when you look at what other counties are  
23 charging, as you said, we're charging way lower. We  
24 should at least have revenues higher than what it  
25 actually costs to run those departments because we have  
26 no impact fee here. The fee funding for this would not  
27 be subject to sharing percentages across other levies.  
28 It would strictly stay in the general fund or could go  
29 to other programs. We would have better control over  
30 those funds. Thank you.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten, one thing is we  
32 had a -- I forgot what you and Mr. Sanders might  
33 remember, but one fee out of that department, by the  
34 time you pay for -- the county pays for the  
35 advertisement, they're losing a few hundred dollars.  
36 So trying to fix some of this up ---

37 BRETT SANDERS: Two hundred and forty  
38 dollars we lose on every zoning ---

39 TOMMY DUNN: Wait a minute. Mr. Wooten.

40 CRAIG WOOTEN: I just had two other quick  
41 things. I'm not necessarily familiar with how the  
42 razing of houses process works. I'll support Mrs.  
43 Floyd's request that, you know, we find ways to  
44 expedite that. And if District 1 has houses in that  
45 list and she's asked earlier, I don't mind if that list  
46 is reorganized. I don't know the process for that.  
47 But if she's asked in the past and those four can be  
48 expedited, I'd be willing to work with her on that.

49 The other item that I would like for the council to  
50 consider is potentially more funding for the Anderson



1 Crisis Pregnancy Center. And I ask that for a couple  
2 of reasons. We've seen at the state level there's been  
3 a large debate on how these things are handled. And  
4 we've seen a debate on the national level. And the  
5 Crisis Pregnancy Center here in Anderson, it doesn't  
6 matter who you are, where you're from, what your  
7 background is, you know, race, color, creed; if you're  
8 a woman who's found yourself in a vulnerable position  
9 and you need help, they'll help you. And with  
10 everything going on with that issue on the state and  
11 national level, I think that's an organization that we  
12 can support and maybe do a little better forward in  
13 working in this budget and I'm willing to work with,  
14 you know, items in District 1 to help facilitate that.

15 TOMMY DUNN: We'll put that on the list  
16 to discuss that during a workshop so we can see pros  
17 and cons.

18 And I'd just like to, again, right quick a couple  
19 of things before I get too far down. On the 1.8 and  
20 1.9 increase on the animal shelter, keep in mind,  
21 seventy-seven percent of that, roughly, is salary. If  
22 we don't do nothing else, you know, we implemented them  
23 salaries last year to put on that, so that leaves  
24 twenty-three percent for medicine and whatnot. And  
25 I've asked Ms. Davis to give some information next  
26 workshop to look at this.

27 Also, don't want to be a little bit misleading on  
28 the out-of-town procedures for the animals coming in  
29 from out-of-town, and they're going back when the  
30 procedures is done as soon as able, we might not, and  
31 I've talked with Ms. Davis to ask, and I want to talk  
32 to our veterinarian about this at a workshop to get  
33 some information. But we're -- we might want to make a  
34 note of that. We're making money. We made over  
35 sixteen thousand dollars; sixteen thousand five hundred  
36 dollars to be a fact. We might not be making what we  
37 might want to make. I live that dream every day just  
38 about, seems like, sometimes. But we can -- that can  
39 be looked at to see. I don't think we can charge what  
40 a regular vet charges, but you know, that might need  
41 some tweaking. But it is a profitable thing. They've  
42 got the things broke down and all, you know, what it  
43 costs, hours and all that. That's a true number on  
44 that.

45 And the Civic Center, you know, I'm wholeheartedly  
46 and I think we've got into some discussion about having  
47 -- looking at some things at the Civic Center as far as  
48 maybe another way about doing things. But keep in mind  
49 when we went down this road on this contract about a  
50 year ago, we said it was going to be the second year

1 before it paid any dividends. It's only the first  
2 year. We've got to, you know, give them a shot as far  
3 as booking stuff and getting stuff. Just keep that in  
4 mind. I mean when we voted on that, that was well  
5 mentioned. Mr. Graham, do you have something?

6 RAY GRAHAM: Yes. Thank you, Mr.  
7 Chairman. I'm sorry, I'm going to kind of hit on a  
8 couple of different topics that's been discussed, as  
9 well.

10 As far as the fees in building codes, I definitely  
11 think we need to look at our practices, no question. I  
12 mean, there's no way we, as a county, should be putting  
13 the burden back on the citizens that absolutely has  
14 nothing to do with that particular development, whether  
15 it's a house or whatever, but yet we're having to  
16 assist in paying the advertising fee and all that. No  
17 question we need to make adjustments. I think we  
18 should somehow get that department kind of halfway  
19 self-funded there. But in the same respect, I think we  
20 need to be careful. We don't want to discourage  
21 growth, either. We have been so blessed with economic  
22 development as far as manufacturing companies, large  
23 companies coming in, providing our citizens jobs to  
24 provide for their family. Well, guess what, the  
25 housing market is -- I mean it has already taken off,  
26 and I'm comfortable in saying it's even going to grow  
27 more over the next several years. We don't want to  
28 discourage that where they can drive to Abbeville  
29 County, to Greenwood County, to Greenville County, or  
30 to any of our neighboring counties and develop up there  
31 and come out cheaper and drive over here to work. But  
32 guess what, if they're only working here, they're going  
33 to spend their money in another county. They're not  
34 going to come back over here just because they work  
35 here to spend their money. So we need to be very  
36 careful on that. And I know that's a fine line. I  
37 definitely support some of the discussions that we've  
38 had. I just want to be mindful of that there.

39 One of the other things, as far as the house demo,  
40 I'm definitely anxious to get some more information on  
41 that on what the cost is. I think that is a major  
42 thing we have throughout the county. It's not partial  
43 to any district. If you think it is, you're probably  
44 fooling yourself. But I mean I think we can get some  
45 more information on that and hopefully gain some more  
46 support of that, as well.

47 Councilman Wooten brought up about Anderson Crisis  
48 Pregnancy Center. That group has tremendously impacted  
49 multiple families in Anderson County. It's local.  
50 It's not a handout. That is not what they're there

1 for. It's a hand-up. They prepare these moms for  
2 parenting, as well as creating a healthy environment  
3 for the entire family, and also assist them in trying  
4 to get some type of education, some type of trade, some  
5 type of schooling where they can go and literally get  
6 jobs to be what? Self-supportive of their family.  
7 It's a hand-up. I mean that program over there, I mean  
8 they're there to impact every one of our communities.  
9 And guys and ladies, I mean I'm comfortable in saying  
10 it's not one district that that impacts. I don't care  
11 what type of household you come from, how you raise  
12 your children, you can have teens getting pregnant and  
13 they need that guidance. They need that type of care  
14 there. So I definitely would support re-looking at  
15 possibly funding that some more.

16 On the Civic Center, I mentioned that. I'm with  
17 Chairman Dunn on that. I know that we have not truly  
18 seen a huge impact from the contractual agreement that  
19 we've got with them. However, I was right in the  
20 middle when we were negotiating this, as well as the  
21 rest of the council members, and it was no hidden fact,  
22 they cannot book a show for some of these artists over  
23 a couple of months. They're booked out for a year or  
24 more. So truly speaking, we're not going to see that  
25 impact until this coming year. If we're sitting here  
26 this time next year and we still have the same  
27 concerns, I promise you, I'll be the first one raising  
28 my hand saying we need to change this contract.

29 That's all I have, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Mr. Sanders.

31 BRETT SANDERS: On those fees that we're  
32 discussing, those fees are not to control development  
33 or to send someone -- some developer to another county.  
34 All it is doing is bringing our fees in line with the  
35 market. And bringing it in line with the market, it  
36 also, me as a taxpayer and the taxpayers that I  
37 represent, we shouldn't be subsidizing someone's  
38 development or building. So basically all it's doing  
39 is bringing us up to market level. It's not going to  
40 impact or determine whether someone builds in Abbeville  
41 County or not. We're going to be in line with everyone  
42 else. Right now we're probably one of the lowest  
43 around. Not only are we the lowest, our taxpayers are  
44 subsidizing a lot of it. So I would like to see us at  
45 least be in line with the market and take some of that  
46 burden off our taxpayers. Thank you.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Along them lines, I agree  
48 with that, Mr. Sanders, wholeheartedly. Appreciate the  
49 hard work you're doing, but also Mr. Graham, might not  
50 have put it exactly like I would like to see it. You

1 know, I don't think you can go from here to yonder in  
2 one final swoop. I think we might have to -- I ain't  
3 saying baby steps, but instead of going seventy-seven  
4 percent, we might do forty percent or fifty percent or  
5 something another. I mean you start taking a big jump  
6 one time, don't make us all swallow it at one, you  
7 know, swallow it at one time. It's something for us to  
8 look at and talk about in further discussion in our  
9 workshops and all.

10 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chairman.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Let Ms. Wilson, if you  
12 would.

13 CINDY WILSON: On Page 73 in our general  
14 fund under building and codes, you will see that  
15 department is recommended for slightly more than one  
16 million dollars. It costs a lot. We have to do a lot  
17 of training. We have to have trained personnel to do  
18 everything from electrical to plumbing inspections, and  
19 they're really stressed for time right now, too. I  
20 agree with Mr. Sanders that we need to make an  
21 adjustment upward. And I chose Spartanburg because it  
22 more closely resembled the figure that I thought.  
23 We've got a handout that was given to us late week, I  
24 believe at the workshop. If I can find it I can tell  
25 you what the other counties are charging.

26 TOMMY DUNN: I think we all got that,  
27 Ms. Wilson. We've seen it. I think we done Pickens,  
28 Abbeville and around, and Greenwood and Spartanburg  
29 we've honed in on. So we've got that. We can thumb  
30 through that. Mr. Davis, you had something?

31 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
32 And I thank Councilwoman Floyd for bringing up the demo  
33 of the houses. As we look forward -- and I completely  
34 understand or try to understand her plight in her  
35 district as she struggles with these things. And as we  
36 look forward to grow as a county, we've got to take  
37 care of this type of business. And I foresee having  
38 some of the same issues in District 6 in the Piedmont  
39 area. We'll have to take care of some of these. And  
40 we need to make sure that we know what we're doing and  
41 what the costs are and how we go about to take care of  
42 it. So I thank you, Ms. Floyd, for bringing that up  
43 and making that part of our discussion.

44 As far as the animal shelter goes, I am -- being an  
45 animal lover, I am a big proponent of our animal  
46 shelter and the staff that we have and our county staff  
47 that supports it. I do think we do need to make sure  
48 that we're covering our costs. And if we're doing  
49 services for other agencies then we need to make sure  
50 there our costs, including any and all overhead are

1 being covered there, you know, and some of the volume  
2 that comes through there, and it helps us cover some of  
3 our costs, that's even better.

4 At the same time, you know, the Crisis Pregnancy  
5 Center folks have brought that up and that is an  
6 admirable cause and I think that we've got to make sure  
7 -- there's a lot of areas in our budget, there's a lot  
8 of services in our county that we can tend to overlook,  
9 and we've got to make sure we cover those. But at the  
10 same time, we have to control costs. And we can't just  
11 continue to let things get out of control. I think  
12 we've got to make some smart decisions.

13 Appreciate my fellow councilmen bringing these  
14 things up.

15 As far as the fees for the development, you know,  
16 this is a thing that's very near to my heart as we look  
17 forward to District 6 and the explosive growth that  
18 District 6 has seen in the last several years. You  
19 know, I'll put it in a simple way. I think it's time  
20 that people pay to play. And if they're going to come  
21 in and they want to come in and build especially in  
22 unzoned, unincorporated areas and build tract homes,  
23 then the fees need to be respective of our neighboring  
24 counties. And I thank Mr. Sanders for bringing this  
25 up, especially the part of driveway aprons and finding  
26 that money there.

27 At the end of all this, big kick -- the big kicker  
28 in any discussions you'll have with me is paving.  
29 We've got to pave roads. We've got to find a way to  
30 pave roads. Chairman Dunn has brought up more than  
31 once if we had had the freeze this past winter that we  
32 had two years ago, we would be in a catastrophic event  
33 with asphalt in this county. So we've got to find  
34 money for paving. And millage is not the answer. It  
35 can't be the answer because we don't get the money we  
36 deserve through that to pave the roads. We've got over  
37 fifteen hundred miles of county roads and we're getting  
38 enough right now from the state to pave about ten. So  
39 we've got to find ways to pave roads. That is the  
40 backbone of our whole county. And that's -- I'll leave  
41 it at that. And I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Again, I just  
43 want to reiterate on the animal shelter, and we'll have  
44 a discussion for everybody to see a breakdown at the  
45 budget workshop coming up. But this is coming -- not  
46 only are we covering our costs on the spay and  
47 everything, it's making sixteen thousand five hundred  
48 dollars. And so I think the argument is -- well, not  
49 the argument but discussion should be, is the profit  
50 adequate enough or should it be more on the fee thing.

1           CRAIG WOOTEN:           Can I ask one thing?  
2           TOMMY DUNN:            Yeah, Mr. Wooten.  
3           CRAIG WOOTEN:           I was just going to ask,  
4 with the administrator potentially on Friday at the  
5 budget workshop as we're discussing these building  
6 fees, and I totally understand where being in line with  
7 other counties makes sense, especially since we're  
8 having to subsidize that entity. But if we reform the  
9 fees to match other counties, at the same time I think  
10 it's logical to look, are we offering the same level of  
11 streamline services other counties are. And if we  
12 reform the fees, can we make sure that we're making  
13 sure that people are getting treated equitable, that  
14 it's an easy process, that it's a clear process and  
15 that there's mechanisms that people don't get confused  
16 and feel like they're going from one part to the other.  
17 But I feel like if we're going to talk about adjusting  
18 to other counties, we need to make sure that the  
19 service or the structural ?? matches other counties  
20 also.

21           TOMMY DUNN:            That's a good point.  
22           CINDY WILSON:           May I, Mr. Chairman?  
23           TOMMY DUNN:            Yeah.  
24           CINDY WILSON:           We did streamline that.  
25 There may be some tweaks to the system, but we called  
26 it the one-stop shopping instead of sending builders  
27 and so forth running all over the county from DHEC to  
28 this office and that office. So that's been  
29 accomplished. Thank you.

30           TOMMY DUNN:            I think we have -- under  
31 Mr. Burns' direction have done some one-stop shopping,  
32 but I think there's always -- you're always going to  
33 look back at your product, what you're doing, and make  
34 sure it's doing the best you can do. I think there's  
35 always room for improvement.

36           At this time I'd like to make a motion to amend the  
37 budget to adopt the four pages. These are tweaks.  
38 We've seen it in our workshops. We had these four  
39 pages at our workshop. Get that out of the way. We  
40 might have to go back and tweak this some more for  
41 third reading. These are the -- Ms. Davis went over it  
42 line by line last budget workshop meeting to get these  
43 incorporated into our budget. I'll make that in the  
44 form of a motion. Do I have a second?

45           CINDY WILSON:           I'll second.  
46           TOMMY DUNN:            Second Ms. Wilson. Now  
47 discussion?

48           CINDY WILSON:           May I?  
49           GRACIE FLOYD:           Mr. Chairman.  
50           TOMMY DUNN:            Ms. Floyd first.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, what are you  
2 advocating on this? Tell me ---

3 TOMMY DUNN: These are what we went over  
4 with -- I can't remember what day it was -- last budget  
5 workshop and Ms. Davis -- to add that. That's to make  
6 the numbers, most of it, to match up and everything.  
7 And Ms. Davis went over this. That's adding that for  
8 second reading. We're not here to say there might not  
9 need to be some more tweaking before third reading on  
10 them things, but tonight to give us a starting point to  
11 getting this thing -- not to hit us all at one time on  
12 third reading.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: So we accept this one and  
14 go on with our tweaking; right?

15 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?

18 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

19 It must be noted that our -- in our public hearing  
20 tonight the revenues for '18-19 at a sixty-four **mil**  
21 rate were seventy-nine million nine hundred ninety  
22 thousand and fifty-five dollars. Projected for '19-20  
23 would be eighty-three million one hundred and twenty  
24 thousand four hundred and sixty-five dollars. That's  
25 an almost three million dollar increase. But not one  
26 penny for paving. We've managed to increase salaries  
27 very deservedly so across a lot of departments of the  
28 county. That was definitely needed. And one good  
29 thing I'm hearing from a lot of our county employees,  
30 when we changed our health benefit package, they feel  
31 like they're having better access to doctors. And one  
32 of them told me yesterday that it's actually less  
33 expensive to her as a patient to participate in our  
34 insurance -- health insurance program. So that's good.  
35 But I really, really hesitate to do anything in the way  
36 of -- until we have a more complete discussion of the  
37 budget, in the way of a vote. Thank you.

38 TOMMY DUNN: I also want to say on the  
39 salaries, not to leave out because it would be like the  
40 job was completed, and it hasn't been. The ones that  
41 voted for the budget last year made a promise, and I  
42 know we've got two new people working on it, this was  
43 phase one, but they carried it out to phase two on our  
44 salary thing, if we was going to do this. I hope  
45 fellow council members will see fit to do that to make  
46 it fair and make all this thing.

47 But are there any more discussion on this?

48 CINDY WILSON: One more quick question. I  
49 found it. We did have a promise last year that because  
50 of the intake being lowered at our animal shelter, we

1 would adjust our budget down, and instead it went up  
2 over a hundred thousand. And I was concerned, as I  
3 pointed out, that a thousand fifty-one of the intake  
4 numbers come from out of the county. So I'm hoping  
5 we'll get a pledge to look at tightening that budget.  
6 Thank you.

7 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to look at  
8 that. But again, again, the hundred thousand dollars  
9 it went up in the animal shelter thing, seventy-seven  
10 percent of that is in salaries that we voted on last  
11 year to do, take them out. Also, as I said, we're  
12 going to talk about this budget workshop, also I asked  
13 Ms. Davis to find out, if y'all remember the animal  
14 shelter, if I'm not mistaken, did not get everything it  
15 asked for last year. And that's the reason we're  
16 having to do some transfers and about the medicine,  
17 too.

18 Anymore discussion on this four pages to tweak?  
19 All in favor of the amendment show of hands. Opposed  
20 like sign. Show the motion carries on the amendment.

21 I'd also, at this time, make another amendment to  
22 adopt the -- relocating the department 5181 sheriff's  
23 special services and other existing departments as we  
24 talked about -- Ms. Davis talked about Monday.

25 Ms. Davis, if you'll come up and help me out on  
26 this right here. You might be a little more equate to  
27 this. This is what Ms. Davis talked about and the  
28 Sheriff, Captain Brown, was talking about. All this  
29 is, the money is not changing or nothing. This is just  
30 realigning. It has to be done in the budget, those  
31 positions under the sheriff's office.

32 RITA DAVIS: That is correct, sir. The  
33 Sheriff actually requested this so that the expenses  
34 will be functionally aligned underneath the detention  
35 center or the sheriff's department. So you would have  
36 your transport officers, your building security, animal  
37 control reporting and in the budget of their  
38 supervisors. That's all this is. The net impact on  
39 the bottom line is zero.

40 TOMMY DUNN: I put that in the form of a  
41 motion. Have a second?

42 CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Wooten. Now  
44 discussion. Anymore discussion on that? All in favor  
45 of the amendment motion show of hands. Show the motion  
46 carries unanimously.

47 Anymore discussion on the budget? All in favor of  
48 the motion to move this forward for third reading show  
49 of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries with  
50 Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham



1 in favor. Mr. Wooten and Ms. Wilson opposed.

2 Moving on to Item number 6(b) -- I'm sorry -- yeah,  
3 6(b), 2019-019, an ordinance amending Section 55-38 of  
4 the Code of Ordinances, Anderson County, South  
5 Carolina regarding retiree insurance so as to make this  
6 code section consistent with the Benefit Plan  
7 Document. We talked about this before. Ms. Davis is  
8 here to answer any questions. But do we have a motion  
9 to move this forward?

10 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we  
12 have a second? Second Mr. Davis. Now, discussion.

13 CRAIG WOOTEN: I just wanted to clarify  
14 one thing. I mean this is -- this will affect some  
15 folks in my area and it's sometimes not intuitive how  
16 we work with water systems and sewer and everything.  
17 But, you know, the understanding is that people were  
18 getting a break in water because they were potentially  
19 filling up ---

20 TOMMY DUNN: That's not -- we ain't got  
21 to that one yet.

22 CRAIG WOOTEN: All right. I'm talking  
23 about the wrong one.

24 TOMMY DUNN: 6(b). Anyone else? All in  
25 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like  
26 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

27 Moving on to 6(c), 2019-020, an ordinance to amend  
28 Section 66-126 of the Code of Ordinances, Anderson  
29 County, South Carolina as to delete the summer  
30 adjustment from the Sewer Ordinance. Do we have a  
31 motion to move this forward?

32 JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis; second  
34 Ms. Wilson. Now discussion? Before we -- and this is  
35 the one Mr. Wooten, I think, is going to talk about.  
36 Mr. Davis, will you just hit on what the proposal was  
37 and amendment on this right here about this section?  
38 Mr. Davis, would you mind doing that?

39 JIMMY DAVIS: As far as the exception  
40 goes, the exception would be for those folks who have  
41 swimming pools that are on sewer and they only have one  
42 primary water tap would be that they would get one  
43 exception per twelve months to be able to fill their  
44 swimming pool up and not be responsible for paying the  
45 sewer for that water used to fill the pool up. The  
46 preference would be for folks with irrigation systems  
47 and swimming pools to be able to get a second water tap  
48 that's not conducive to charge sewer on. Am I correct  
49 in that? So that would be our preference and it would  
50 more than pay for itself in a short amount of time.

1 Thank you.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

3 Mr. Wooten.

4 CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay. Just to clarify real  
5 quick. Now it's my understanding that this would maybe  
6 -- this wouldn't be implemented right away, that there  
7 would be a delay in it because I think what's key here  
8 is that people understand it. Because I think what's  
9 going to happen is a lot of people, you know, they're  
10 busy, they go back and forth to work, they've got  
11 families and everything. And they're just going to get  
12 a bill one day and it's going to be more and then  
13 they're going to say I don't know what summer  
14 adjustments mean. So as long as we have a time gap  
15 where we can identify some of these people and say,  
16 look, there's going to be a change, but don't worry  
17 because there's going to be an exemption in there for  
18 your pool and be able to map out to them that if you do  
19 get another water tap, that you're going to see the  
20 break in the meantime that will offset it. I guess I  
21 just want to make sure there's a ---

22 TOMMY DUNN: There is. Ms. Davis, when  
23 realistically this can be implemented, we said next  
24 summer; is that correct?

25 RITA DAVIS: A year from now.

26 TOMMY DUNN: A year from now.

27 CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay. Thank you.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson, and then we'll  
29 come back to you; okay? Ms. Wilson.

30 CINDY WILSON: The county collects a three  
31 mil tax that goes to the sewer enterprise fund. And  
32 every taxpayer in the county contributes to that,  
33 whether they're on sewer or not. Anything -- we would  
34 be paying for treatment regardless. We're already  
35 paying for it, so it's still a cost to the taxpayer. I  
36 can tell you, I had to go out and splurge and buy  
37 another tap myself recently, and that was nine hundred  
38 and ninety dollars. But when you look at the cost of  
39 irrigation and filling a pool, it's, you know, a very  
40 cost effective measure. It'll pay for itself in quite  
41 a short time. So anyway, I'm for rescinding the summer  
42 adjustment. Thank you.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

44 BRETT SANDERS: This is the one, Ms. Davis,  
45 that will allow us to collect where we had some issues  
46 with collection ---

47 TOMMY DUNN: That's right. That's  
48 right.

49 BRETT SANDERS: Okay.

50 TOMMY DUNN: This will let water

1 companies start back billing when they wouldn't bill  
2 before, and if somebody don't pay, they'll have the  
3 right to cut the water off.

4 JIMMY DAVIS: Ms. Davis, what is that  
5 figure?

6 BRETT SANDERS: Yeah.

7 TOMMY DUNN: The figure we owe, Derrick,  
8 we're losing, roughly?

9 RITA DAVIS: Over a hundred thousand  
10 dollars with Hammond and over thirty thousand dollars  
11 with Broadway.

12 TOMMY DUNN: A year?

13 RITA DAVIS: A year.

14 BRETT SANDERS: By us to collect?

15 RITA DAVIS: Balance is (inaudible)  
16 deemed uncollectible.

17 BRETT SANDERS: All right. Thank you.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor  
19 of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show  
20 the motion carries unanimously.

21 Moving on to Item number 7(a), ordinance's first  
22 reading, 2019-022, an ordinance to amend the zoning map  
23 to rezone +/- 0.59 acres from C-2 (Highway Commercial)  
24 to S-1 (a service district) at 108 Chippewa Lane. Did  
25 I say that right? District 7.

26 We're going to have a public hearing before we go  
27 into that. We'll ask if you want to give us a little  
28 bit of information and then we'll go on from there.  
29 You got anything you'd like to add or say from staff's  
30 perspective?

31 CELIA MYERS: Yes, sir, just real quick.  
32 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Before you this evening is a  
33 rezoning request for approximately .5 acres located at  
34 108 Chippewa Lane. It is for the stated purpose of a  
35 transportation business. It is currently zoned C-2 or  
36 highway commercial zoning classification, and the  
37 request is for S-1 or service district classification.  
38 The property is located within the Williamston **mil**  
39 precinct, again in District 7. The District 7 Zoning  
40 Advisory Group was unable to meet on May 1st due to a  
41 lack of quorum. Therefore it is deemed to have  
42 approved this request according to our Code Chapter 70,  
43 Section 10.2. And then on May 14th the Planning  
44 Commission did hold a public hearing and they  
45 recommended to send this forward with their  
46 recommendation of approval before you. If you have any  
47 other questions, I'm happy to answer them.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We're going to  
49 go into a public hearing on this matter and then we'll  
50 come back for discussion and motions. Anyone wishing

1 to speak to this matter please step forward and state  
2 your name and district and address the chair, please.  
3 Anyone at all? Hearing and seeing none, the public  
4 hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to put  
5 this on the floor? Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a  
6 second?

7 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Now,  
9 discussion. Ms. Wilson, do you have any?

10 CINDY WILSON: May I very quickly make a  
11 question. So the transportation dispatch group could  
12 not operate in a commercial zone. It didn't --  
13 classification within that. So that's why we had to  
14 change this one?

15 CELIA MYERS: Yes, ma'am. The applicant  
16 did ask our Zoning Administrator, and it was determined  
17 that it would not be allowed on the C-2.

18 CINDY WILSON: Well, once we have that  
19 bridge replaced at Cherokee Road and all that area, it  
20 will be quite a hub for transportation. Thank you.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
22 Anyone at all? All in favor of the motion show of  
23 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
24 unanimously.

25 If we could we're going to, 7(b), ReWa thing, go  
26 into executive session. So if we can, we've got a  
27 couple of items we'll handle and then we'll take a  
28 break, if that's all right with everybody?

29 We're going to go to Item 8(a), Resolution R2019-  
30 027, a resolution to reinstate the collection of Ramp  
31 Fees pursuant to Section 6-186 of the Code of  
32 Ordinances, Anderson County, South Carolina, at the  
33 airport. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

34 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders. Second  
36 by Ms. Wilson. And I think this come out of -- no, it  
37 didn't. Sorry. Any discussion?

38 CRAIG WOOTEN: I just want to clarify, I  
39 think this was my understanding from the budget  
40 workshop that these ramp fees are paid by folks who fly  
41 planes into Anderson County and not by folks who own  
42 planes in Anderson County. And I just wanted to --  
43 knowing Councilman Sanders flies, is that the way you  
44 understand it, Mr. ---

45 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir.

46 CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay.

47 TOMMY DUNN: And keep in mind, we have  
48 the ramp fees before council, probably a couple of  
49 years ago, probably longer than that, took them out and  
50 it was a failure. So it's time to put them back and do

1 something about it.  
2 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?  
3 TOMMY DUNN: Yep.  
4 CINDY WILSON: The airport, in order to  
5 qualify for federal grants and funds of that nature,  
6 must be self-sustaining. And once we waived the ramp  
7 fee, we lost about seventy-two thousand dollars  
8 annually. And part of that was in a reduction of fuel  
9 sales. And the incentive here is when we have out-of-  
10 town planes landing, if they purchase fuel, they don't  
11 pay a ramp fee. So it equals out fine. Thank you.  
12 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion  
13 -- you got something, Ms. Floyd?  
14 GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Ms. Floyd.  
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Do you have one, too?  
17 BRETT SANDERS: No, ma'am.  
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chairman, when  
19 did we waive that ramp fee?  
20 TOMMY DUNN: If I'm not mistaken, I  
21 could be wrong, do you know?  
22 LEON HARMON: It was in 2017.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Two years ago.  
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Two years ago?  
25 LEON HARMON: Yes, ma'am.  
26 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. So it's been  
27 gone for two years.  
28 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion  
29 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion  
30 carries unanimously.  
31 Now, moving on to 8(b), R2019-028, a resolution to  
32 approve the Participation Agreement with the City of  
33 Greenville, South Carolina related to a pavement  
34 project utilizing the Hot in Place Recycling ("HIR")  
35 Method. Mr. Burns.  
36 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, this is a  
37 project that will not cost Anderson County anything.  
38 It will be paid for by the Anderson County  
39 Transportation Committee. It would be an agreement  
40 between Anderson County and the city of Greenville. It  
41 is a new paving system, new to us, that's used out west  
42 a lot. And in order for it to work and in order for us  
43 to take advantage of it, we have to partner with the  
44 city of Greenville. But in essence this huge monster  
45 of a machine will go to Levis Smith Road, which is off  
46 Liberty Highway, and it will literally eat the road in  
47 front of it, reconstitute that asphalt, add new asphalt  
48 in it and put it down in one fell swoop.  
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?  
50 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: And you said it wouldn't  
2 cost us anything?  
3 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Why?  
5 RUSTY BURNS: Because it's coming from  
6 the Anderson County Transportation Commission.  
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, they do the paying?  
8 Oh, okay. Gotcha.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?  
10 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Burns?  
11 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.  
12 JIMMY DAVIS: Who actually owns the  
13 machine?  
14 RUSTY BURNS: The company that's coming  
15 in to do it. We don't own it. We don't want one. And  
16 it's good for a lot of our situations. But it is on  
17 that road.  
18 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?  
19 GRACIE FLOYD: One more question. Do we  
20 pay money to the Anderson Transportation System ---  
21 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.  
22 GRACIE FLOYD: --- for anything at all?  
23 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.  
24 GRACIE FLOYD: They don't get anything  
25 from us?  
26 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.  
27 GRACIE FLOYD: It comes from the state?  
28 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.  
29 TOMMY DUNN: They get a hard time from  
30 us.  
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.  
32 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor  
33 of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show  
34 the motion carries unanimously.  
35 At this time I make the motion we go in executive  
36 session for contractual issues involving ReWa Sewer  
37 Agreement. Part of my motion is we're going to take  
38 about a five or ten minute break before we do this, but  
39 I want to have a motion we go ahead.  
40 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
41 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. All in  
42 favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.  
43 Motion carries unanimously.  
44 **BREAK AND EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
45 CINDY WILSON: ... out of executive  
46 session, having received information regarding the ReWa  
47 Sewer Agreement, with no votes taken.  
48 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson.  
49 BRETT SANDERS: Second.  
50 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second Mr. Sanders.

1 All in favor of the motion show of hands.

2 At this time we're going to go back to 7(b),  
3 ordinance first reading, 2019-023, an ordinance to  
4 approve an agreement of transfer of assets by and  
5 between Anderson County, South Carolina and ReWa. This  
6 is first reading only. Be two more titles. And let  
7 the record show Ms. Floyd has recused herself and has  
8 stepped out. Do we have a motion?

9 JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Davis. Do we  
11 have a second?

12 CINDY WILSON: Second.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any  
14 discussion? As we say there will be two more reading  
15 on this, but prior to Mr. Davis and while Mr. Davis has  
16 been in office this has been looked at and talked about  
17 for some time. This ain't nothing just happening  
18 willy-nilly. It has been worked at and studied to come  
19 to this. Like I said, two more readings. Anymore  
20 discussion?

21 CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

23 CINDY WILSON: ReWa already has the main  
24 sewer plant in our county that would serve a great deal  
25 of this area. And then they've got another sewer plant  
26 across the river that would sewer the other part.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Yep.

28 CINDY WILSON: So they're already in place  
29 here and, as Mr. Davis pointed out, they have the  
30 bonding capability to build out, which would be very  
31 difficult for us for so few users. But it's an area  
32 that's growing very, very quickly. Thank you.

33 TOMMY DUNN: And to get this done, Mr.  
34 Harmon, I think the gentleman agreement between the two  
35 entities has been start -- this would take place at the  
36 start of our fiscal year. In doing so, keep in mind,  
37 when Mr. Harmon deems necessary for ordinances and time  
38 frames, we'll have to have a special meeting to make  
39 this happen.

40 LEON HARMON: That's correct, Mr.  
41 Chairman.

42 TOMMY DUNN: So all in favor of the  
43 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the  
44 motion carries unanimously.

45 Mr. Sanders, do you mind asking Ms. Floyd to step  
46 back in?

47 We're going to be moving on now to Item number 10.  
48 Does anyone have any appointments? Anybody? No  
49 appointments.

50 We'll move on to Item Number 11, requests by

1 council members. Anderson District 5, rec account or  
2 appropriations account, would like to appropriate four  
3 hundred and ninety dollars. Put that in the form of a  
4 motion to move into the Sports -- give that money,  
5 transfer it into the Sports Center at the Civic Center  
6 out there. Put that in the form of a motion.

7 CINDY WILSON: Second.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any  
9 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.  
10 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
11 unanimously. Anymore requests by council members, do  
12 we have any? Ms. Floyd, you got one?

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I have three  
14 requests. Two of them are entities that have requested  
15 from me before so I don't have any paper for them. Is  
16 that ---

17 TOMMY DUNN: Just get the paperwork and  
18 we'll move on. I mean do it tonight and they can get  
19 it ---

20 GRACIE FLOYD: The paperwork is on file.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: (Inaudible - mic not turned  
23 on.)

24 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: (Inaudible - mic not turned  
26 on.)

27 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, the mic.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. So they're  
29 talking about two hundred dollars. That's in the form  
30 of a motion. And one more, the -- on Monday at one  
31 o'clock we're going to have the honor of entertaining  
32 the person who is in charge of all of the census in  
33 America; is that right?

34 TOMMY DUNN: Uh-huh (affirmative).

35 GRACIE FLOYD: He's going to be here with  
36 us. And District 2 would like to allocate a thousand  
37 dollars for the luncheon for that day. They're asking.  
38 So there's three different things. Okay, yeah, here it  
39 is. His name is Dr. Steven Dillingham. We're honored  
40 to have him in Anderson for that day. But we need to  
41 look at why he chose Anderson. And that was because we  
42 didn't do too well on the last census. We undercounted  
43 a lot of people. And he's coming to look at the issue,  
44 to understand why and to help us understand why.

45 TOMMY DUNN: I'm just smiling, thinking  
46 he ain't coming to the county; is he?

47 GRACIE FLOYD: But anyway, District 2  
48 would like to spring for the luncheon for that day. So  
49 it's going to be held at Westside school. But anyway  
50 there were three things I would like to -- I'm asking



1 for funds for.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd has a motion. Do  
3 we have a second?  
4 BRETT SANDERS: Second.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any  
6 discussion? I'd like to say one thing on the Men At  
7 Work, I just talked to a couple of those gentlemen and  
8 good news, the youngster we talked about here a couple  
9 of meetings ago that couldn't make it that Ms. Floyd  
10 was going to honor, is supposed to be home, I believe,  
11 tomorrow. So that's great news. They said he's pretty  
12 much fully recovered and on the way to thing. No side  
13 effects. So that's great. Glad to hear that. Maybe  
14 we can get Ms. Floyd to get them back up here when it  
15 gets time.  
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Good.  
17 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of Ms. Floyd's  
18 motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the  
19 motion carries unanimously. Ms. Floyd, anything else?  
20 GRACIE FLOYD: No, sir.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?  
22 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, if I may?  
23 TOMMY DUNN: No, Mr. Graham's got  
24 something.  
25 RAY GRAHAM: Uh-uh (negative).  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Oh, okay, I'm sorry.  
27 RUSTY BURNS: We have request. We're  
28 going to take some money out of Mr. Graham's road fund  
29 that's allocated in one area and we want to transfer it  
30 to Ebenezer in another area for paving. This is paving  
31 money. This is not recreation money at all. This is  
32 paving money.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: You're just moving money  
34 around?  
35 RUSTY BURNS: Up to twenty thousand  
36 dollars.  
37 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Graham.  
38 Have a second? Second Mr. Davis. Any discussion? All  
39 in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like  
40 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
41 Moving on, you got anything else? Anybody else  
42 have anything else?  
43 Moving on, administrator's report.  
44 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.  
45 Chairman.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: Citizens comments. When  
47 Mr. Harmon calls your name ---  
48 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one is  
49 signed up at this point.  
50 TOMMY DUNN: At this time remarks from

1 council members. Mr. Davis.  
2 JIMMY DAVIS: Nothing at this time.  
3 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders?  
4 BRETT SANDERS: Nothing at this time, sir.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: I have one thing. And this  
7 is directed to our administrator. Mr. Burns -- Dunn?  
8 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns? You always make  
9 him feel good. You can call him Mr. Dunn any time. It  
10 really swells his head up.  
11 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, I know we all  
12 sat before our TV as we looked at those county people  
13 being shot to death in -- was it Virginia?  
14 TOMMY DUNN: Virginia.  
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. And I  
16 got to worrying about our people. Are we protected --  
17 are we protecting them the best we can?  
18 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, Lieutenant David  
19 Baker and I discussed on Monday the situation we have  
20 in our county office buildings. I directed and  
21 requested Lieutenant David Baker to begin active  
22 shooter training in all of our county office buildings.  
23 We are going to begin at the annex. That is under the  
24 sheriff's office. Lieutenant David Baker is  
25 coordinating that. We're also looking at the security  
26 in this building and looking to have our person who is  
27 currently not as equipped to handle a situation like  
28 that, but yes, ma'am, we put that into effect on Monday  
29 and we should begin that soon.  
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I always worry about  
31 that space up there. Okay. And I thank you for doing  
32 that because that really concerned me.  
33 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.  
34 GRACIE FLOYD: And Greg Wilson, Mr.  
35 Wilson, may I see you after the meeting, please? Thank  
36 you.  
37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.  
38 Mr. Graham? Mr. Wooten? Ms. Wilson?  
39 CINDY WILSON: Very quickly. June 13th  
40 we've been invited over to the Annex for a meeting with  
41 Mr. Randall Arendt who is doing a seminar the next day  
42 at the Civic Center to help us upgrade our development  
43 standards here in this county with some kind of  
44 conservation plan in place for properties that are to  
45 be developed. This is a very rare opportunity because  
46 I know Ms. Alesia Hunter has tried for thirteen years  
47 to get him here. And I'm hoping to have some of my  
48 forestry and conservation easement people to come also  
49 on the 14th to provide some resource information to our  
50 developers that there are tax incentives and things of

1 that nature that could be utilized to their advantage  
2 to incorporate some of those ideas into their plans.  
3 Thank you.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. A couple of  
5 quick things. If you can I think it was last week or  
6 week before last I know Mr. Sanders and Mr. Davis went  
7 to the full county meeting over in Greenville, with  
8 Pickens, Oconee, Anderson and Greenville. We're the  
9 hosting county at the next meeting. Probably going to  
10 be either August, September. We'll get the date nailed  
11 down and where it'll be at and everything. I think  
12 they learned some -- I know Mr. Burns went and also Mr.  
13 Williamson went, our IT Department, and talked to them.  
14 They learned some good stuff. And look forward to  
15 hosting them in our county.

16 Next thing, and I ain't got to be here by no means,  
17 but next time I'm available for a budget workshop will  
18 be Friday around lunch. Would that work? And we're  
19 going to have more. Yeah. We'll see what we can come  
20 up with. Yeah, instead of lunchtime, can we do it some  
21 other time Friday? I'll have to look and see.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: ... work for me because we  
23 have these people coming.

24 TOMMY DUNN: You've got census people  
25 coming Monday; right?

26 GRACIE FLOYD: One o'clock.

27 TOMMY DUNN: We'll get together and get  
28 most of us -- there's going to be more meetings and all  
29 of us might not be able to make it. We've got to have  
30 -- we've got a lot of work to do so we've got to have  
31 some budget workshops and get started on some things.  
32 So we'll be in touch.

33 Anything else? Meeting adjourned. Thank y'all for  
34 being here.

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**(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:17 P.M.)**