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County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 18, 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT

1 TOMMY DUNN: ... I'd ask that we rise
2 for our invocation and pledge of allegiance. Before we get
3 into that, though, if I may ask some indulgence. Want to
4 welcome everyone here tonight. Thank y'all for coming. At
5 this time I'd like to ask us to bow our heads and have a
6 moment of silence. Dr. Ronnie Booth lost his father this past
7 week. Steve Newton lost his father this past week. Captain
8 Ross Brown lost his father. Give a moment of silence, our
9 thoughts for them and their families.

10 **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

11 TOMMY DUNN: Amen. We'll have
12 Councilman Davis lead us in invocation and pledge of
13 allegiance, please.

14 JIMMY DAVIS: Let us all bow our heads.

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

16 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll move on
17 to Item number 3, approval of minutes of the May 21, 2019
18 meeting. Are there any corrections to be made to those
19 minutes? Huh? I'm sorry. I should have on my glasses. I
20 didn't bring that far enough ahead for some reason. Sorry.
21 The minutes for the June 4th meeting and the May 21st meeting
22 is not -- haven't been received yet to be voted on. Thank
23 you, Ms. Wilson, for pointing that out.

24 Moving on now to citizens comments. When Mr. Harmon calls
25 your name, please, for the record, state your name and
26 district. You have three minutes. Address the chair, please.
27 First go-around will be on items pertaining on the agenda
28 items only, please. Mr. Harmon.

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

31 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District
32 3. I'm speaking mostly on the Anderson County Sheriff's
33 Office monthly report. I understand that over the weekend,
34 from Sunday to Monday, I think we picked up fifty-eight
35 inmates overnight. I don't know how the Sheriff's Department
36 is able to do what they do with what we've got going on.
37 Somehow another the fines and the fees, the penalties, have
38 got to equal out where the people who are responsible for the
39 crime or the deed or the throwing out of trash, whatever it
40 is, are the ones that are responsible for fixing the same.
41 According to the budget, too, just looking at like the Civic
42 Center, money that comes into the Civic Center, that's well
43 and good. But when you have the fair that comes and the fair
44 in times past has ruined the parking facilities and leaving it
45 to where we have to then, again, spend money to fix it, we're
46 not being very equitable with what we charge. I don't know
47 what y'all are going to do with the road fee Tax, how that's
48 going to work out, but I did go to a meeting last night where
49 amounts of money that are coming in on the gas tax are
50 phenomenal and it doesn't look like that money is equitably

1 getting back to counties. I have a lot of stories to tell in
2 the last couple of weeks about DOT and what they're doing and
3 not doing, but essentially they were trimming some trees,
4 saplings, alongside of the road so that one driveway could see
5 out. There were four employees who spent five hours, did
6 piddling squat, and then not only that, when they left, on the
7 other side of the road where they did take -- I could see one
8 sapling that they had taken down. They also took down the
9 signage that was there and crumpled it up like a tin can. So
10 no matter what your position is in the county, whether you are
11 in personal business, whether you are employed by the county,
12 whatever it is your job -- I don't know why this is going in
13 and out -- everybody needs to do their very best in the work
14 that they can do and not just consider it a job and banking
15 hours. And management needs to do a better job with people
16 they have to make sure that they do the job correctly.

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

19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

20 Moving on now next on Item number 5, discussion of housing
21 situation in District 2. Ms. Floyd.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Friday I got
23 the chance to get out and look at the housing situation. This
24 is my new mic. I got a chance to go out and look at the
25 houses. After finding out that in my district, which is
26 District 2, I had seventy-seven dilapidated houses just in my
27 district. Thank you. Just in my district. The breakdown was
28 something like, in District 1 there were five houses needed to
29 go. In District 2, seventy-seven. That's two sevens; seven
30 seven. District 3 had fourteen. District 4 had thirteen.
31 District 5 had twenty-six. District 6 had six. District 7
32 has three. I was heartbroken. I knew it was a lot. Because
33 what is now my district, if you think about it, it used to be
34 Anderson County's biggest district. Long time ago I moved in
35 here in 1968 and going up 81 was nothing but trees. But
36 District 2 there are seven seven dilapidated, burned down, no
37 good houses. I kept getting complaints about one, so I pulled
38 together a crew consisting of Holt Hopkins, Barry Holcombe and
39 Greg Wilson. We went to -- I wanted to see the one that I
40 just kept getting complaints about and look at some others.
41 And then I got this bright idea, I want to show you. They say
42 pictures are better than a thousand words. I'm going to show
43 you a thousand words right now. I asked Mr. Greg Wilson, who
44 took the videos for us to look at it and go with me. And I
45 didn't know Holt was going to be here tonight, but I'm very
46 glad that you're here, Holt, because I want you to jump in,
47 please. I want you to see what I have in my district. Okay.

48 **VIDEO PRESENTATION**

49 GRACIE FLOYD: As we go through these --
50 it's only three minutes. You don't have to worry about it

1 being too long. But I want you to see what people are living
2 around, what is in some of the communities, and tell me how
3 you would like to live next door.

4 This is one. Is this the one we came up on ... I had a
5 man who lives in this area who has been calling me asking for
6 something to be done about the house with the burned down
7 trailer house. Okay. This is the one that we came up on,
8 too, Greg; is it not? Okay. Do you see the house next door?
9 How would you like -- yeah. Yes, that's right. There appear
10 to be people living down in that -- in the bottom of that
11 house right there. It appeared that somebody was in this
12 house, too. Got the cardboard on the window. These are
13 houses in neighborhood. I should have said neighborhoods.
14 There's one house we went to that when they saw us coming the
15 person who was supposed to be at the house -- that one. Yeah,
16 look at this one real good. She kept yelling, get out of my
17 yard, get out of my yard. And we got out. I got a story on
18 how this house got burned the way it was. But the man who
19 lived in this neighborhood tells me that there are constantly
20 people around there. They come as early as four o'clock in
21 the morning and they take care of business down there. And
22 I'm sure that most of you know what I'm talking about, about
23 taking care of business. They do it in the morning. They
24 come in with their backpacks. They come in and they sit there
25 all day long while traffic slows down in front of the houses.

26 I talked with the sheriff and he looked at our list. And
27 he said that if these houses were torn down it would help him
28 a lot. Because he's having a different kind of problem with
29 them. What I'm having is neighborhood community type
30 situations. Now, I have seventy-seven of these. Some say,
31 oh, that's not too bad. Did you see one that was not too bad?
32 All of them were bad. If I had to live next door to them, I
33 would be raising sand. And I would be jumping up and down,
34 and you would be, too. Because we're better than that. We
35 have to help others who are living among trash like this. We
36 have to work to help them have a quality life, a life where
37 they can raise their kids. I understand that there was a man
38 at one of those burned houses that stopped a kid going to the
39 school bus to try to sell him some stuff to take to school
40 with him. That's bad.

41 In this year's budget, I've asked for more money. I
42 wanted a hundred and fifty thousand dollars. We had fifty
43 thousand in there. But fifty thousand divided by seven equals
44 -- my brain people up here says it's about seven thousand
45 dollars. And it takes what, ten thousand now? Huh?
46 Seventeen. Excuse me. It takes seventeen thousand dollars to
47 tear down one house. I know what you -- it takes seven to
48 ten. Excuse me. Seven to ten thousand dollars to tear down
49 one house. But the fifty thousand dollars that we put in the
50 budget just wasn't going to be enough. I'm hoping -- I'm

1 asking for a change. I'm asking for more money to be put in
2 the budget to help us clean up our districts. We have some
3 district, like 6 and 1, that aren't doing too bad at all. But
4 seventy-seven in one district, that's just too much. That's
5 too much.

6 My request to the budget people is I want a hundred and
7 fifty thousand. But right now, at this point, I will take
8 anything other than fifty thousand dollars because fifty
9 thousand dollars won't even get me started. It won't get us
10 started.

11 And for that, Mr. Chairman, I thank you.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

13 Moving on to Item number 6, Ordinance third reading of the
14 budget. Do we have a motion to put this on the floor for
15 discussion? Mr. Davis?

16 JIMMY DAVIS: I would like to make a
17 motion that we move forward with the third reading of the
18 budget tonight, excluding the magistrate's office.

19 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to move
20 this forward for third reading, excluding the magistrate's
21 office, and reason for that so Mr. Graham can vote on the
22 budget, excluding that, and the magistrate's office will be
23 voted on after the vote is taken. We'll come back and motion
24 be made to add that and Mr. Graham, I'm sure, will recuse
25 himself. Do we have a second for that motion?

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Second.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Ms. Floyd. Now
28 discussion.

29 BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman?

30 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

31 BRETT SANDERS: I'd like to see if we
32 could have Ms. Davis to come forward and present the proposed
33 budget changes, if possible.

34 RITA DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
35 members of council. Mr. Neil Carney is passing out the
36 proposed changes that hopefully we can incorporate into the
37 budget on third reading tonight. Right behind him, Jana
38 Pressley is handing out a summary of those three pages of
39 changes.

40 TOMMY DUNN: We'll move on. Mr.
41 Sanders, it's my understanding you make this motion to amend
42 the original motion to add these changes?

43 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second? We
45 have a second to be able to open the floor for discussion?

46 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Now,
48 discussion.

49 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?

50 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Mr. Graham. Go

1 ahead, Ms. Davis.

2 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman,
3 with your indulgence if we could just focus on the summary
4 sheet. Again, it incorporates all the changes that are on the
5 itemized three-page full size. But we'll just focus on this.
6 These are things that we've been talking about in our four
7 budget workshops that we've been having throughout this budget
8 season, starting with the revenues in the general fund. The
9 building and codes, they're going to increase fees if council
10 raises their hand tonight starting July 1, and that will bring
11 in additional revenue, as well as the development standards
12 that we're getting closer by doing this to our counterparts in
13 Pickens and Greenville and Spartanburg counties.

14 The Register of Deeds, a hundred fifty-five thousand.
15 That is actually state mandated. The general assembly came up
16 with those mandated fee increases. So that's going to bring
17 in about an additional hundred and fifty-five thousand.

18 Council has discussed that there's to be pavement for new
19 driveway aprons. And at one thousand three hundred and fifty
20 apiece, we're thinking that's going to bring in about three
21 hundred and seventy-eight thousand. This rent of TTI property
22 right now, of course, that's just a guesstimate if you will,
23 but we will be renting out part of that property to Tri-County
24 Tech. So that's where the two hundred thousand comes in. And
25 by virtue of those increased revenues and some of the
26 decreases in the expenditures that we're going to discuss here
27 in a minute, you see that that's a decrease in the usage of
28 fund balance of four hundred and fifty-two thousand dollars.
29 So in all that's a million ten thousand five hundred and
30 forty-five dollars in additional revenue.

31 That is counterbalanced by -- we're asking council to put
32 seven hundred and fifty thousand in TTI in a contingency fund.
33 And we will come back before you and justify those
34 expenditures. Most, if not all of that, would be transferred
35 to the facilities department as needed as we ramp up
36 departments are deployed to Pearman Dairy Road and those
37 monies are needed.

38 Also, in the first reading of the budget we had round two
39 of the wage and compensation salary increases that our
40 consultants recommended. And we told the employees we're
41 coming back with that because keep in mind the year we're in
42 now we did round one. We're coming back with round two. So
43 we knew all along, council made a commitment for that, so
44 that's already in the budget. If you do not receive a round
45 two raise right now in the budget, there's a two percent
46 increase, salary increase, for the employees that we're asking
47 council to raise their hand tonight to approve. And that
48 totals five hundred and thirty thousand.

49 In addition Captain Brown and the Sheriff have worked
50 diligently on the Sheriff's pay plan. And we compared what we

1 had in the budget versus the costs for their pay plan. And
2 we're coming before council asking that you approve two
3 hundred and sixty thousand seven hundred more so that in
4 October 1 that these raises can be implemented.

5 Okay. And the addition for round two raises, the
6 additions for the Sheriff's raises, but it's going to be
7 deferred a quarter so that we can balance this whole budget
8 out, so then that results in a five hundred and forty-three
9 thousand dollar savings. So that's listed there as Item
10 number 4.

11 As Ms. Floyd so eloquently pleaded for, there's fifty more
12 thousand, Ms. Floyd, right now that we're bring before you for
13 consideration. Keep in mind that the treasurer, as taxes are
14 paid on these dilapidated structures by the owner of the land,
15 it goes back into that fund. So last fiscal year there was
16 thirty-six thousand added. This year there's been eighteen
17 thousand. So we're hoping that at least twenty more thousand
18 will be added by virtue of that revenue coming in and the
19 treasurer depositing into that building demolition account.
20 So hopefully if we add this fifty you'll have about a hundred
21 and twenty thousand next fiscal year to spend. So that's the
22 goal.

23 Okay. I need to hand this out to council.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Hold on just a minute, Ms.
25 Davis. I don't want to get too far ahead. I think Ms. Floyd
26 might have a question.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Davis, what
28 (inaudible) we should have, instead of one thousand dollars --
29 I'm sorry, a hundred thousand dollars, we should be having a
30 hundred and twenty?

31 RITA DAVIS: No, ma'am, not on the
32 first day of the year. You'll have a hundred the first day of
33 the year. But as we go through the fiscal year and taxes are
34 collected, it will be deposited into that account for building
35 and codes to use for building demolition.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And it's dedicated
37 to that fund; right?

38 RITA DAVIS: That account. Yes, ma'am,
39 most definitely. That's all it can be used for.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else got anything
41 up to this point?

42 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. The next line
43 item, council asked us to look at a one percent decrease in
44 operating and contractual. That's the seven-page document
45 that Ms. Pressley is handing out to you. That totals a
46 hundred and forty-six thousand five hundred and ten. The
47 Sheriff's office is not included in that. His six departments
48 are not included in that.

49 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman?

50 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am, Ms. Wilson.

1 CINDY WILSON: I'm sorry. I thought we
2 were going to continue on the changes on the long sheet here
3 so I didn't speak up. I was waiting to continue on those.

4 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. I thought she
5 made it plain when we started out, this is everything that's
6 on the long sheet; it's a summary. We'll go back when she
7 gets through if you've got a question -- you've got a question
8 now?

9 CINDY WILSON: Since this was just handed
10 out and I don't have time to really focus and figure it out,
11 so I'll need some help. Under special appropriations District
12 4, to Crisis Pregnancy Center, District 5 to Crisis Pregnancy
13 Center, and there was another one I saw. I'm not sure I'm
14 following that. Would you, please ---

15 TOMMY DUNN: That's money that they
16 asked for, Ms. Wilson, and to make it easy me and Mr. Sanders
17 took it out of our Districts' special appropriations account
18 and added it to that.

19 CINDY WILSON: Oh, so we're going to have
20 a larger recreational fund this year?

21 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. We took I
22 think it was three thousand dollars out of District 5's
23 special appropriations account and added to the pregnancy
24 center. That's where that money is going to. I've got three
25 thousand dollars less; okay? Mr. Sanders added a thousand
26 dollars, if I'm not mistaken, so he's got that to bring it up.
27 They requested an extra ten thousand dollars and that's where
28 that ---

29 CINDY WILSON: I know they have needs,
30 but I'm not understanding the mechanics here.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I don't know how you
32 can get much plainer after taking it away.

33 CINDY WILSON: Thirty-four thousand is
34 the carry-forward total from what used to be referred to as
35 the recreation account? Is that what I'm seeing?

36 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. This is money
37 that's coming out of the recreation account or whatever --
38 special purposes account -- out of this year's, the budget
39 we're talking about tonight, we took three thousand dollars
40 out of District 5's; we took a thousand out of District 4, to
41 give to the pregnancy center. That's where that money is
42 coming from.

43 CINDY WILSON: Okay. So it's special
44 appropriations, though. So y'all gave it to special
45 appropriations then?

46 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. We're taking
47 it from special appropriations and giving it to the pregnancy
48 center.

49 CINDY WILSON: I guess who's on first and
50 what's on second ---

1 TOMMY DUNN: Evidently. And I must be
2 on the bench.

3 CINDY WILSON: I apologize. Okay. Let
4 me look up 5829 so I know what I'm understanding.

5 RITA DAVIS: There you go. Yes, ma'am.
6 I apologize. I might have caused that confusion by putting
7 the word special appropriations. It should have said special
8 projects.

9 CINDY WILSON: Okay.

10 RITA DAVIS: It's just special projects
11 account; yes, ma'am.

12 CINDY WILSON: Well, they each have a
13 different number.

14 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am, they sure do.

15 CINDY WILSON: Okay. So we'll make that
16 correction then.

17 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

18 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.

19 RITA DAVIS: It has the right account
20 number; just the wrong name.

21 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Well, that helps to
22 understand. Now I'm up with you. Thank you.

23 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. And we've
24 been asked to put a freeze on new positions, excluding the
25 Sheriff's Office, and that's going to be about four hundred
26 thousand dollars. On your change sheet at the very top we're
27 just moving some overtime. Captain Brown asked us, remember
28 on second reading you moved 5181 to the two departments he
29 has. Well, the overtime didn't get moved for animal control
30 under Director Baker, didn't get moved to the right
31 department. And that's all that's on the change sheet. It
32 nets to zero. There's no impact whatsoever on the bottom
33 line.

34 All right. And, you know, we talked about a road fee when
35 we first started this budget. It's not in this budget at all
36 and therefore, with your indulgence, I'd like to provide for
37 roads and bridges capital and the welcome sign that -- 85
38 northbound so that it would match the one going south. And so
39 that's four hundred forty-six eight hundred. Slight increase
40 with salaries and fringes of an appointed official across the
41 street.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Keep in mind that's state
43 mandated. We've got to write a check for it. That's not us
44 giving that.

45 RITA DAVIS: That's right. And asking
46 for just a little bit more on fifty-five hundred dollars. It
47 says Parks and Recreation, but keep in mind, if we have a Bass
48 Master classic or any tournament, any Saluda River Rally, the
49 employees from Roads and Bridges are facilities that come to
50 assist Matt Schell and Sharon in the Roads and Bridges

1 Department. That OT gets coded to their department. So
2 that's why you see the fifty-five hundred. We failed to put
3 -- I failed to ask Jana to put workers' comp or the SROs
4 because they're in a separate department. So that's what that
5 thirty-five thousand represents. Keep in mind, we get that
6 money back. And a council member asked that we add a thousand
7 each year to Westside Community Center and Calvary Home. We
8 put it in Calvary Home. We failed to do it for Westside. So
9 we're adding -- proposing to add that thousand dollars to it.
10 And because of the wage and comp adjustments and everything,
11 we're reducing the transfer-out to Family Court and Victims'
12 Bill of Rights. So you see that the million oh ten up above
13 revenue, the million oh ten down below, matches.

14 Any questions on any of that or the legal size sheet?
15 Again, it's a summary. And on you legal size sheet, line 37,
16 that's -- this one percent matches line 37. It ties right in;
17 that hundred and forty-four thousand. So I know that's a lot
18 of numbers we just threw at you, but again it's stuff we've
19 been discussing in our budget workshops. This just reduces it
20 into writing for your consideration.

21 Oh, yes, and if you don't mind, at the very bottom of the
22 sheet we talk about the capital. I just wanted to highlight
23 some other fund adjustments. Those up above are all general
24 fund. That balances out. We're still at 2.2 months of fund
25 balance, which is our magic number. We still have 2.2 million
26 in there for road paving. But I did want to, for transparency
27 purposes and accountability, Neil's passing out the capital
28 that we talked about. The airport up above, that fire truck
29 has already been approved by council. It just has not been
30 purchased. So this we're carrying forward because it takes
31 nine months, Neil, to build that truck? About nine months.
32 So we're not there yet. So that's why you see that. And they
33 need a building to keep it climate controlled, I understand,
34 and an SUV, a capacity tester for maintenance. And e-911,
35 those three items are the display monitor, a server and the
36 UPS upgrades.

37 CINDY WILSON: Excuse me.

38 RITA DAVIS: Mr. Williams has said
39 (inaudible) they needed those.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, Ms. Wilson.

41 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Under capital
42 but adjustment to other funds, you have a notation of provide
43 for airport capital, four hundred and twenty-eight thousand
44 six hundred dollars.

45 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

46 CINDY WILSON: What is that?

47 RITA DAVIS: It's on the sheet there.

48 It's the vehicle ---

49 CINDY WILSON: Oh, okay, so that's the

50 ---

1 RITA DAVIS: --- fire truck and the
2 building and capacity tester for ---
3 CINDY WILSON: Okay. And of course, the
4 truck we've already ---
5 RITA DAVIS: Approved; that's right.
6 CINDY WILSON: --- approved in this
7 year's budget ---
8 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. That's
9 already come before council.
10 CINDY WILSON: --- to carry forward.
11 RITA DAVIS: This just allows us to
12 purchase it out of that line item.
13 CINDY WILSON: On the other two items,
14 the SUV and the aircraft rescue and firefighting truck storage
15 building, should we not put that aside at least for a short
16 while until we get the airport straightened out?
17 TOMMY DUNN: Well, the building's got
18 to -- if you're going to buy a fire truck, you're going to
19 have to have a building to put it in. Especially weather
20 coming on with pumps freezing and hoses. Gotta have a climate
21 control thing. And I'm assuming -- now you correct if I'm
22 wrong -- before any of this is purchased, because this hasn't
23 been purchased, it's got to come before council anyway; isn't
24 that right?
25 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. And like Neil
26 said, as part of the grant they have to have that building.
27 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. That fire truck is
28 bought with grant money. This other stuff, though, before any
29 money is spent, this is just putting a line it in for the
30 budget. It's got to come back to council to vote on it, go
31 through committee to process like we always do.
32 RITA DAVIS: I think you're right, Ms.
33 Wilson. There was some discussion of whether he needed a SUV
34 or not. But we can definitely bring that before council to
35 see what kind of vehicle they need out there.
36 CINDY WILSON: The question is do we need
37 an SUV out there right now? I mean they're -- we're in the
38 process of reviewing. And I would think that we should wait
39 until next year's budget to buy an ---
40 TOMMY DUNN: But if you can understand
41 for just a second, we're not buying an SUV tonight. We're
42 putting a placeholder in the budget so we've got to approve
43 that SUV if not -- get it back or not.
44 RITA DAVIS: Correct. We'll bring all
45 these back.
46 TOMMY DUNN: It'll be back.
47 CINDY WILSON: My point is that with the
48 airport failing to be self-sustaining for probably at least
49 two years now, that is one item that we may not need right
50 now. And if we put a placeholder in the budget then we'll

1 come back later and we'll purchase it and, oh, it's already in
2 the budget.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I don't know. Y'all
4 might have operated like that in the past, but I don't. If it
5 comes back before us, we've got questions for it, it goes
6 through committees and things like that. So that's up to
7 y'all.

8 Wait a minute. Ms. Wilson's got the floor.

9 CINDY WILSON: I'm fine. Thank you.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Mr. Davis.

11 JIMMY DAVIS: If I'm not mistaken these
12 three items would come before the PPW Committee before coming
13 to council; correct?

14 TOMMY DUNN: Everything but the fire
15 truck. The fire truck has done been purchased with grant
16 money. It just ain't got here. Like I said, when they
17 ordered it, it takes nine months to build one.

18 JIMMY DAVIS: Okay. That's all I have.
19 Thank you.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Davis?

21 RITA DAVIS: And that's all I have,
22 sir. If there's any questions we'll be glad to attempt to
23 answer them.

24 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?

25 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

26 RAY GRAHAM: I've got -- y'all just
27 bear with me. I've got just a few things I want to bring up
28 concerning the budget. And I know council members is aware of
29 this but I mean, again, just bear with me and be patient if
30 you would.

31 Our current council has fought to ensure our employees are
32 taken care of. I know since Councilman Wooten and myself has
33 been on council, the entire council has fought hard. The plan
34 study was in place when we came on. That was enacted.
35 Basically it's taken two years to get it to where it is. But
36 there's no question as I look out here tonight and see the
37 deputies, you know, I've been in your seats. I've been in
38 your uniforms. And I promise you it was making a lot less
39 than what you're making. And I know you guys do it for the
40 love of the job and for wanting to get out and being there for
41 the community. And I'm calling you guys out because there's
42 so much of y'all here tonight in our presence. But I mean the
43 council members has worked hard to ensure all of our employees
44 in Anderson County, whether it's Roads and Bridges, whether
45 it's Sewer Department, whether it's Personnel and Finance and
46 HR and Building and Codes. I mean it just goes on and on.
47 Every employee in Anderson County -- that's employed through
48 Anderson County is a tremendous asset to us. And every one of
49 our council members recognizes that. We value y'all as
50 basically the most important of our process.

1 So with that being said, we have made tremendous strides
2 in trying to ensure that y'all are compensated and we're
3 moving the county forward. We also, however, have got to look
4 at and make sure that you -- because I look out across at you
5 guys and probably ninety-five percent of you lives in Anderson
6 County, too. Which means what? You're a taxpayer. And so I
7 mean we've also got to look at that side, as well. This
8 budget this year has probably been -- I would say it's
9 definitely the most challenging budget since I've been on
10 council. I know in years past there was some a lot worse than
11 that because the economy just wasn't where it is today. But I
12 mean we are so fortunate to be where we are, but it has been
13 very challenging because we've got so many things going on in
14 our county.

15 For starters, the TTI building. I don't know if anybody
16 realizes it, but the Sheriff's Department is probably going to
17 be the biggest gain there with the TTI building because I
18 think everybody pretty much has the vision of moving that
19 agency out there to that facility.

20 Fleet Services shop, you know, we're going to put that out
21 there. We're going to put some property out there for Tri-
22 County Tech. I mean there's a lot of ideas that's going into
23 place to develop that to ensure that it's going to be a --
24 literally a game changer for Anderson County for the citizens
25 to be able to go out and reach the resources they need at a
26 one-stop shop and also upgrade some of our facilities that you
27 guys use every day. So I mean there's a lot of things going
28 on in the county, but with that you have to keep in mind it
29 comes with a great cost. And somehow we've got to pay that,
30 which is who? The taxpayers. It goes back to the taxpayers
31 on everything we do.

32 Again, going through, you know, this budget, we went back
33 and forth on trying to figure out ways to reduce the budget.
34 Trying to get -- originally when we started, Ms. Rita, I think
35 we were looking at, if we approved it, was about four mills?

36 RITA DAVIS: Three to four, yes, sir.

37 RAY GRAHAM: So as you can see council
38 and the staff here at Anderson County has worked very hard to
39 get it down where we're not having a tax increase. Okay? My
40 biggest concern is where we're at on our reserve. It's not a
41 matter of who I support, what I support. My biggest concern
42 is where we're at on the reserve. County ordinance, you
43 cannot be less than two months on hand for your reserve fund.
44 Right now, tonight, when I talked to Ms. Rita earlier,
45 Saturday it was around two percent. I think right now with
46 some additional cuts, we're around 2.1, 2.2 percent. And you
47 know, a lot of that is projected costs as far as some savings
48 that we're going to have at the end of this year, this budget
49 years. And plus what we've got coming in to the coming budget
50 year. But still that's a great concern of mine. It's a great

1 concern of all of our council members. So I mean we've got to
2 kind of keep that in the back of our mind, you know, are there
3 any other costs that we can cut?

4 Going on -- I'm sorry. I'm just trying to make sure I
5 cover all my notes. Basically on the one percent, what we
6 done is with the current budget that was presented so far is
7 basically our goal was to put it back into the division heads'
8 hands and say okay, instead of county council saying, you're
9 going to cut one percent out of this. We put it back in the
10 division heads' hands and say, okay, you tell us where you can
11 cut one percent. We're giving you a number, but you tell us
12 where you can make that savings at. Guys, each and every one
13 of y'all, and this includes my fellow council members, to sit
14 here and say we cannot save one percent on our budget, whether
15 it's a household budget, whether it's a business budget,
16 whether it's a budget that operates a county, to say we cannot
17 save one percent on the operating costs, I'm sorry, that is
18 just -- I don't believe that. Because I guarantee you, we can
19 save one percent just being conservative and continuing
20 fighting the battle and doing the job the best we can.

21 With all this being said, number one, I don't want it to
22 sound like I'm against the Sheriff's Department, because I am
23 not. And anybody that knows me or looks at my past history on
24 what I've fought for, for each and every one of you, knows
25 that that is the furthest thing from the truth. But I am
26 bringing forth in a motion tonight that the Sheriff's
27 Department cuts their budget, their operating budget, one
28 percent, as well. And with that being said, I mean, keep in
29 mind what we have today in law enforcement and public safety
30 versus what we had two years ago, five years ago, ten years
31 ago. Just this budget along we're looking at moving to a new
32 facility within this year and next year's budget. That's
33 probably going to take place. The pay plan that Ross Brown
34 came up with, just that in itself is going to end up costing
35 about two hundred and sixty thousand dollars more. But
36 council feels so strongly about the plan that that man has
37 worked so diligently on to ensure his people and the Sheriff's
38 people that works for him is taken care of, not today, not
39 today, but for years to come. That plan alone is costing two
40 hundred and sixty thousand dollars this year. I support that
41 one hundred percent. We've met numerous times on this. The
42 Sheriff, Ross, I mean several different individuals, council
43 members. I mean that is supported one hundred percent. But I
44 still feel like, when I look back and since Sheriff McBride
45 has taken office, and we can look back on previous
46 administrations all day long, but it's pointless. I look back
47 since Sheriff McBride and his command staff has taken office
48 and how efficient he's been, how much smoother and better
49 things are running in this county, how much, when he comes to
50 us with a plan in place, it's truly a plan and this is why and

1 this is -- and I tell him all the time, don't come to me with
2 an idea, come to me with a justification and I'll support it.
3 Sheriff, am I right on that? I mean that's all I ask.
4 Justify what you're wanting and I'll be your biggest ally.
5 And so again, I'm coming tonight and I'm asking for a second,
6 if nothing else, to get the discussion on the floor for full
7 council on this. Because again, I mean one percent of the
8 Sheriff's budget is right around fifty-two thousand dollars,
9 which seems like a lot of money. But do the math. One
10 percent, I mean you're talking about 5.2 million dollars.
11 Guys, every one of y'all are adults and every one of you are
12 education and every one of you operates a budget every single
13 day at home. Just you stepping up and being efficient at what
14 we do every day, we can save that one percent and it would not
15 affect the service that you guys provide on a daily basis to
16 Anderson County. I'm not asking for that. I'm not asking for
17 you to cut the services. And I strongly believe in my heart
18 that between the Sheriff and his command staff, along with
19 everybody that works in that division, that we can do this and
20 it wouldn't affect one thing other than us being conservative
21 and stepping up and doing our part. Because, you know, I was
22 laying there last night and I'm telling you, this budget, I've
23 thought long and hard on what is the best options, what's the
24 fairest options. I was laying there last night and I asked my
25 wife, I said, you know, my whole life I've been in some form
26 of public safety. I said, what is the most important service
27 we provide to our citizens? And I sat there a minute, and I
28 said, you know, I guess it depends on what kind of situation
29 as an individual citizen you're in at that moment. Because if
30 it's a crime or something along that lines, I guarantee you
31 that man right there, you want him to be your best friend that
32 day. Because you want this whole crowd to be out there taking
33 care of your family. But I guarantee you if it's something
34 with roads and bridges that's affecting your family or your
35 daily life, you want that man over there to be the number one.
36 So it really isn't a matter of what's the number one priority
37 because, guys, it takes every single one of these operations
38 to make this county successful as we are today. And it takes
39 leaders like that to do that. And I mean we've already talked
40 and the Sheriff knows that I'm bringing this up. It's
41 definitely not a jab toward him. But I'm telling you, y'all
42 have got an excellent leader in place and you've got a great
43 command staff. But we've got to continue moving forward. And
44 we -- you guys, this agency, has got to do their part, as
45 well. Because I mean it's not fair for us, as a county
46 council -- or I cannot see it in my heart to go to every one
47 of our division heads and say, we need one percent cut from
48 your budget. Again, just operating budget. It has nothing to
49 do with salaries. In fact, y'all are getting better salaries
50 due to the plan that Captain Brown has put in place. Again,

1 we're taking care of that. But again, we've got to do our
2 part on the other end, as well.

3 And Mr. Chairman, I bring that in the form of a motion
4 that we respectfully, as we have done with the other division
5 heads, if this is passed, that naturally we would allow the
6 Sheriff and his command staff time to come back with us on
7 where that one percent would be cut because by all means, I
8 mean, I think that should be on the divisions as far as where
9 they would make that. But I bring that in the form of a
10 motion, would respectfully ask that I could get a second on
11 that.

12 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Mr.
13 Graham to cut the Sheriff's budget -- ask him to cut -- the
14 Sheriff to bring back a reduce in his budget of one percent.

15 RAY GRAHAM: Operating costs.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Operating costs. Do we
17 have a second? You can. You ain't supposed to, but I'll
18 allow it.

19 CINDY WILSON: This is all hitting so
20 fast it's hard to absorb. But has our sheriff been able to
21 get the duty roster or whatever the arrangement is so that
22 everyone on duty is placed where they're supposed to be? I
23 think you mentioned that earlier.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

25 CINDY WILSON: Okay. So that element has
26 been resolved?

27 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

28 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

30 Motion dies for lack of a second.

31 Now, go back to the discussion on the original amendment
32 by Mr. Sanders. Anymore discussion on that?

33 CINDY WILSON: May I?

34 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Ms. Wilson.

35 CINDY WILSON: You know, we're all trying
36 to find cost savings here. Could we look at the media team
37 and examine some of those costs and ---

38 TOMMY DUNN: Hang on one second, Ms.
39 Wilson, if you would for me. Just one second. I don't think
40 that's a part of the amendment. But we'll talk about that
41 after we vote. We've got to vote on the amendment first.

42 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you. So
43 we're going to vote on the amendment ---

44 TOMMY DUNN: Robert's Rules of Order,
45 we vote on the amendment and then we go back to full budget.
46 That's when everything's in the basket.

47 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.

48 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?

49 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

50 RAY GRAHAM: I need to speak to Leon

1 for one second?

2 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.

3 **PRIVATE DISCUSSION**

4 TOMMY DUNN: We'll get started back
5 now. Any more discussion on the amendments Mr. Sanders
6 brought forth? Hearing and seeing none, we'll vote on the
7 amendment now. All in favor of the amendment, show of hands.
8 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

9 Now we'll talk to the full -- motion on the floor, the
10 full budget with the amendments that have been adopted so far.
11 Now, discussion for the rest -- anything else? Now would be
12 the time, Ms. Wilson, if you've got something, to bring it up.

13 CINDY WILSON: Could we look at the media
14 team? That was a department that was within the
15 administrator's office and does a lot of good stuff. But it
16 looks like a new position was added there. And I was
17 inquiring about it I guess about a month ago. And then I was
18 asking Ms. Rita about it while ago. Would you explain to us
19 what that is?

20 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. I'll be happy
21 to.

22 CINDY WILSON: Because the budget
23 increased dramatically. Thank you.

24 RITA DAVIS: Okay. Ms. Wilson was
25 looking at the ---

26 TOMMY DUNN: Hang on just one second.
27 Ms. Floyd?

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Could you tell us where
29 she is or what sheet she's on so we can follow along?

30 TOMMY DUNN: She's in the budget book
31 on the line item of the media team.

32 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. Did you bring
33 your budget book? On page eleven of the general fund in the
34 green budget book, under the general fund tab.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Would
36 you give us a moment or two because we've got all this to go
37 through?

38 CINDY WILSON: It's also on page fifteen
39 because it was changed from being within the administration
40 department, 5013, to going to a separate department.

41 RITA DAVIS: Yeah. Look at page eleven
42 first, if you don't mind, in the general fund.

43 CINDY WILSON: Eleven and fifteen. And
44 if you'll notice, the totals at the bottom reference the
45 entire administrative department, including media team.

46 RITA DAVIS: The current year we're in
47 now there was one salary and full time salary line item.
48 Council approved another position. So that was two. The
49 budget year that's being proposed, we created a new department
50 because it was an 001. We got rid of all the sub object 001s.

1 So technology services during the course of the year, the
2 administrator moved a vacant position from technology services
3 into the media team. So that's why you see three full time
4 salaries accounted for. On page fifteen, Ms. Floyd.

5 TOMMY DUNN: But that position that was
6 moved in was added to last year's budget or the budget we're
7 in right now and the council, correct me if I'm wrong, Ms.
8 Davis, voted and adopted that position. It come out -- the
9 museum was asking for a full time graphics person. We said
10 everybody can share that position. That's what come ---

11 RITA DAVIS: That's right.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Am I not correct?

13 RITA DAVIS: Correct.

14 CINDY WILSON: It's a new one?

15 TOMMY DUNN: Not for this year. Not
16 this year.

17 CINDY WILSON: Well, I'm referencing the
18 new budget, which is considerably more.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Ma'am, I'm sorry I can't
20 -- what this is entailing, they took -- no position -- they
21 took positions from here and here and combined them into one.
22 But it's no new positions. We approved this -- the only new
23 position would have been in the budget we're in right now,
24 operating on, the council voted on last year and voted on to
25 move that. Like I just got through saying, the museum asked
26 for a graphics person. We said if that position could be for
27 the county and come under the administrator, not just for the
28 museum. We couldn't justify just that position. So that's
29 what we done. In their realigning the budget and combining
30 these, instead of like all just coming under administrator,
31 y'all put in the budget this year a media team instead of
32 coming under the administrator thing. There's no new
33 positions in this year's budget.

34 RITA DAVIS: Not at all. In fact the
35 operating budget decreased some.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else got anything?

37 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?

38 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

39 RAY GRAHAM: I don't want to beat a
40 dead horse to death, but with not getting a second on this
41 previous, again, each and every one of you guys, I support
42 y'all one hundred percent. And I support the pay plan that's
43 in the budget this year. And I think we're making great
44 strides with the Sheriff's Department. But Mr. Chairman, I
45 would ask that the Sheriff's Department budget be separated so
46 I can vote in full for the regular budget. With the Sheriff's
47 Department not taking the one percent cut in operating costs,
48 I'd like for that to be separated.

49 TOMMY DUNN: You make a motion to do
50 that? It'll have to be -- you put that in the form of a

1 motion?
2 RAY GRAHAM: I do.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second to
4 pull the Sheriff's Office out of the regular budget and vote
5 on it separately? Have a second?
6 RAY GRAHAM: Leon, do I need to do this
7 as a motion? Did I do this correctly? Because I tried to
8 make sure we was doing it right.
9 LEON HARMON: Yes. I believe you did it
10 correctly.
11 RAY GRAHAM: So it's okay to pull the
12 magistrates out, but it's not okay to pull the Sheriff's
13 Department out and separate those two in order to show support
14 of the rest of the budget that we're passing tonight.
15 TOMMY DUNN: Y'all keep in mind, I
16 think we just voted on pulling the magistrates out. He made
17 the motion, in his original motion, he made the motion to pull
18 the magistrates out.
19 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I'm trying
20 to make sure with the attorney I'm operating correctly.
21 That's all I'm asking.
22 LEON HARMON: And I believe those
23 motions, both of them, were done correctly.
24 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you.
25 TOMMY DUNN: Second? No second?
26 Motion dies for lack of a second. Anymore discussion?
27 CRAIG WOOTEN: I'd just like to say from
28 my point of view I heard somebody say one time that, you know,
29 a budget is a statement of beliefs and it's sort of hard to
30 come about sometimes because it's numbers. But whether it's
31 our personal budget or county budget, where we put our numbers
32 is what we believe in. And I feel good about this budget.
33 I've always said if a budget makes everybody happy,
34 something's wrong. If a budget makes everybody angry,
35 something's wrong. And there's things in this budget I like,
36 things I don't like, but I believe that it says that this
37 county believes in public safety. I think it says it believes
38 in the lives of our workers and their compensation. For the
39 first time I think in county history, it says that we believe
40 in the Crisis Pregnancy Center. And I think that's moving.
41 And also it affects the lives of our people. We talked about
42 houses earlier. And most importantly it says that we listen
43 to our constituents and we don't believe in any new taxes.
44 We're getting everything done this year without new taxes. So
45 like I said, it's -- in any budget process nobody gets total
46 wins or total losses. But I feel this is a good one to move
47 forward with next year.
48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.
49 BRETT SANDERS: I'd just like to say I
50 know everyone up here worked hard on this budget. Every one

1 of us did. Can you hear me now? Everyone up here worked
2 diligently and hard on this budget. We were able to give
3 round two of the raises. We got a two percent cost of living
4 increase for those who didn't get the second round of raises.
5 We got a new fleet service building. We got a process in
6 place on the storm water issues that we've been having. We
7 got money going into paving. I think we have some contracts
8 already approved right now.

9 This is my first budget here and I went through, like I
10 said, I know a lot of others did. I met with every department
11 head and was able to find almost two millage points in just
12 things that we could adjust and bring the county up to speed
13 with other neighboring counties. I understand where Mr.
14 Graham is coming from. I don't think a one percent cut in the
15 Sheriff's Department is -- it's trivial, I think. And I also
16 expect not only the Sheriff's Department but every department
17 in the county to be trying to save more than one percent.
18 Every one should be spending the money like it's the
19 taxpayer's money and that's what it is. And I expect everyone
20 to work hard. I want them to be safe. I want them to have
21 what they need to get their job done. But I expect them to do
22 it in a conservative and passionate way. I'm passionate about
23 being up here. I love this county. And I expect everyone
24 else to be the say way. And I want to thank everyone for
25 coming out. (End of audio) I mean, I like this budget and I
26 think we're sitting here beating a dead horse. And I'm ready
27 to vote on it. Thank you.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

29 Yes, ma'am.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Brett?

31 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, ma'am.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: This is my twentieth year.

33 Let me tell you something, I wouldn't trade my seat for nobody
34 in the world. I like what I do. But I want to tell you
35 something. I want to tell you something. Being here for
36 twenty years on this doing budgets, this is -- it's on.

37 TOMMY DUNN: It's on? Okay. There you
38 go.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: I told you it was on.
40 Being here, this is the -- and I'm an old timer, okay? This
41 is the best budget year that we've ever had here on Anderson
42 County. Somebody laughed. But believe me, I know what I'm
43 talking about. I've been here. I've seen it. I've seen
44 years like we didn't even have a budget workshop. And how in
45 heck are you going to pass a budget without talking to the
46 people who the budget's for first? Some things are coming out
47 of this budget that I didn't even know last year's budget;
48 nobody told me. Nobody said anything. I had no way of
49 finding out. But this is the best. Okay? And you've got to
50 be here twenty years to define it. Okay?

1 Sheriff's people, officers, I never know what they call
2 y'all. My best buddies in the whole world. A couple of years
3 ago I called one of you to my house because somebody was at my
4 door at two o'clock in the morning. You know, that's not
5 good. But I called, and he came. And this man stood in front
6 of me with a pistol in his pocket. All right. This man -- we
7 were talking and this man told me that he made thirty-two
8 thousand dollars a year, he had four kids and he was on food
9 stamps. I hit the ceiling. There was one man here we were
10 paying eighty thousand dollars a year to sit down at a desk
11 when he was there. He didn't come to my house to save me.
12 That's when I realized that we were not doing the sheriff
13 folks right at all. We were not doing right. But we're doing
14 right now. We're doing right now. We're on what they used to
15 call the good foot. And we're going to stay there. I've seen
16 sheriffs come and I've seen sheriffs go. I've seen you guys
17 come and go, too. But I don't have nothing wrong -- nothing
18 bad to say about you. Y'all are doing good. And you're
19 looking good. I think the one percent is needed because you
20 can't foresee a hurricane coming. You can't foresee the whole
21 town being ruined by floods. You can't see all of that. And
22 when it happens we are going to be ready because we're going
23 to have some of the things in place that we need. I didn't
24 get everything I wanted in this budget. You heard me. I
25 wanted a hundred and fifty thousand dollars for my seventy-
26 seven houses that need to be torn down. I didn't get it. But
27 I'll get it next year. I will get it next year.

28 But this is a good budget. I want to thank Brett Sanders
29 and Jimmy Davis. These are our two new council members on
30 this year. Brett, with his expertise -- I don't know which
31 one that did it because we've got so many -- but with Brett's
32 expertise he showed us how -- what we needed to do to save
33 some money that will come back to us that we were paying out
34 needlessly. Way to go Brett. Jimmy Davis is new. He's my
35 still water. You know what they say about still water, don't
36 you? It runs deep. And he is deep. He came up with some
37 ideas that we could do to help us not only save money but use
38 the money that we have for -- what's a good word?
39 Proficiently? That's a good word. I sat down, as I have for
40 the past umpteen years and I met with every department head
41 that we have here. I even met with the sheriff who was kind
42 enough to sit down and talk with me to get the understanding
43 that I needed. And then ole Brett tried to come up and -- I
44 invited Brett to come sit with me while we did this. I always
45 invited new members. I didn't have not one person to ever
46 show up. It's always me by myself and Ms. Davis and Jana. I
47 thank them both for the work that we did this year. We had a
48 hard year, y'all? It wasn't easy this year. It's never been
49 easy for me, but it was hard. Everybody who wanted to
50 participate had a chance to do it.

1 Chad, I applaud your service and the position you're in,
2 as well as the others that they're in, too. Let's keep it
3 together. Let's keep it going. And let's involve everybody
4 because it takes everybody to do this job well.

5 Mr. Wooten, I understand it was your thing that said we
6 were going to have workshops this year. And I thank you for
7 that. It really opened the doors to a lot of things. And I
8 thank you for your leadership in doing what you did.

9 CRAIG WOOTEN: Appreciate that.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

11 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

12 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.

13 JIMMY DAVIS: First of all I want to

14 thank each and every person that came out tonight. It's good
15 for councilmen to see a full seating area, almost full anyway.
16 But I think, and I'd like to echo Mr. Wooten's -- his comments
17 were true. I mean this is not a perfect budget and it never
18 will be a perfect budget. But I think it's good budget. And
19 being my first one, I've still got a long time to learn. Ms.
20 Floyd, I will not be here for twenty years as a councilman. I
21 want to continue to learn on this, but as a small businessman,
22 I've looked at this budget and I've seen some vast
23 improvements from the starting point. And I'll echo Ms. Floyd
24 here. I thank Councilman Sanders for finding not only ways
25 that we should be recouping money, but ways that we were
26 shortchanging ourselves. And I applaud Councilman Sanders for
27 his efforts on that.

28 You know, as far as the Sheriff's Department goes, I'd
29 like to ask Sheriff McBride if you could stand real quick.
30 The current budget year that we're in right now, how did your
31 department perform as budget as to where we are right now for
32 budget year 2018?

33 SHERIFF MCBRIDE: (Inaudible.)

34 TOMMY DUNN: Rusty, will you turn that
35 mic on?

36 JIMMY DAVIS: That's good enough news to
37 hear twice.

38 SHERIFF MCBRIDE: Thank you. So I too -- I
39 just want to say a couple of things, if I can, because I
40 wasn't sure if I was going to get called on to speak or not.
41 But when I first came into office, when I was handed the keys
42 to my office, and I won't say who handed me the keys to my
43 office, but he said, I know what you're thinking, but council
44 is not going to support you. And I'm going to tell you this,
45 we have a council that supports us and I appreciate every
46 single one of you in helping me take care of my employees, but
47 our employees, as well. So I commend each and every one of
48 you. I know you've got a huge task at hand. I know planning
49 a budget for a county this size could not be easy and I'm sure
50 it comes with a lot of headaches. Ours certainly comes with a

1 lot of headaches.

2 But we are finishing this year, it looks like, and I know
3 there's a few POs probably out there still pending, but it
4 looks like we're going to have about a six percent savings in
5 our budget this past year, which is over a million dollars.
6 So, I, too, believe in being conservative. And I, too, am a
7 fan of taxpayers because I am one myself, and I certainly
8 don't want to pay more taxes unless I have to. And I'm in
9 School District One so I'm going to have to anyway. But you
10 know, whether I agree or not with the one percent reduction in
11 our operating budget, I do believe that every division head
12 should be challenged to save throughout the fiscal year and do
13 the best job they can to reduce their costs and be as frugal
14 as possible. And that's certainly what we've done at the
15 Sheriff's Office, and I'm proud to say that. And we have done
16 that each year so far that our team has been in office.

17 So, again, thank y'all for the support. Thank you for
18 supporting all these men and women out here. They appreciate
19 you. I appreciate you. I'm going to sit down.

20 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Sheriff
21 McBride. I just want to say as a council representative to
22 one of the fastest growing areas in the entire state of South
23 Carolina -- if you don't believe me pick up about any
24 newspaper and you'll see how quick Powdersville is growing.
25 Our traffic counts up there, I mean there's been some
26 speculation of the busyness of 153 in relation to Woodruff
27 Road in Greenville. 153 is a busy, busy road. And I know for
28 a fact that the ?? times are affected by the traffic that
29 we're experiencing in the northern part of the county. And I
30 know there's a cost associated with that. And I know that
31 that cost does get passed on to the taxpayers. But we are
32 going to continue to grow in District 6; Piedmont and
33 Powdersville and surrounding areas. We're going to continue
34 to see houses built and people move in. And it's very
35 important to me that we have the presence up there. We've got
36 some pretty neat and innovative ideas coming up for public
37 safety in District 6. And I look forward to the challenge
38 that we face up there. And I applaud the efforts of the
39 Sheriff's Department in all facets, ways and shapes of
40 operations up there because I have seen a vast improvement
41 over the previous sheriff's team or whatnot.

42 Mr. Graham, I respect your position very much so. But I
43 have to respectfully disagree with it. But I thank all the
44 council members for their patience in helping me work through
45 this budget. And I hope that we can go ahead and get this
46 vote going and get this behind us and move forward as a
47 county. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis.
49 Anyone else?

50 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

1 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

2 CINDY WILSON: A number of little
3 disparate thoughts here. The budget process is like that
4 famous German person said years ago that you don't want to see
5 politics being made; it's like making sausage. So it's not
6 much fun. But it has been very reassuring. And to look out
7 across our council chambers to see such a professional group
8 of people and to realize the proficiencies and better
9 efficiencies that we had with our public safety, it's just
10 very heartening. Because at the same time y'all are improving
11 services, we have lawlessness and crime, the drug trafficking
12 and drug using issues in our county, as they are across the
13 nation, are rapidly increasing. I don't know how we get ahead
14 of that. Perhaps we need to hire more chaplains and get more
15 people into church. That might be a big help.

16 As far as the Sheriff's Department, I do think that Mr.
17 Davis's request for a fuel farm up in Powdersville will end up
18 making greater efficiency in keeping those deputies on the
19 beat there without them having to come back and forth on what
20 has now become horrible traffic on I-85. There may be an
21 accident. It's just a very difficult, complex situation
22 there. Hopefully we'll be able to get that put into place
23 before too long.

24 And as far as the demolition goes, there are far more
25 houses across the county in need of demolition, too. The
26 three that are in the process now are only a small amount of
27 what needs to take place there. I applaud our environmental
28 people and everyone connected with that for going out and
29 starting the process, first of all by trying to contact the
30 owners, and either encourage them to clean up their messes or
31 shame them into doing it. And now we have a process that we
32 can go through between NIH that's in place now, the
33 Neighborhood Improvement Program where our county got a 2.9
34 million dollar grant and that went across the county to deal
35 with demolitions. There's more to be done there, too.

36 And I, too, applaud Mr. Sanders for coming up with what
37 really turns out to be at least one mill of tax that does not
38 have to go on the books by bringing into line our fee
39 structure for the county. We were the lowest of any of the
40 counties in the upstate for fees for building permits and so
41 forth and the inspections. And we're in the process of trying
42 to get better improvements in our building codes, too, which
43 would be a great help and avoid some of that. And to take the
44 driveway apron costs off our taxpayers where the new
45 developments going in will pay for their own aprons but
46 citizens who have been paying taxes for many years, if they
47 have to have the apron replaced, that will be done as part of
48 our tax structure. That is a big help. And we still have a
49 number of properties in the county that we do need to dispose
50 of so that we can get them back on the tax rolls and off of

1 our maintenance budget. That should provide some funding,
2 too. There's so much that has to be considered, it's hard to
3 do it in one budget cycle. I still want to encourage our
4 county people to look at the prospect of doing some type of
5 zero based budgeting. There are a lot of departments that as
6 time has gone on and missions have changed, I think it would
7 be helpful for them to go back to the bottom line and then
8 come back with the budget they need and build from there
9 instead of just adding funds every year.

10 But by and large, this county is doing quite well. In
11 fact, it's kind of amusing, Mr. Davis, I believe Cindy Fox
12 Miller sent an email around noting that Powdersville is
13 considered in major publications to be a town of its own. So
14 that's very interesting.

15 Anyway, onward and upward, and we appreciate everyone's
16 hard work in this effort and hopefully next year we'll start a
17 little sooner and it won't be quite as fast down to the wire.
18 Thank you.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? I'd just
20 like to say a couple of things, if I could, right quick. I
21 don't like this budget. And it's always hard -- every year I
22 look forward to a day when we don't have to sit here and look
23 at cuts and things -- other counties. But we're trying to
24 keep our taxes low and I think we're doing the best we can.
25 This is the best budget I think we could come up with.

26 I want to thank my fellow council members for not only the
27 hard work but also for the foresight of taking care of the
28 employees, following through with the previous council's
29 commitment we didn't have to do through step two of the pay
30 plan and other raises. I'd like to thank Captain Ross Brown
31 for his hard work. I know he had a lot of work to go, a lot
32 of tweaking coming back and everything. And appreciate what
33 you've done. I hope your staff does and employees do,
34 especially being here tonight in the circumstances.
35 Appreciate you.

36 I want to say it's tough, like I say, anybody that cuts.
37 I respect Mr. Graham's opinion; I just disagree with it. I
38 wish we could give the Sheriff's Office more money. I talked
39 to them and looked, if we're going to cut, we're going to cut
40 the jail. We're going to cut the jail asking for what they
41 need, been out there in the positions. Captain Miller's
42 department, he's already been what you call it. The Sheriff,
43 since he's been in office, has been a pretty good team player
44 to work with us and try to get things done. And I hope he
45 saves more money to put back in it. We've got positions we
46 can come back in there and do it. We've got some stuff Mental
47 Health would like to do. This ain't unprecedented. Last year
48 we had a two percent. If y'all remember, we was going to have
49 a two mill tax increase last year. We got down to a mill. We
50 had a two percent cut across the board. The Sheriff's Office

1 wasn't -- did not participate in that two percent. But this
2 ain't unheard of in what we do. Like I said, it's the best we
3 could come up with and the best we could do, in my opinion. I
4 do appreciate everybody's hard work. Look forward, we're
5 going to move on. Got other things to do after this budget
6 passes, I hope we've got other things to do and work forward,
7 and I appreciate everybody; all the county employees. Very
8 special to make this things up and staff.

9 First of all the people I want to thank, though, is the
10 Finance Department for working so hard and giving us the
11 information. And this thing is always a moving thing coming
12 up, more information finding out, and all the hard work
13 they've done.

14 Hearing that then I call for the question to vote. All in
15 favor of the budget show of hands. All opposed like sign.
16 Show the motion carries, Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Floyd,
17 Mr. Dunn, Mr. Wooten, Ms. Wilson in favor. Mr. Graham
18 opposes.

19 Now, at this time to finish up the budget, we'll do the
20 Magistrates Department. Mr. Graham wants to recuse himself.
21 Do we have a motion to move forward with the third reading of
22 the budget pertaining to the Magistrates Offices, as
23 presented?

24 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Ms. Wilson;
26 second by Mr. Davis. Now discussion. All in favor of the
27 motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion
28 carries unanimously with Mr. Graham recusing himself.

29 At this time we're going to take about a ten minute break.
30 I know y'all are wanting to get out of here.

31 **BREAK**

32 TOMMY DUNN: I call the meeting back to
33 order.

34 At this time we'll be moving on to Item 7(a), 2019-022, an
35 ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone +1- 0.59 acres
36 from C-2 (Highway Commercial) to S-1 (Services District) at
37 108 Chippewa Lane, District 7. Be second reading. Do we have
38 a motion to move this forward?

39 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson --
41 motion by Ms. Wilson; second Mr. Graham. Any discussion? Do
42 you have anything you need to say, Dr. Parkey?

43 JEFF PARKEY: No, sir.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?

45 CINDY WILSON: Just very quickly, while
46 this is a major industrial area, it's zoned commercial mostly,
47 along 29. And it's my understanding that the person who is
48 buying one of those properties is planning to have a trucking
49 operation out of there. And our staff felt like it was more
50 appropriate to zone it service district, which would be more

1 appropriate than commercial. So that's why the necessity for
2 doing this. Thank you.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any more
4 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
5 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

6 Moving on to Item number 7(b), 2019-023, an ordinance to
7 approve an agreement of the transfer of assets by and
8 between Anderson County, South Carolina and Renewable Water
9 Resources, ReWa. Mr. Burns.

10 RUSTY BURNS: (Inaudible.)

11 TOMMY DUNN: Is this something Ms.
12 Floyd needs to -- I can't remember what she done last time.

13 Is this something ---

14 RUSTY BURNS: (Inaudible.)

15 TOMMY DUNN: Hand her her thing, Brett.
16 Let the record show Ms. Floyd has recused herself. Do we have
17 a motion to move this forward?

18 JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis. Second
20 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

21 CINDY WILSON: May I?

22 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

23 CINDY WILSON: Very briefly, I will need
24 to go through the contract with a fine tooth comb, of course,
25 but the gist of this is going to be so much better for, I
26 think, our development and residential and rural
27 constituencies in that upper part of Anderson County. ReWa
28 has the ability to bond out and build out in such a way that
29 we can't at this point. And they have a very good reputation.
30 We already have one of their sewer plants in that area in our
31 county. So I'm looking forward to that being a more -- a much
32 better course for our county. Thank you.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
34 All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion
35 carries unanimously. Mr. Sanders, will you get Ms. Floyd back
36 in?

37 Moving on to Item number 8(a), ordinance first reading,
38 2019-024, an ordinance (I) authorizing pursuant to Title 12,
39 Chapter 33 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as
40 amended, the execution and delivery of a Fee-in-
41 Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, by and between Anderson
42 County, South Carolina and Project Snake, as sponsor, and one
43 or more existing or to-be-formed or acquired subsidiaries, or
44 affiliated or related entities and certain sponsor affiliates,
45 to provide for a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes incentive;
46 (2) authorizing the receipt and Administration of State Grant
47 for the benefit of the project; and (3) other related
48 matters. Project Snake. Mr. Nelson.

49 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
50 members of council. This is one of our existing industries.

1 Been with us for twelve years. There's an expansion of 8.5
2 million dollars in capital investment in building -- for the
3 most part building, adding fifty-five full time jobs that will
4 have an average salary of twelve dollars and thirty-five
5 cents, adding a new annual payroll to the county of 1.3
6 million. This capital investment of 8.5 million will have a
7 property tax -- new property tax added of two hundred six
8 thousand four hundred and thirty-five dollars. And that will
9 remain fairly constant over the thirty years of the agreement
10 because it is all building, and there will be little
11 depreciation as calculated under fee agreements. So at the
12 end of thirty years that expansion will have paid six million
13 one hundred ninety-three dollars -- one hundred ninety-three
14 thousand dollars over that period of time. First year
15 community impact with the jobs and the capital investment will
16 be nine million. And a twenty-year community impact forty-
17 four million -- 44.67 million dollars. This comes to council
18 as a recommendation from staff and from the Economic
19 Development Advisory Board.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to put
21 this on the floor for discussion?

22 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a
24 second? Second by Mr. Sanders. Now discussion.

25 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

26 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

27 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Nelson and I have been
28 on the phone today concerning some of the language in this.
29 And there's a discrepancy, in my opinion, between page -- the
30 first page where it says approximate -- creation of
31 approximately sixty-eight new full time jobs, and then a
32 little further on it says of at least fifty-five new full time
33 jobs. And I think it would be more appropriate to clean this
34 up and clarify it to say at least fifty-five new full time
35 jobs, because that's very confusing and misleading. And we've
36 discussed that. I feel that might be appropriate.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon, would it be a
38 problem for you and Mr. Nelson if we clean that up, everybody
39 get a copy of it and make sure on second reading? Would that
40 hurt to do it on second reading?

41 LEON HARMON: Yes. We could do that on
42 second reading.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Is that fine we do it on
44 second reading?

45 CINDY WILSON: That's good.

46 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All
48 in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
49 Show the motion carries.

50 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you for your

1 support.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

3 Moving on to Item number 8(b), 2019-025, an ordinance
4 imposing a prohibition on certain motor vehicle traffic on
5 Ballard Road, District 7. Mr. Burns, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Hopkins?
6 Anybody?

7 HOLT HOPKINS: I'd just like to
8 point out where this is exactly. If you're going north on 29,
9 Ballard Road turns off to the right and to the left. To the
10 right we replaced a bridge not too long ago. And council
11 voted to restrict trucks going through there. This one is on
12 the left side of the road going back toward Midway Road. And
13 I think Ms. Wilson got some calls saying that trucks from some
14 of the distribution centers were coming through there.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Any more? Do we have a
16 motion to move this forward?

17 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second? Second Mr.
19 Sanders. Motion Ms. Wilson. Now discussion. I'd just like
20 to say I'm going to vote for this tonight but I'd like to see
21 maybe at the next council meeting all of these a little bit
22 more -- I apologize, I've been busy with some personal stuff
23 plus the budget -- to look at this. My biggest concern is, in
24 talking to folks, is I don't want to see you close a road here
25 for something all you're doing is moving the problem. I've
26 had some complaints about that. So I'd like to make sure we
27 ain't going to put -- you know, taking care of these folks but
28 throwing an undue burden over here on these folks. I just
29 think that's something we need to make sure we ain't doing.

30 CINDY WILSON: Just so you'll know, there
31 have been a number of complaints. The turn radiuses are not
32 appropriate for the eighteen wheelers. They back up traffic
33 and tear up the shoulders. Some of them even tear up people's
34 yards. It's really a nightmare.

35 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sure.

36 CINDY WILSON: GPS is not good for the
37 trucking industry in spite of what they think. There have
38 been serious problems. We'll get to one over here, I think
39 maybe the next one, the trucks have taken down three power
40 poles, three different occasions, and knocked the power out
41 for an entire area. Even Duke Power has asked to close that
42 leg of the road for eighteen wheelers. So we don't do it
43 lightly.

44 TOMMY DUNN: I know, but I just had
45 some citizens complain about that about moving down it. I
46 just want to make sure we ain't -- I know we all get
47 complaints about certain roads. I want to make sure when we
48 them all down here on this other road, they're going to be
49 complaining, too. And somebody has got to get from point A to
50 point B.

1 CINDY WILSON: They've already got
2 Welcome Road. They've got 29 and they've got Welcome Road.
3 And 81, their major east-west corridors that are state roads
4 that are very, very well built and these other ones are
5 smaller county roads, they're too narrow, they're not built to
6 accommodate that type of traffic. So thank you.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Anyone else? Mr.
8 Davis?

9 JIMMY DAVIS: You know, I can't say I
10 disagree with Ballard Road. And I see some other roads on
11 here and we've all got these in our districts. My question --
12 and there's no question that we have some roads that there is
13 no business for an eighteen wheeler on. We have to be
14 careful, though, with certain commercial traffic because
15 people still have to have garbage pickup and whatnot. My
16 question is, how do we police it? And how do we enforce it?
17 You know, we can have laws and resolutions and ordinances all
18 day long, but how do we, as a county, enforce it? Putting a
19 sign up doesn't mean squat.

20 CINDY WILSON: May I answer that?
21 JIMMY DAVIS: Well, I'm not finished.
22 But you know, I'm very, very concerned about how we go about
23 things. And Ms. Wilson, I'm not disagreeing with you that
24 it's a need. I'm just really concerned about how we as a
25 governing body can take a look at things and go about it in
26 the most effective manner.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson.
28 CINDY WILSON: We have Mr. Dale McCarley,
29 I think it's Captain McCarley, he does a splendid job of
30 policing. And we also have Mr. Greg Smith and Mr. Holt
31 Hopkins who follow up calling the companies. These are not
32 complaints of, you know, inconvenience for people. It's a
33 safety problem on these roads. So it's very serious from our
34 perspective that it's enforced and that they are being
35 enforced. We're very grateful for the staff that do that.
36 Thank you.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
38 All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
39 Show the motion carries unanimously.

40 Moving on to Item number (c), 2019-026, an ordinance
41 imposing a prohibition on certain motor vehicle traffic on
42 Camelot Forest. District 3 and 7. Do we have a motion to
43 move this forward?

44 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
45 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a
46 second?

47 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
48 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Any
49 discussion?

50 CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Ms. Wilson.
2 CINDY WILSON: This is part of the
3 network of roads around the landfill and the tank farm, and
4 we've had a number of tanker spills over there; other
5 dangerous things. The good news about this and the Murphy
6 Road one is Mr. Hopkins and a number of us had meetings -- I
7 think you were there, too, Mr. Graham -- where we had the
8 trucking associations to come meet with the community and try
9 to devise safer routes for the trucks. Because, again, the
10 roads were too narrow. The turning radiuses were non-
11 existent, and sometimes the line of sight were making it very
12 dangerous. So this is part of what we've worked on over there
13 to make it safer for the trucking companies and also for the
14 people who live there. Do you have anything else you would
15 add, Mr. Hopkins?
16 HOLT HOPKINS: Well, again, to clarify
17 where this road is, if you're on Highway 20 and you turn onto
18 Big Creek Road right there at the tank farm, Camelot turns to
19 the right immediately once you're on Big Creek and it goes
20 down and meets the state road, Glenwood, I believe it is, just
21 inside of Belton. And what's happening -- and I need to talk
22 about the next one on your list is Murphy. During the meeting
23 that we had with the trucks, it was identified that tractor
24 trailers coming into town on 247 cannot make that right turn
25 headed toward the fuel farm. It's just physically impossible
26 with the buildings right there and everything. And that's the
27 preferred route, really, is to keep them on the main state
28 roads. But they cannot make that turn physically. So ---
29 RAY GRAHAM: Which intersection was
30 that? I didn't hear the ---
31 HOLT HOPKINS: Right downtown Belton, 247
32 ---
33 RAY GRAHAM: I heard 247. I didn't
34 hear the other part; I'm sorry.
35 HOLT HOPKINS: They can't turn right but
36 they can turn left going back out, going on to 247. So we've
37 -- in the past six months to a year we've been kind of playing
38 around with it on Murphy Road and we've posted signs without
39 an ordinance which doesn't allow us to write tickets. But it
40 was trying to notify the trucks they could turn right off of
41 247 onto Murphy to get to the tank farm, but coming back we
42 had a no truck sign there, trying to keep them from coming --
43 at least the tankers from coming back through there, to send
44 them downtown. Well, instead of going downtown now they're
45 using Camelot to come through. But the route that was
46 identified with trucking companies there and the fuel people
47 there was to send them back through downtown back onto 247.
48 But all of them are not following that.
49 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
50 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chair?

1 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir, Mr. Graham.
2 RAY GRAHAM: I guess my thoughts on
3 this, I'm kind of with the same concern that Chairman Dunn had
4 mentioned earlier, are we moving into the next spot? I mean
5 where is the downfall. You know there's pros and cons on
6 every road they turn on. Honestly, with all due respect, I
7 know Camelot Forest is probably one of the wider roads in all
8 those options as far as Murphy and -- I think that's the only
9 two as far as right there. But I guess my concern, where are
10 we directing them to from there if we don't allow them to use
11 Camelot? We've already pretty much, I think in the mentality
12 of not using Murphy, what is that next option? Because at the
13 end of the day we've got to provide some way for them to get
14 to and from on the direction of travel. And I guess that's my
15 biggest concern there.
16 HOLT HOPKINS: I can't remember the name
17 of the road, but there's one other route that I can envision
18 them coming that they're not going right now. A little bit
19 back toward town from the ball fields. I can't remember ---
20 RAY GRAHAM: From the ball fields?
21 HOLT HOPKINS: Yeah, on the town side of
22 the -- what's the name of that ---
23 CINDY WILSON: Calhoun.
24 RAY GRAHAM: Calhoun Road?
25 HOLT HOPKINS: Yeah, yeah. That could be
26 -- they could start going down there if ---
27 RAY GRAHAM: The only thing on that,
28 and I'm very familiar with that area. I mean I grew up
29 there. But my only concern there would be coming onto Calhoun
30 off of 247 because there's a ditch and that is a very tight
31 turn there. But again, I mean I think that's what we need to
32 be looking toward. At some point we might have to improve an
33 intersection to make it useable. And I mean Calhoun Road is a
34 very well maintained road. I think it's actually a state
35 road; is it not?
36 CINDY WILSON: No. It's county.
37 RAY GRAHAM: It is a county road?
38 HOLT HOPKINS: It's county.
39 RAY GRAHAM: But I mean you have got
40 some housing up through there, but that will probably be one
41 of your wider roads and might would be a better choice. But
42 at some point we're going to have to probably -- there's no
43 question we can't do the intersection at 247 and right there
44 in town at the square. I mean you're talking about major
45 bucks to redo that intersection. But we might have to widen
46 Calhoun Road or something.
47 HOLT HOPKINS: Honestly, Murphy is the
48 preferred route if we had wider shoulders. And that's what
49 caused all this. The tankers are coming back Murphy loaded
50 and if they -- that road does not allow for any errors

1 whatsoever. If one tire gets off on the edge of that pavement
2 they're into the ditch flipping over. And that happened
3 multiple times over the past few years. And that's what we're
4 trying to prevent, at least the loaded tankers from going back
5 through there.

6 RAY GRAHAM: Could we possibly get any
7 state or federal money? Because I mean this is literally
8 directed toward eighteen wheelers, which has got their own tax
9 base altogether in fees and assessments that they have to
10 cover. I mean because ---

11 HOLT HOPKINS: In about five years we
12 might could. I mean we could identify the funds, and it takes
13 that long to get something like that.

14 RAY GRAHAM: I mean I appreciate
15 everything you guys are doing on this because I mean I know
16 it's -- again, I'm just like Chairman Dunn, I mean I think
17 we're basically just moving the cart on down the road and
18 creating another issue. And that's my biggest concern. I
19 definitely respect the neighborhoods as far as their concerns,
20 but ---

21 HOLT HOPKINS: If we could make
22 improvements to Murphy that would be the preferred route.
23 Because I hate sending tankers back through town.

24 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you so much.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all.

26 CINDY WILSON: Well, the important thing
27 to remember here is there was a process that involved the
28 trucking companies and individual haulers, the Tanker
29 Association, and they worked with our staff and the
30 neighborhoods to come up with the routes that would be safer
31 and more efficient. And one thing that we can do is, with Mr.
32 Hopkins' help and maybe Mr. Hogan's and anyone else, we could
33 put up requests for funding through the COG for some of the
34 funding going forward. Because that has certainly become --
35 as we have grown and encouraged and facilitated more
36 industrial development in our county, that is a concern. So
37 perhaps we could get more funding. There is a traffic study,
38 a freight study, that's being conducted through the COG that
39 should identify some of the bottlenecks in all the counties in
40 this region. But that might be a good time to put in for
41 funding there. But this is needed for the safety of the
42 trucks and for the people living along Camelot Forest. Thank
43 you.

44 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
45 show of hands. Opposed. Show the motion carries unanimously.

46 Moving on to item number (d), 2019-027, an ordinance
47 proposing the prohibition of certain motor vehicle traffic on
48 Murphy Road. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

49 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we

1 have a second?
2 JIMMY DAVIS: Second
3 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any
4 discussion? Ms. Floyd.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. -- I'd like to direct
6 my question to Mr. Hopkins. Mr. Hopkins, an ordinance
7 imposing a prohibition on certain motor vehicle traffic on
8 Murphy Road. Is this the same kind of thing that I had going
9 on on Diana Street?
10 HOLT HOPKINS: It's the same question,
11 yes, ma'am. Same situation.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Do they have the same
13 problems?
14 HOLT HOPKINS: Still have trucks there
15 and same concern is on that road, as well, if we close that
16 one there's only one or two more that everybody would go to.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I will be
18 watching this carefully because I had the same situation, same
19 problems on my street in District 2 as this one.
20 HOLT HOPKINS: I would like to point out
21 on this one, though, in the title it does -- we may need to
22 offer an amendment if this goes forward. In the title,
23 though, it does explain that it's only on the southbound side
24 or southbound direction.
25 GRACIE FLOYD: So mine was on the east
26 side -- eastbound side, as well as the west side; am I
27 correct?
28 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am.
29 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I don't see the
30 difference there. But okay.
31 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the -- go
32 ahead. All in favor of the motion show of hands.
33 Moving on to Item (e), 2019 -- show the motion carries
34 unanimously.
35 Moving on to Item number (e), 2019-028, an ordinance
36 proposing a prohibition of certain motor vehicle traffic on
37 Stoneybrook Road. Do we have a motion to move this forward?
38 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson. Have a
40 second? Second Mr. Davis. Any discussion?
41 CINDY WILSON: May I very quickly?
42 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
43 CINDY WILSON: You must be in a rush
44 tonight. I'm sorry.
45 TOMMY DUNN: No. I'm fine. I just
46 never had so much discussion on a road on first reading like
47 this trying to get things. We're not going to sell it. My
48 whole thing is, again, as Mr. Graham pointed out, Mr. Hopkins
49 just made my point a few minutes ago, we've done moved them
50 down to Camelot. Where you going to move them that next time?

1 So I want to have time to have discussed this, see the maps,
2 go out and look at this because I do have concerns about it.
3 Because you're making these people happy but you're going to
4 make these people mad. You've got to be fair about it.

5 Go ahead.

6 CINDY WILSON: I think the overriding
7 concern is the safety, and that's the biggest issue. Murphy,
8 we've had tanker spills there. This one is the one where
9 truckers are coming off of Highway 8 and trying to make a
10 right hand turn onto Stoneybrook, a short road that then t-
11 bones into Ballard that is closed to eighteen wheel traffic.
12 And what's happening is they're going down there with their
13 GPS systems thinking they're making a shortcut and they're
14 taking out power lines. It's a little road. So even Duke
15 Power requested that we close this road for eighteen wheeler
16 traffic. Thank you.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor
18 of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
19 motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Hopkins.

20 Moving on to Item number 9(a), R2019-030, an inducement
21 resolution identifying a project to satisfy the requirements
22 of Title 12, Chapter 44 of the South Carolina Code, so as to
23 allow investment expenditures incurred by a Company known to
24 the County as Project Snake, its affiliates and related
25 entities, to qualify as expenditures eligible for a
26 Fee-in-Lieu of tax arrangements for Anderson County, South
27 Carolina. This is the one we talked about just a few minutes
28 ago. Do we have a motion to move this forward? Motion Ms.
29 Wilson. Have a second? Second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion?

30 CINDY WILSON: ... issue that we had on
31 the ordinance will hopefully -- will have the correction made
32 on the resolution, too, for the next reading. Thank you.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Nelson, you got
34 anything you want to add?

35 BURRISS NELSON: No, sir. It's the same
36 project with the same 8.5 million capital investment and
37 fifty-five jobs being created.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Anybody have anything
39 else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
40 sign. Motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Nelson,
41 appreciate it.

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

44 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have any
45 appointments tonight that I'm not aware of? Hearing and
46 seeing none, requests by council members. Mr. Davis.

47 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
48 I'd like to make a motion from the District 6 recreation fund
49 for Wren Youth Association for five hundred dollars. Make
50 that in the form of a motion.

1 CINDY WILSON: Second.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Davis,
3 second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the
4 motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion
5 carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Davis?
6 Mr. Sanders.
7 BRETT SANDERS: (Inaudible.)
8 TOMMY DUNN: Cut your mic on, Mr.
9 Sanders. Somebody would like to hear your lovely voice.
10 BRETT SANDERS: Yeah, I'd like to donate
11 five hundred to the Wren Youth Association, and would like to
12 put that in the form of a motion.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders, second
14 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show
15 of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
16 unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Sanders?
17 BRETT SANDERS: No, sir.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Dunn, please excuse
20 me, but I need to ask Mr. Rusty ---
21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns.
22 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, what is the
24 name of the Greek Festival?
25 RUSTY BURNS: It's just commonly
26 referred to as the Greek Festival.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But they have a new
28 name now. Mr. Chairman, may I use the old name to ---
29 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, we know what -- I
30 think we can do that.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't remember what the
32 old name was, but anyway, thank you so much. The Greek
33 Festival has asked for a donation for their annual celebration
34 that they have every year. District 2 would like to donate
35 five hundred dollars to the Greek Festival Committee to have
36 their celebration this year. I forget the date of it. And as
37 you can see, I forgot to bring the thing, but a donation of
38 five hundred dollars to them.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Five hundred dollars out
40 of District 2's account for the Greek Festival. Do we have a
41 second?
42 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
43 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any
44 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
45 Opposed like sign. Motion carries unanimously. Anything
46 else, Ms. Floyd?
47 GRACIE FLOYD: No. Thank you.
48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?
49 RAY GRAHAM: Nothing at this time, Mr.
50 Chairman.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?
2 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, I'd like to make a
3 motion of two hundred and fifty dollars to the Wren Youth
4 Association.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten makes a motion
6 for two hundred fifty dollars to the Wren Youth Association.
7 Have a second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of
8 the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion
9 carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Wooten?
10 CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson? Ms. Wilson
12 has none.
13 Moving on now to Administrator's report?
14 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.
15 Chairman.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question.
17 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. About your -- this
19 showed up in the thing, budget transfer.
20 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: But it's not like the
22 others. This is talking about a salary, time, wage and comp,
23 retirement, social security, social security, medicare. What
24 is this all about?
25 RUSTY BURNS: That's just miscellaneous
26 -- Ms. Davis isn't here, but I can get you that answer
27 tomorrow in particular.
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. (Inaudible.)
29 TOMMY DUNN: I haven't seen that, I'll
30 be honest with you, or I don't remember it anyway.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, anyway, it's not
32 done like the other of these questions. It doesn't say -- it
33 says from account to account. It doesn't say what ---
34 RUSTY BURNS: It's primarily
35 housekeeping, Ms. Floyd, but I will get you a detailed
36 explanation on that.
37 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else?
38 Moving on to citizens comments. When Mr. Harmon calls
39 your name, please state your name and district for the record.
40 You have three minutes. And please address the chair. Mr.
41 Harmon?
42 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one
43 speaker signed up; Elizabeth Fant.
44 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District
45 3. When you talk about substandard housing and things that
46 need to be fixed, have you all looked at the house across from
47 the annex? The roof is falling in. The sides of the building
48 are falling off. It's right at your front door. And as far
49 as I know that one is not listed. It's unoccupied. Tear it
50 down and maybe put something up in its place. I'm not for

1 building a whole lot of buildings. However, I do want to talk
2 about one building that you all were voting on recently, which
3 was I believe the rent where old Bank of America where the
4 voting apparatus building is. I don't know what the rent is
5 for that building, but y'all need to investigate perhaps
6 purchasing that building because that's the best place that
7 that group come be in. When it was in the Bailes building it
8 was horrible. When you went in to vote, absentee vote, you
9 were in two or three different pieces of the office. The
10 whole office staff was not visible. Where it is now they have
11 a garage on the side where they can drive the voting machines
12 in. It's got good parking out front, access for disabled
13 people. Everybody in there can be seen. It's like a bank
14 teller, just like you are here. So I hope that something can
15 be done about that where we can be assured that that building
16 is going to stay there.

17 On the business of the Ballard Road and the Camelot Forest
18 and the Murphy, I would think that all of that should be top
19 on our list of roads to get fixed. It shouldn't be, like,
20 well we need to enlarge the intersection or whatever. That's
21 a no-brainer on Murphy Road. Of all the meetings that we've
22 had in the last two years about that area being a hazardous
23 area, you've got two huge facilities out there. You've got
24 the gas tanks and you've got the landfill within a proximity
25 of half a mile or maybe a mile of each other. Going to and
26 from that needs to be fixed. It's not going to get any
27 better. It only going to get worse. If we have to look out
28 for funds for five years from now, we need to have done that
29 yesterday.

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

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

33 Moving on to remarks from council members. Ms. Wilson.

34 CINDY WILSON: I guess I should say no
35 more. Thank you.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wooten.

37 CRAIG WOOTEN: Nothing at this time.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?

39 RAY GRAHAM: I'm going to be real

40 quick. As far as the budget goes, again, when I got on
41 council I agreed to disagree. I truly find it a pleasure to
42 work with each and every one of you guys. I know we had a
43 difference of opinion tonight. You can rest assured I still
44 support the Sheriff's Department one hundred percent. And I
45 still support this county one hundred percent. I hate that I
46 had to vote against the entire budget to prove a point that I
47 felt like I needed to do. But again, I definitely agree to
48 disagree on that. And I respect each and every one of y'all's
49 opinions, as well. Great meeting tonight. Thank you so much
50 for your time.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.
2 Ms. Floyd?
3 GRACIE FLOYD: No. I only have one
4 thing. I need to see Holt Hopkins after the meeting. And I'd
5 like to talk with Ms. ?? after the meeting.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Sanders?
7 BRETT SANDERS: Nothing at this time.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis?
9 Just a couple of quick things, housekeeping. I just want
10 to say I've always enjoyed the time I've had on here serving
11 with Mr. Graham. Look forward to working with you always. As
12 always we've all got different -- sometimes we have different
13 opinions. We've all agreed on that. And I look forward to
14 working with you. Got all the respect in the world for you.
15 Just disagree with you this time. But you have your right to
16 that opinion.
17 At this time I'd like to ask my fellow council members two
18 things. We've got a -- this is concerning ReWa to make it go
19 through on the time line, the public notice and whatnot, have
20 a meeting, Mr. Harmon informed me, on June 28th, that's on a
21 Friday. We can do a little bit of other stuff, if we don't
22 have a meeting, we're thinking not have a regular council
23 meeting July 2nd. I think we've met enough and we ain't got
24 nothing pushing, but that's up to y'all to not have a meeting
25 on the 2nd. Make the meeting on the 28th. Do y'all make a
26 motion we don't meet ---
27 CINDY WILSON: You're commending to do
28 the complete meeting from July 2nd on June 28th?
29 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. Do what needs to be
30 done.
31 CINDY WILSON: We wouldn't be able to
32 appropriate funds, though?
33 TOMMY DUNN: What do you mean
34 appropriate funds?
35 CINDY WILSON: If we have a complete
36 meeting with a complete agenda, like recreational accounts and
37 things of that nature?
38 TOMMY DUNN: How come?
39 CINDY WILSON: Because, for example, some
40 of the recreation accounts are zeroed out in this budget year
41 so we would not be ---
42 TOMMY DUNN: I don't think -- I hope
43 there ain't nobody standing there -- you're right on that
44 account. Or you could move it moving forward. We've got to
45 get with Mr. Harmon about that and see how ---
46 CINDY WILSON: A complete meeting then.
47 Well, I'll make the motion that we have our July 2nd meeting
48 rolled into the June 28th meeting.
49 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson.
50 Have a second?

1 RAY GRAHAM: I'll second that.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Any
3 discussion?
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute. June 28th
5 is ---
6 TOMMY DUNN: June 28th is on a Friday,
7 yeah.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: What time?
9 TOMMY DUNN: Probably around lunch
10 time, Mr. Harmon says.
11 GRACIE FLOYD: So ---
12 LEON HARMON: I think the public notice
13 for the ReWa matter is noticed for noon on the 28th.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Noon on the 28th; okay.
15 CINDY WILSON: And we also have a
16 transfer -- set of transfers from the airport that need to be
17 completed ---
18 TOMMY DUNN: They're all on the list.
19 CINDY WILSON: Pardon?
20 TOMMY DUNN: They're on the agenda.
21 CINDY WILSON: Yeah, that's right.
22 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
23 show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.
24 Meeting be adjourned.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:40 P.M.)