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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to welcome each and every one of you here. Thank you for coming. I’m like to call to order tonight our part of presentations, proclamations and resolutions, of August 20th.

First order of business will be 2(a), Resolution and Proclamation R2019-034. I’d like to ask Council lady Ms. Wilson if she’d ---

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Boy, this is absolutely an honor to recognize the adventure of a lifetime these young people and their families had.

THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE HONEA PATH 8U ALL-STAR BASEBALL TEAM FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE AS THE DIXIE YOUTH DISTRICT 1 DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONS AND THE STATE RUNNER-UP OF THE DIXIE YOUTH 2AA COACH PITCH BASEBALL TOURNAMENT; AND OTHER MATTER RELATED THERETO.

Whereas, on Saturday June 1, 2019 the Honea Path 8 and under All-Star team joined together and began practicing; and,

Whereas, on June 13-15 the team participated in the Dixie Youth District 1 Division 2 Coach Pitch Tournament. The team finished the tournament with a 4-1 record and became the District 1 Division 2 Champions; and,

Whereas, on July 5-9, the Honea Path 8 and under All-Star Baseball team did play in the Dixie Youth 2AA Coach Pitch Baseball Tournament at the Anderson Sports and Entertainment Center Baseball Complex. The Honea Path 8 and under All-Stars ended the tournament with 4-2 record and became the State Runner-up in the 2019 Division 2AA Coach Pitch Tournament, earning the invitation and chance to compete in the national tournament; and,

Whereas, during the tournament the team also received the 2019 Sportsmanship Award for displaying the greatest sportsmanship off and on the field; and,

Whereas, on July 26-30, 2019 the team traveled to Ruston, Louisiana to compete and represent South Carolina in the Dixie Youth Baseball Machine Pitch Division 2 World Series. The team finished in third place with a record of 3-3 out of the 8 teams competing in their division. During the tournament the team scored 28 runs in a single game which was the highest score of any game in this series; and,

Whereas, during the tournament the team also competed in various skills competitions such as a home run derby, a round-robin infield competition and a base-running competition. Two players from the
team received 1st and 2nd place in the base running competition; and,

Now Therefore, the Anderson County Council is proud to recognize our youth who demonstrate high qualities of sportsmanship, dedication and teamwork. We are extremely proud of all of your accomplishments as you reflect true pride in our community, setting an example for your peers to emulate. We wish you great success in all of your future endeavors.

RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled this 20th day of August, 2019. And I think we’re going to have a lot of fun greeting all these young people and their families and coaches when they come up.

May I put that in the form of a motion?

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second?

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any discussion? I’ll echo Ms. Wilson’s thoughts and congratulate y’all. Appreciate the fine job y’all done in representing Anderson County. Anybody have anything else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: We’ll greet our folks down there.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: That will conclude this part of the council meeting. We’ll reconvene back here at 6:30.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:10 P.M.)
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At this time let me call the regular Anderson County Council meeting of August 20 to order. Welcome everyone here and thank you for coming tonight. At this time I’d like to ask Councilman Brett Sanders if he would lead us in invocation and pledge of allegiance. Can we all rise, please?

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY BRETT SANDERS

Are there any changes or corrections that need to be made to the minutes of August 6th?

Ms. Wilson.

On page 46, line 24, I would request a clarification. The sentence began as above, but on line 24 after Mr. Brett Sanders referring to committeemen and council members and then Solid Waste Director, Mr. Greg Smith. I would request that be inserted. And at the bottom of the page, form on line 50 should be from. And let’s see, there was one other one. On page 53 the appropriation in line 10 to Cheddar Youth Center instead of young. And I would make the motion that we accept with those amendments unless someone else has anything.

Ms. Wilson -- does anyone else have anything? Ms. Wilson makes the motion to accept the minutes with those corrections to be made.

Do we have a second?

Second.

Second by Mr. Davis. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Before we move on, a couple of things. I’d like to congratulate Mr. Graham for his nomination and election to the South Carolina Association of Counties Board. Appreciate it, Mr. Graham. I know you’ll represent all of South Carolina good, and especially Anderson County.

Also, tonight -- give me just one second -- item 8(a) and 8(b) will be pulled. They’re not ready. That’s economic development thing, Swan, Project Swan. 8(a) and 8(b) will be removed from tonight’s agenda.

Moving on now to item number 4, citizens comments. As our attorney, Mr. Harmon, calls your name, please, for the record state your name and district. You have three minutes. Address the chair and only speak to items on the agenda this go-around. Any other items can be addressed at the end of the meeting if you signed up for it. So Mr. Harmon.

Mr. Chairman, first speaker is Richard Bennett.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, make sure that’s working good.

RICHARD BENNETT: Richard Bennett, I’m District 4. I appreciate the time. I’m speaking on item number 7 of the agenda. I requested a rezoning from R-20 to C-2. We’ve got to kind of going on that and since then I’ve met with the citizens in the neighborhood and several of the neighbors Friday night. Come to some understanding of what we can do and not. We’re trying to work it out a little bit more. So I’d like to ask if the council would please give us a table of number 7 tonight so we can go a little further.

And also I was wanting to be able to go over kind of where we are right now. We agreed, and we’re not final, we’re still talking, still adjusting, nothing is finalized, just to put a deed restriction on the property of twenty years, a three hundred foot buffer on the back to be left natural subject to a power or water line through it; a twenty foot buffer from the right-of-way roughly off 39 Road up the whole property line; limit to one access on Cartee Road. And I located access on a road which is up in the upper half but we’ll have a plat done on that.

And so what I would ask is to table it. We’re going to try to meet again with more of the neighborhood, and I think I’m going to meet with a bigger group and we’ll probably make some decisions and come to a verbal agreement. Maybe go to second reading and possible -- before the third reading I would put a -- we all agreed to put deed restrictions on the property that was satisfied to us and me, as well. I think most the stuff we’re doing makes sense for both sides. It doesn’t hurt my project and I don’t think -- I think it helps them, as well. So that’s what I’d like see happen if council could please table that to make it an opportunity.

TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate that, Mr. Bennett, and appreciate your willingness to work with the citizens. That’s what it’s all about. And hope we get a win-win. And when it comes up on the agenda, we’ll have somebody take care of it.

RICHARD BENNETT: Thank you very much, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Mr. Harmon?

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, I’m not sure of this next name. The last name may be Nash or Martin.

TOMMY DUNN: What’s the first name? Got a first name? Who signed up on the sheet second? Anybody know here?
RUSTY BURNS: It would appear that the first name starts with M and second name starts with N.

TOMMY DUNN: Don’t be embarrassed. I can’t read my own writing when it gets cold.

MIKE MANLEY: My name is Mike Manley. I live at 1158 Cartee Road. I’ve lived there for about twenty-two years. I’ve raised three grand kids out there. It’s a wonderful neighborhood. There’s about fifty-five homes out there. Fortunately we live on a dead-end cul-de-sac. So we only have one way out and one way in there. So it’s kind of isolated.

Unfortunately our exit out of there is onto the exit ramp at exit 14 on I-85; a pretty dangerous exit for us.

I want to thank the council for last meeting where we had the first reading and how y’all encouraged us to get together. We’ve done that. We’ve had several meetings and conversations. We’re going to continue to do that. I want to thank him a lot, too, for being willing to do this. I think he’s very open and very accommodating to us. What we’re hoping we can do is come to some kind of decision that works for the neighborhood, wonderful neighborhood, and that also allows him to develop his property there appropriately.

I certainly support the tabling of this tonight to give us some further time to work on it or (mic cutting out). We’ve got some other folks here going to be speaking, as well, probably more specific about the neighborhood. Thank you very much.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Harmon?

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker is Chris, maybe Moses? Moreno. I apologize for that.

CHRIS MORENO: My name is Chris Moreno. I live at 1122 Cartee Road. (Mic cutting out). I just wanted to speak out again about the rezoning. Absolutely I believe everyone in our neighborhood accepts and endorses and wants economic development. We understand that every neighborhood can’t say, no, I don’t want more economic development.

What we do have, though, is a small community in a peninsula that is very insular and it’s got no way out right now, apart from the one road that Mr. Manley spoke about. That does present a concern.

What is encouraging is the conversations that I have heard about our potential options and I support a compromise. But I want to make it clear that our neighborhood really can’t handle much more traffic and sound and what not without mitigation efforts. I really appreciate the council encouraging it and I really (mic cutting out) engaging us. I just wanted to
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Tommy Dunn: Thank you. Mr. Harmon?

Leon Harmon: Mr. Chairman, next speaker, last name Shepherd.

Michael Shepherd: My name is Michael Shepherd. My wife and I have lived on 1303 Cartee Road for about twenty-three years. I appreciate Mr. Bennett working with us (mic cutting out) place to live. Like they said it’s hard to get in (mic cutting out).

Tommy Dunn: Thank you.

Leon Harmon: Next speaker, Mr. Chairman, is Don, Dan?

Mitch Mack: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, my name is Mitch Mack, I’m a resident of Cartee Road and my family, my wife and son, are here with us -- with me. I just want to mirror the comments earlier requesting that you table agenda item 7 to give us a little bit more time to work out a good compromise that’s effective for our neighborhood, as well as Mr. Bennett. And I do appreciate all of everyone’s efforts for this to keep our neighborhood safe for all of us coming in, but yet still let our neighborhood grow and the community. That’s all I have to say. Thank you.

Tommy Dunn: Thank you. Mr. Harmon?

Leon Harmon: Mr. Chairman, next speaker is Don McKinney. Dan.

Dan McKinney: My name is Dan McKinney. I live at 4034 Windward Trail, District 7. I’m here tonight to address your agenda item 11 that deals with some new language possibly coming in to the land use ordinances concerning encroachment of commercial businesses in residential areas.

Anderson County has been very good, way ahead of the game on long-range planning, zoning, the need for land use ordinances. So as the population grows, we all have a place to be and can live harmoniously. From time to time that language has to be modified. So my comments are directed to the need to modify language to offer protection to the residents who have chosen to live and voted originally to become a zoned residential or they moved into a residential zoned area because they were looking for a certain quality of life and they also need to be able to protect their residential investment.

And so there are two areas that I would like to see us address as we’re starting to go through our land use and zoning ordinances. One is you’re going to be seeing an Exhibit A, Amendment to Chapter 70, Articles 6 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances. And the
reason for that is that a commercial business does not
meet the public in a traditional store. But if you
don’t meet the public in this store, but you choose to
store all the means to do business on that residential
property is what I would like to see addressed. And I
think I’d like for my endorsement (mic cutting out)
flowing to you in that regard.

A person that has selected to live in a residential
area and invest in that area should not have to deal
with others choosing to store the means to conduct an
off-side business on site. And I’d just refer you to
the full language that’s in Exhibit A that you’ll be
receiving under agenda item 11. I would also like to
see that language expanded to include the parking and
storage and maintenance of full blowing 18-wheel
tractor trailer rigs on residential property, parking
and storage and maintenance of large tour buses, people
that are conducting a tour bus business used to park
those on their residential lots, and the storage of
maintenance equipment such as bouncy houses or what not
where they’re all inflated on the property.

In summary, also car/truck businesses that are
operating on residential property. You can sell your
daughter’s car when she got off to college, but I don’t
think you ought to be able to go to the auction, and
you know, get five cars complete with the window
dressing and put them on a lot and be able to sell
them.

LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

DAN MCKINNEY: So I hope you’ll entertain
the changes proposed coming to you on the land use
ordinances.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. McKinney.

Appreciate it. Mr. Harmon?

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker
is Rebecca Coffey Moses.

REBECCA COFFEY MOSES: Good evening,
everybody. My name is Rebecca Coffey Moses. I spoke
at the last meeting. And I want to thank you again for
the opportunity to speak tonight. At the last meeting
you all voted to approve the zoning request with the
understanding that we would all meet with the developer
in an attempt to work out a compromise on rezoning the
request. A group of us were able to meet with the
developer Friday evening. We had a very productive
meeting. Mr. Bennett heard our concerns and proposed
some restrictions within the property deed that would
address those. And I promises time limited buffer area
between our residences and any commercial development.

He came out to the property Sunday morning and marked
the property to give us a visual illustration of what he was suggesting, and I found that to be very helpful. I did speak with Mr. Farr who is the property owner that would directly face this property and he has a few concerns. I was unable to speak with the other resident. So I don’t think we’ve had adequate time to relay the recommendations to all of our neighbors. We would like to continue working with Mr. Bennett on the compromise and have some time to discuss this with our neighbors. So because of this I’d like to ask that the issue be tabled tonight and a vote for the second reading be held at the next meeting.

That being said, and I do apologize because it’s going to come across a little bit critical. But I’m a little concerned that after your discussions at the meeting two weeks ago that this was slated for a second reading tonight. It was my understanding that you were going to give us adequate time to work on a compromise before slating the second reading. And in fact, I went back and reviewed the minutes just to make sure that I understood correctly. And Mr. Dunn, on page 30, you specifically told us that it wasn’t something that we had to work out in two weeks. And then Mr. Wooten followed up on that saying that I’m sorry if I mislead people to believe it had to be done in two weeks. We can have a second reading in December or we could have a second reading in September. But here we are two weeks later and the second reading was scheduled before we could even meet with the developer. We met with him within ten days of the last meeting, so it’s not like we were really lagging on anything. It was at that meeting this past Friday that I became aware that this was going to be on the agenda tonight. I had checked the website for the agenda. It wasn’t even published until yesterday morning. So while I was able to adjust my schedule to be here, I’m afraid that some people couldn’t. So again, I’ll ask that you table the issue and have second reading after we’ve had some sufficient time to work on the compromise. But I would also like you to kind of keep in mind how the agenda works and how people will be notified so that they have time to actually come in and be prepared for that. So thank you all. Appreciate it.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon?

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker is Sherry Black.

SHERRY BLACK: I am Sherry Black. I live in the first house on the right as you go down Cartee. This development is going to affect me and Mr. Farr the most because we’re the first two. And it’s a great
neighborhood. It’s a quiet neighborhood. But we’re concerned about the traffic. There’s not a lot of traffic now, but you know, we don’t know what’s to come. And of course, we don’t want a lot of things built across from us, you know. I live by myself, so I have concerns about that. The interstate, that is a dangerous interstate off-ramp. Very, very dangerous. But if you’ve got a plan for buffers and protectants, I would be willing (mic cutting out) that. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker is Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: Very briefly, Elizabeth Fant, District 3. I’ll be talking mostly on the administrator’s report, the sheriff’s report. I noticed that we had twenty-two miles of roads cleaned which is really great. Being out where I pick up trash a little bit less because they see this mean woman out there cracking the whip. And I’m getting a reputation for that. And believe me it makes a difference. I applaud our Sheriff’s Department for doing that.

One thing I would ask all of you council people, please to do, is when you talk tonight, the next night, whatever, don’t turn to your neighbor to speak to them. Speak in the mic, head/voice out here. You turn your head to talk to somebody down here, we can’t hear you. It’s not so important that we hear you as it is that the recording can understand what you say, because what you say gets documented and typed up. If they can’t understand what you’re saying, it doesn’t get typed up correctly.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon?

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon; appreciate it.

Moving on now to item number 5, updates from District 2, Council lady, Ms. Floyd. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I wanted to talk tonight about my district, District 2, because we have a lot going on. And in order for you to help us, you have to know us a little bit. And this is a, this is a situation that I just really want you to know what’s going on.

First of all, I started working with District 2 about eight, nine years ago down in Homeland Park. No, I have that backwards. I started working with Homeland Park eight to nine years ago. And when I got down there I found out there was much done to Homeland Park, but it just wasn’t enough; it wasn’t enough. And here
we are eight years later; we have made some strides there, but we have a long way to go.

First of all I found out that there are seventy-seven houses throughout District 2 -- now this is the whole district -- seventy-seven houses that needs to come down, to be torn down or what. That’s the highest. The next highest, I believe, is twenty-eight. So you can see the vast difference there. Now, to get these houses torn down, it’s going to call for something. It’s going to call for some fancy footwork because it costs ten thousand dollars, I understand, ten to thirteen thousand to tear a house down. And in the budget they only put in a hundred thousand. And that’s to be divided by seven people. So what we decided to do was we’re going to write a grant. We’re going to try to write a grant in order to see if we can get some funding to do this.

We have always begged and asked for a substation for the police -- for the sheriff’s office down there in Homeland Park and we were never able to get it. But good news, we now will have a substation at Watson Village. Watson Village management has given us a building to have it in. We have -- the sheriff is on line with this. So you’ll be hearing about that pretty soon. They are preparing the building for us. And we’re really excited about that.

Last week I went to the Homeland Park Community Group. They call themselves a watch group, but I like to think of them more of a community group. We had a really good time. We had a packed house there. There was a lot of people with a lot of questions and they seemed to be ready to go. We talked about the houses there that needs to be done. We talked about what needed to be done in the community. Yes, we had Mr. Gary Bruhjell; he is the principal of Homeland Park Elementary. We had the superintendent for School District 5; I think his name was Dr. Wilson, wasn’t it, Mr. Burns? Yeah, thank you. Dr. Wilson was there. And Mr. Burns was there and our chairperson, Mr. Dunn, was there. It was a very, very good meeting. And I’m looking for big things to come out of this.

Also, Susan Booker Street; Susan Booker Street started up again. We were doing really good at one time and then the chairperson -- the leader, we call them, the leader was sick and we had to kind of close it down. We had to stop for a minute. But Booker, Susan Street had their first community meeting again. And this place is right around the golf course, the old golf course; what used to be the Anderson Golf Club. It’s now a sod farm. And we’re really excited about
that. They had some issues that we’re going to have to straighten out. But with the county personnel, I won’t have any problems at all because they’re really good at what they do.

On top of that, I called the leader of the Alphabet Streets; his name is Terry Chapman. Mr. Chapman has been sick, as well, and -- but he tells me he’s ready to start it up again. So I’m really glad to have all this news because it means a lot when you can get the community involved in what’s going on. Just like the community that’s here tonight, you appear to be really into what’s happening in your area and you appear to be ready to work. When you can do this, you can get a lot done.

District 2 is in the south end of our county, starting from downtown going back, Homeland Park, Broadway Lake, I can’t even think of the other places now, on the east side a little bit, Pat Harris Hospital. It goes up to Pea Creek Street up in Belton. We’re just really excited. If you missed the Broadway Lake Family Day, you missed it. We have some excellent skiing out there. Next year bring the kids and come out and see it. We have things for the kids to do. It’s just a really good people family time. I didn’t see you there, but you’ll come next year; right? Yeah, next year. Good. All right.

And also coming up in February we will have our Black History Month. The people over Broadview Johnson put on a soul food feast. And soul food, folks, is nothing more than what we came up with. You ate the collard greens and the pork chops and all the other stuff. Stuff maybe you didn’t eat that was good and maybe stuff you did eat. But I’d like to invite all of you out now. Please prepare -- make arrangements to come out and meet people, see people. Let’s get together as one people.

I’m serious about my district. You can ask anybody. I am serious about my district. But this is what’s going on in Anderson County Council District 2. We’re having a good time and we’re coming. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

Moving on now to item number 6, third reading, 6(a), 2019-030, an ordinance amending ordinance number 99-004 of the Anderson County Zoning Ordinance, as adopted July 20, 1999, by amending certain sections of the Zoning Ordinance text, specially Chapter 70, Article 4, Chapter 70, Articles, Section 5.2 and 5.3 and Chapter 70, Article 10, Section 2 to reconstitute the Zoning Advisory Groups. This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, step
forward and state your name and district and address
the chair. Anyone at all? Hearing and seeing none,
the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion
to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we
have a second?
RAY GRAHAM: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Any
discussion?
GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Before we start on 2019-030, would you please explain to the audience what this
is about? I know it’s third reading. We know, but I
don’t believe that they might know.

TOMMY DUNN: Is Dr. Parkey here? Dr.
Parkey, do you want to do this? This is -- what this
does, reconfigures our neighborhood zoning. We’ve been
having trouble getting quorums to it, so the committee
recommended this. Dr. Parkey, do you want to
elaborate?

JEFF PARKEY: That’s right, Mr. Chair.

There has been troubles with quorum and a variety of
other logistic and technical concerns with these
committees, so when a new precinct zones, council
members would be able to recommend appointments for a
Zoning Advisory Group to advise them and the Planning
Commission on zoning-related matters. So basically
just streamlining greatly how the process works.

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

Now moving on to item number 6(b), 2019-031, an
ordinance to amend Section 59-23, titled speed and
traffic volume, of the Code of Ordinances, Anderson
County, South Carolina so as to change the standard for
determination that a speeding problem exists.

Before we go into this, what this entails is we
have an ordinance in place about what it requires to
put speed bumps in subdivisions and in roads. And
we’ve been missing out on a few because of the sections
not being able -- just not quite being able to make it.
We’ve had some neighborhoods ask for this and we’ve had
to turn them down. This gives our roads department a
little bit more tools in the toolbox to try to be able
to help the neighborhood out to be able to slow the
traffic down. So this will be a public hearing.

Anyone wishing to speak on this matter, please step
forward. Again, state your name and district and
address the chair. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing
none, public hearing will be closed. Do we have a
motion to move this forward?
CINDY WILSON: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we
have a second?
RAY GRAHAM: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Do we
have any discussion on this? All in favor of the
motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
motion carries unanimously.
We’re going to be moving on to item number 7(a)
now. And Mr. Sanders, do you want to recuse yourself?
BRETT SANDERS: Sure.
TOMMY DUNN: Do you want to state why
for the record?
BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, I’d like to
recuse myself because I have had business dealings with
members of the development company.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Sanders. If
you’ll step outside and when it’s over, we’ll get you.
RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Before your thing, Mr.
Graham, I’d just like to make clear a couple of things.
Number one, the only way we can pull something off an
agenda is the person that put it on there. We can
table it, move it forward or deny it. That’s what
we’re going to do tonight, and that was my intention
when I said last time. We can’t pull nothing off. The
only person that can pull it off is the person that put
it on there. When I told y’all last meeting, it
wouldn’t go forward until we fix it, that’s what I
meant. Our agendas for years, we approve them. We’ve
got till Wednesday at 5:00 to approve an agenda.
Nobody knows what goes on. She sets it, typed it, puts
it out on Friday afternoon. If it can’t wait till --
well, that’s the way -- it’s supposed to be Friday. If
there’s a glitch we’re going to find out, but that’s
the way it’s supposed to work. But if you’ll call 260-
1036 Thursday morning, that lady over there can tell
you what’s going to be on the agenda. Okay? Mr.
Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
I’d like to request -- make a motion that we table this
due to Mr. Bennett’s request and also community
members’ willingness to work together and further
hopefully come out with an agreement and bring back to
full council.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
1  TOMMY DUNN:       Motion Mr. Graham and
2  second Ms. Wilson. All in favor of the motion show of
3  hands. Show the motion carries unanimously, with Mr.
4  Sanders recusing himself. Go ahead, Mr. Davis. Thank
5  you. Appreciate y’all coming and hope you can get
6  something worked out. We’ll be moving on. Thank
7  y’all.
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9  While they’re moving on, we’re going to be moving
10  on to our next item. We won’t go into it yet, but
11  we’ll be moving on to item number 7(b), 2019-035, an
12  ordinance to amend Section 2-633 of the Anderson
13  County, South Carolina Code of Ordinances so as to
14  increase from $1,000.00 to $5,000.00 the smallest
15  amount for which an annual inventory and accounting is
16  required by the Finance Department in the county. We
17  have a motion on the floor for 7(b) by Mr. Davis. Do
18  we have a second? Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in
19  favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
20  sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
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22  Now we’re going to be moving on to item number
23  7(c), 2019-036, an ordinance authorizing pursuant to
24  Title 4 of the Codes of Laws of South Carolina, 1976,
25  as amended, including Sections 4-1-170, 4-1-175, and 4-
26  29-68 there, and Article VIII, of the South Carolina
27  Constitution the execution and delivery of an
28  Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and between Anderson
29  County, South Carolina and a company known to the
30  county as Project MCPEND, to provide for certain
31  Special Source Revenue or Infrastructure Credits. Mr.
32  Nelson, do you have anything to say before we ---
33  BURRISS NELSON:    Certainly, Mr. Chairman, if
34  you’d allow me.
35  TOMMY DUNN:       Yes, sir.
36  BURRISS NELSON:    Mr. Chairman, this is a
37  project, members of council, a project that’s come to
38  us. We’re assisting the City of Pendleton in a
39  development project there. It’s an apartment complex.
40  Of course, we have the combining of all the millage
41  rates and this is a multi-county park agreement for a
42  commercial entity. We have a fifty percent SSRC for
43  tax years one through ten; a forty percent SSRC or
44  infrastructure credit for years eleven through twenty.
45  Taxes on this property last year paid twelve thousand
46  five hundred twenty-three dollars. Projected taxes in
47  2021 will be eight hundred and twenty thousand. And
48  over a ten-year period, eight million two hundred
49  thousand. The first year community impact is eighty-
50  four thousand dollars. And over twenty years the total
51  community impact of 7.977 million. This comes to
52  council as a recommendation from our staff and the
Economic Development Advisory Board. And we appreciate your consideration. Thank you, sir.

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

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Now discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Nelson.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Nelson.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burriss, you said commercial entity. Can you tell us what type of commercial ---

BURRISS NELSON: It’s an apartment complex. I mentioned that.

GRACIE FLOYD: I’m sorry. I didn’t hear you. Yeah. This is going to be an apartment complex?

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma’am. Thirty-one million dollar project.

GRACIE FLOYD: A thirty-one million dollar project. Okay. All right. This is an apartment complex, but the county is going to get into it, get involved in it?

BURRISS NELSON: We were requested by the city of Pendleton to help assist them with the development of this project. The Town of Pendleton could not put all of this project together without the county’s assistance.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, what type -- excuse me. What type of assistance are they asking for?

BURRISS NELSON: Well, because the county’s millage rate and the city’s millage rate would be combined, everything in our entire seven hundred and fifty square miles is county. And all the cities set on top of that. So the county’s millage up there is about three hundred and fifteen, three hundred and twenty mils. The city’s millage is about a hundred and fifteen or sixteen. I don’t remember exactly. The total millage, though, between the two is four hundred and fifty-five mils, which is a substantial amount of millage rate for any project. And so since this is a commercial project, it gets a six percent assessment ratio just like any commercial entity does. And for the town of Pendleton to be able to attract this project, they asked us to assist and help them put together the multi-county park agreement with the property tax discounts.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Burriss, why are
we, why are we saying multi-county park agreement?
Would you please explain that?
    BURRISS NELSON: It was a piece of state legislation that was passed in 1978 that incentivized business and industry. And it’s one of the five different kinds of fee in lieu of tax. This particular multi-county park legislation has a lot of flexibility and it’s allowed Anderson County to do quite a bit of development of many kinds where it was very difficult for a regular negotiated fee to be put in place.
    GRACIE FLOYD: Isn’t this a lot like subsidizing?
    BURRISS NELSON: Well, it is a discount of the property tax to make the project work. A subsidy is actually where we would give cash into a project and this is merely a discount of the property tax. But in a broad sense of the definition, I think certainly you could use that term.
    GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
    BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma’am.
    BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman?
    TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.
    BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Nelson?
    BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir.
    BRETT SANDERS: The town of Pendleton is also contributing (mic cutting out) as well as Anderson County; correct?
    BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, everybody is taking the same discount.
    BRETT SANDERS: And it would be hard pressed to find anything to develop on seven acres and spend thirty-one million dollars at I believe you said four hundred and fifty-five millage points total?
    BURRISS NELSON: That’s correct.
    BRETT SANDERS: And Pendleton is onboard. They’ve asked us and you and your department feel good about it?
    BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Certainly anything that aids any of the communities in our county to bring about capital investment and improve their community, we certainly want to participate if at all possible at council’s direction.
    BRETT SANDERS: And also there will be substantial monies going to their schools?
    BURRISS NELSON: Oh, yes, sir. The school gets the majority of the funds that are coming out of the project.
    BRETT SANDERS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Nelson.
    RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Nelson, I know this was referred to as a subsidy, but another way to look at this would be an investment, as well, because basically we’re going from twelve thousand dollars a year of tax revenue just the first year along to eight hundred and twenty thousand; correct?

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, that’s correct.

RAY GRAHAM: Good job with your department. We appreciate what you guys do. I’m sure that community is definitely going to be supportive of this.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, sir.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: I’m sorry. One thing we’re not saying, though, and I’m having a hard time with it. But it’s not affordable homes; it’s deluxe homes that we’re talking about here. It’s not houses for those who have no place to live or needs some subsidized housing. These are going to be high-quality homes; am I correct?

BURRISS NELSON: It’s apartments that will certainly be above standard. They’re not student housing. And it will be for folks who have good quality jobs such as those that will be created at Arthrex.

GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

Also, Mr. Burriss, the people who are building these houses, I understand that we’re giving them a fifty percent property tax reduction to build these houses.

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

Good.

BURRISS NELSON: That’s the request.

GRACIE FLOYD: Beg your pardon?

BURRISS NELSON: That’s the request.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. They are requesting a fifty percent property tax reduction to come and build these houses. The whole thing needs to be looked at again. We need to look at it again because if -- I only have one vote, but if council votes to do this, that’s fine. But how can you, how can you let somebody get off paying only fifty percent of their taxes and then the next week or the next week after that you’re asking people to pony up twenty-five dollars for a road tax fee or a car fee. It doesn’t seem to go together with me. And Mr. Chairman, I thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

BRETT SANDERS: May I?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Nelson?

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir.

BRETT SANDERS: Looking at this deal, we’re talking a thirty-one million dollar deal on seven acres, or close to seven acres. Me looking at this, we’re talking 4.4 million dollar investment if it is as Councilman Floyd says, 2.4 million dollars would be a hundred percent. And I’ve been up there and looked at the property and you’d be hard pressed to get 2.4 million dollars per acre investment on that property up there on a back road other than what they’re talking about. So I understand the discount based on the thirty-one million dollar investment. So again I think it would benefit Pendleton, which is in my district, and I think it would benefit the people in the area. Thank you.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anymore discussion?

JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: This is -- forgive me for my ignorance here, but (mic cutting out) we have these fee in lieu of agreements here, how does that affect our volunteer fire departments?

BURRISS NELSON: Well, the Anderson County Council, long ago, agreed that the property tax as it was collected would be distributed equally on a percentage basis or pro rata to each one of the taxing entities that there are. So the total millage would be divided out on a percentage basis. The town of Pendleton would get their portion, schools would get
their portion, the county would get its portion, the
districts would get their portion, based on that
investment and what that tax dollar would be that would
be paid.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?
CRAIG WOOTEN: I guess if everybody else
shared, I’ll share. I guess my thought process is if I
look forward to the day that we don’t have to do fee in
lieu of. But I think a level of it is dictated by what
our neighbors do around us. I reference the state
constitution. There’s a lot of things that don’t gel
up there. But I think in reality we do have to look at
it as a tool to use. And I try to think of it as a
bulk discount. If we went to any retainer and said
we’re going to buy a hundred cars, they’re going to
give us a lot off those cars. But if I told them I was
going to buy one car, they’re going to make me pay
sticker price. So this is an entity that’s coming in
and speaking thirty-one million dollars as opposed to
maybe an individual who’s spending a hundred fifty
thousand on a house. I understand that. I think the
point is well taken though that the reason we have to
go this route is some competitive items that are around
us that are out of our control. But I think it’s a win
for that area.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries
Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.

Moving on now to item number (d), 2019-037, an
ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of
a joint county industrial and business park, 2010 park,
of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge
the park for project MCPEND. And this is the same
project we just talked about. This is moving into the
park; we do this with Greenville and Greenville does it
with us and Abbeville, to be able to do such a fee in
lieu of and put it in this park. Do we have a motion
to move this forward and get it on the floor for
discussion?
CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we
have a second? Mr. Sanders, we have a second? Second
Mr. Sanders. Now discussion. All in favor of the
motion show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion
carries with Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr.
Graham, Mr. Wooten, Ms. Wilson in favor. Ms. Floyd
opposes.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

We’re going to move on to item number (e), 2019-038, an ordinance to authorize Anderson County to obtain a loan from the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund administered by the Catawba Regional Council of Governments for environmental cleanup at the Toxaway Mill site and the Pelzer Lower Mill site. Mr. Burns or Mr. Harmon, do one of y’all want to speak on this before we put it on the floor?

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, this is the project that we discussed where we’ll be borrowing this money from the Catawba Regional Council of Governments. We will receive a thirty percent discount. It’s one percent interest. This will allow us to complete the work that we have started someone time ago at the Toxaway Mill site and Pelzer Lower Mill site.

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

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: Very quickly, may I?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: I’m sure it’s the same with Toxaway over in Ms. Floyd’s district, but the Pelzer project, this property has been deteriorating for decades now. And this clean-up will facilitate future development. In fact, there’s a developer working on that site right now trying to put a deal together. So we’re in hopes that that will work for that community. They’re very stressed financially there and we’re trying to do what we can to support that community. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: It is not the same with Toxaway. We started working on Toxaway about nineteen, eighteen years ago. And we did get some money. We went to Washington and was able to get some money to work on this thing and we have. We have been working on it. And even though I thought that we had money left, it wasn’t a whole lot, but I thought that we had a couple of dollars left, but I found out we didn’t. But in order to finish the project we’re going to have
to ask for this revolving loan fund from the Catawba Councils of Government, which is COG, Councils of Government. Thank you.

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

We’re moving on now to item number (f), 2019-039, an ordinance authorizing the sale of all real property owned by Anderson County, South Carolina, acquired by deed from One World Technologies, Inc. and also known as the Pickens TTI site to Empire Properties. Mr. Burns, do you have anything? Or Mr. Harmon?

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, members of council, this is the matter that we discussed at the last meeting where the county will sell the Pelzer -- I’m sorry, got Pelzer on my mind -- will sell the Pickens TTI site to Empire Properties. They were the entity that proposed on the sale when we issued a request for a proposal on the project.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.


As I said earlier, 8(a) and 8(b) have been pulled. We have no resolutions on item number 9.

Move into number 10, road acceptances into the county inventory. Do we have a motion to move both of these Avendell Drive and Nevell Drive at the same time? Do we have a motion to move these forward?

JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr. Davis. Do we have a second? Second Ms. Wilson. I’m sorry. Now discussion? You just nod your head. Does all this meet all our criteria? Everything good? Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to item number 11, report from the Planning and Public Works Committee held on August 14, item number 3, Chairman Wilson. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We met last Wednesday and had very substantial conversations. We had been struggling through this Exhibit A issue we’re dealing with storage and noxious businesses in zoned residential areas. And finally we believe that we have language that is simple and clear. And I’m going to quickly read this and point out that
first of all this has -- it does not preclude in-home
businesses. It does not preclude someone bringing
their trailer home with their lawnmower and that sort
of thing on it. It deals with large-scale type mulch
piles and logs, logging operations, that sort of thing.
So I’ll read this to you.

This is 664, Commercial Equipment and Materials.
In all our districts except R-A, which is residential
agricultural, no commercial equipment or materials
associated with an off-site business may be stored on a
property. Such equipment and materials may include,
but are not limited, to tractors, backhoes, front-end
loaders, skid steers, ditch witches, grinders,
chippers, shredders, large commercial equipment or
other machinery; logs, stumps, mulch or debris; paper,
plastic and cardboard debris or containers; auto parts
and tires; appliances and furniture; rock, gravel,
railroad ties, building materials or other supplies and
materials. Upon notification by the Development
Standards Department, property owners shall have ten
days to remove such equipment or materials from the
property or be subject to enforcement.

And our committee voted to bring this forward to
council for your discussion and debate.

TOMMY DUNN: I would just like to start
off. I’ve done some checking, talked with Mr. Harmon
today, lengthy discussion, and Ms. Hunter. What this
boils down to in a nutshell is plain and simple. We’ve
got this language, thereabouts, in our ordinance now.
And this would only pertain to zoned areas. What we’re
running -- I found out what this is running into,
there’s no teeth to enforce this stuff when they go to
write somebody a ticket. They’ve been turned down by
the judges and what not. And this is coming from the
enforcement part and talking with Ms. Hunter. But this
does need some different language in it, and be covered
up, talking with Leon today, where it wouldn’t come
back as it is now. It could be interpretive of some
select enforcement, which we’d have a problem with. It
needs to be cleaned up on it.

And also, we want to make sure -- or I do anyway --
if somebody in this predicament has got like, and it
could very well be, have seven or eight acres, you’re
going to tell them they can’t put a mulch thing in
their backyard back there somewhere. All this can be
worked out. I talked to Ms. Hunter today and Mr.
Harmon feels like he can get some language and spell
this out where it would be enforceable and stuff,
something can be done on this. But it ain’t nothing --
it ain’t like creating a whole new thing. It’s in our
ordinance now in the sections, a lot of this stuff, it’s just that we can’t -- there’s nothing there to enforce. A judge likes something, from my understanding in talking to them, very specific instead of just general stuff. So I think this is something that can be improved on and something that we can come up with and work for the betterment of our citizens and also to give our staff something to work with.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you. I know people who are living in these zoned areas who have had these pop-up car shop repair businesses and logging operations in close proximity to other homes would really appreciate having their investments protected and their quiet enjoyment of their property. So we will look forward to getting the new language. At least we’re on the right track, it seems.

The other item that we discussed and bring it forward for further discussion in council, but I would recommend and would make a motion further into our discussion that we take this to our Planning Commission for their review and whatever adjustments they would recommend. But basically this is dealing with the conservation design and development measures for the Anderson County Development Standards Department. And I would bring your attention to the handout. This is -- this incentivizes the conservation design and development measures that are outlined below. This should result in more attractive and marketable subdivisions while preserving the developer’s use of full density and costing the developer less. So this would definitely be more of a win-win for communities, prospective buyers living in such developers, and the developer’s profit, the bottom line. These are encouraged. They’re basically -- it gives the planning department and the developers more flexibility. So I would hope that you would review this. And if y’all have any questions about ---

TOMMY DUNN: Dr. Parkey, would you step forward, please? I believe y’all had a seminar a month or so ago out at the Civic Center and had a very renowned speaker come in and do some tabletop stuff. I was very impressed, very encouraged, with what I seen, some people there. And I think Ms. Wilson has got a good idea about the Planning Commission. But also I’d like to see if you could put together and let council know if they want to attend or what not, a committee, but I’d like to see a group of developers come in here with their thoughts on this, tell -- I think it would be a win-win for everybody. I really think it would be a good thing. I’d like to hear their input and explain
it to them. This is a good thing. I think this would be -- and I know there was some developers there at the Civic Center at the meeting and the ones I talked to was encouraged by some of the stuff they seen and everything. Can you do that; arrange that? Appreciate it. Anybody have anything for Dr. Parkey? Anybody got any comments or anything else?

CINDY WILSON: Just to point out that there were developers at the Civic Center. It’s a new pattern of thinking, perhaps, a new perspective on instead of just going out and bulldozing and slapping houses on a slab, you give a little consideration to the topography and other items. And the Planning Department could allow more intense use of the property in return for more open space and consideration. People love to have views. The most valuable property in the United States, from what I understand, is overlooking Central Park and other golf developments. So it’s kind of that sort of thinking pattern, but it doesn’t have to be so expensive. Anyway, I’m looking forward to more and more people becoming more familiar with these types of opportunities to consider.

TOMMY DUNN: This is something I’d like to add too, if Mr. Davis ain’t going something to say, is this would be new for Anderson County, but it’s been done in other parts of the country and been done very successfully. Mr. Davis, did you have something?

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Have all of council folks seen the presentation and have a copy of the presentation? I know Ms. Wilson, Mr. Wooten and I do. Have the rest of you ---

TOMMY DUNN: I have.

JIMMY DAVIS: Do you have one, Ms. Floyd?

If you don’t Lacey can get you a copy of it. It’s pretty interesting. It’s a big presentation but it’s not a long read. One thing I found interesting was, in North Carolina there are forty-six counties, I believe, that have the ordinance in place that allow for this. About fifty percent of those counties have at least one of these developments in there. And I do believe that there are places for these types of developments. I think it’s an interesting thing for us to look at. I would be interested to hear more from developers themselves to see what their thoughts and process would be on it. I do have -- I mean with anything I think there’s probably some concern points that need to be addressed. But I think it’s something that everyone needs to familiarize yourself with, the process, and like I say Lacey has got extra copies Ms. Hunter sent her so she can print those off for you. Thank you, Mr.
Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Wilson, and your group. Mr. Wooten has got something, I believe.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yeah. I was going to echo what some of our other committee members said. I think, you know, from my standpoint, I really enjoyed and liked what I saw out of that presentation because I think it would give a lot of options. You know, I’m initially always fearful for too many regulations. I mean we live in a regulatory environment that sometimes can be cumbersome. And I think the thing to point out here is that it’s encouraged. It’s optional. So a developer could go the standard route, but they could see the benefits that Ms. Wilson is talking about and be able to choose that route. So to me it’s a market-based approach where they can look at it as an extra tool to develop in a way and be incentivized to be developed in a way that will be pleasing to the community. So once I heard that, I definitely want to get the feedback from the folks who would be doing it, and obviously, you know, the specifics have to be worked out. But it felt like a good thing to move forward.

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

CINDY WILSON: Well, going back to the consideration of some of these measures, it frequently works out so that it’s less expensive development cost-wise for the developers because they may not have as much pavement to put down. They may be able to shorten their road system in clustering some of the dwellings and being able to cut the expense of the utilities because it’s more clustered instead of strung out all over the place. So I’ll bring it forward to y’all for further consideration. Every trip of a thousand miles begins with the first step. So this is a wonderful first step to have had the caliber of professor who came in here to work with us on this. And I understand he’s available to continue, which I applaud Dr. Parkey and Alesia Hunter for being able to bring him in. He won’t go just anywhere. They’ve been trying for about thirteen years to get him here. So I’m very grateful for this access. So for future consideration. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

BRETT SANDERS: Yeah, I’d also like to hear from the developers. Just looking at what I see, I’d
like to know who’s going to maintain it and pay for the
green areas; the homeowners? They’re going to have
their own ---

TOMMY DUNN: That’s the way it’s worked,
my understanding, in the past.

BRETT SANDERS: Like I say, I’d like to
have a full copy of that if possible. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Dr. Parkey, I want to thank
you and Ms. Hunter. And I also want to thank you for
your part in the Cartee Road thing, putting that, and
hope to keep working with those folks. That’s what
it’s all about, trying to get something working
together. And we appreciate it; okay?

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman? Dr. Parkey
and Ms. Hunter have ordered each of us the handbook
that Mr. Arendt has put out. And it’s very good. I
realized I’ve had one on my bookshelf for years, so I’m
going to go back and study it further. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Good deal. At this time do
we have a motion to go into executive session for legal
matters related to the Welpine sewer right-of-way
acquisition? From my understanding that’s for
information. And also contractual matters related to
Pearman Dairy Road TTI building. Do we have a motion
on that?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a
second by Mr. Graham. Are there any further -- all in
favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
Show the motion carries. We’ll go back here.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CINDY WILSON: ... that we come out of
executive session, having received information
regarding a legal matter related to Welpine sewer
right-of-way acquisition and contractual matters
related to Pearman Dairy Road TTI building, and no
action taken.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson.

Have a second?

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

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

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.

I’d like to make a motion to approve and amend the
commercial lease agreement with One World Technologies,
Incorporated regarding the Pearman Dairy TTI site as
discussed in executive session, and to authorize the
county administrator to sign the amendment and the
other associated documents related to this matter on
behalf of the county.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Sanders.

Have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.


Going to move on now to appointments. District 3, Library Board.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’d like to make a motion to reappoint Ms. Frances Saville from Belton to the Library Board.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Mr. Graham. We have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.


We have an appointee from the Library Board from District 7.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. May I reappoint Julie Hart to the Library Board.

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

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Now, moving on to item -- the Planning Commission, District 4. Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to request to add William Edward Moore to the Planning Commission on behalf of District 4.

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

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any discussion? I’d just like to say I think that will be a fine addition to the Planning Commission.

BRETT SANDERS: Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Does anyone else have any appointments that I missed?

Going to move on to requests by council members.

Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. District 6 would like to appropriate from its Special Projects Fund to Carolina Elite Soccer Academy three
A thousand dollars and to the Powdersville Fishing Team
fifteen hundred dollars, one thousand five hundred
dollars. And I make that in the form of a motion for
both requests.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Mr. Davis. Do we have a second?
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Davis?
Mr. Sanders, do you have any?
BRETT SANDERS: Nothing at this time, sir.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, do you have any?
GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I do. I saw a TV
special yesterday on the news that was talking about
the games that the children play. And it seems like
they’re having a really bad drop in the games the kids
play; basketball, baseball and stuff, because it has
gotten too expensive, they say, for the children to get
involved. So I would ask all of you to please think
about that doing your recreational fund because after
all, it is for recreation. Remember the children;
okay? Each year District 2 gives a scholarship to the
Anderson County Rec Center for the children to play. I
would like to do a thousand dollars for the softball, a
thousand dollars for the basketball and for our senior
citizens who uses it to -- who use it to do their daily
exercise, fifteen hundred dollars, which is a total of
three thousand five hundred to the City Recreation
Center. That’s in the form of a motion.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
show of hands. Show the motion carries. I don’t have
none for District 5. District 3, Mr. Graham?
RAY GRAHAM: Nothing.
TOMMY DUNN: District 1?
CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
I’d like to make a motion on two items. The first item
is eight hundred dollars to the Cardinal Racquet Club
to assist in an AED defibrillator. Unfortunately they
had a member with a heart attack and another member
with a stroke. And I believe it would help them.
I do want to ask Ms. Croegaert to just verify their
non-profit status. I know it’s in there and everything
looks good. I just didn’t think of them as non-profit.
But I just want to make sure that that’s the case.
The other item, I’d like to allocate fifteen
hundred to the Anderson Red Cross. And this is
actually for a tennis tournament coming up this month.
They have paperwork on file. We’ve done it a number of years in a row. So I put both of those in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Wooten; second Ms. Wilson. Keep in mind, Ms. Lacey has -- on the first one it’s only if the paperwork, everything is good as it’s supposed to be. Mr. Wooten requested it. All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Wooten?

CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: Thank you. May I appropriate from the District 7 recreational account one thousand dollars to the Honea Path Free Clinic, and that’s in the form of a motion.

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

CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.

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

That’s everybody.

Moving on to item 15, administrator’s report.

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, the only thing I need to report is Ms. Mary, the nice lady across the street, left brownies for council ---

TOMMY DUNN: No, she didn’t.

RUSTY BURNS: --- that are in my office.

TOMMY DUNN: No, she didn’t.

Citizens comments. Moving on to item number 16, citizens comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your name, please, for the record, state your name and district. You have three minutes. And address the chair, please.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one citizen signed up; Elizabeth Fant.

GRACIE FLOYD: We can’t hear you.

ELIZABETH FANT: Now? Elizabeth Fant, District 3. I want to talk about ways that our county helps in recreation that are fun and that are inexpensive. And I especially want to talk about West Pelzer. West Pelzer, in the summer Mr. Sanders had an event called the Dog Days of Summer. I think that was the name of it. Well attended. And then I also went to his performance at the Mill Town Players. I had all that I was going to bring tonight. Annie Get Your Gun. It was just a darling performance. Only ten dollars to attend. It was a full house. Family friendly.
Williamston recently had Party in the Park, where they had The Tams. That was free. They have the Spring Water Festival, which of course, is free. A lot of these events are family friendly. They had Broadway Family Day with the skiing and all kinds of events and the cardboard boat race. Again, family friendly.

West Pelzer and Williamston, particularly, seem to really work on their recreation activities. Williamston usually has something once a month. These are events that are free. You have a lot of community members that are putting together their resources and their volunteer hours to make these things happen. A lot of these events don’t cost a whole lot, but they really mean a lot to the community.

Belton Center for the Arts had a recent exhibition. Members -- we do have members, but you can go if you’re not a member to these events. The volunteers are the ones that made the refreshments and they weren’t expensive at all, but they were very nicely laid out, so it’s not something that costs a whole lot of money to present, but it’s great for the community.

Envision Williamston is just doing a lot of projects to kind of float their little community. I understand that Mr. Davis is having some meetings in Powdersville also with the Envision.

Also, the small communities are invited to participate in some other things. I went to the C-fund meeting yesterday and only one of those municipalities had stepped up to ask for road funds, and that was Williamston.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Remarks from council members. Mr. Davis?

JIMMY DAVIS: I have nothing, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Sanders?

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. As we’ve been out in the community meetings and having town halls about the possibility of a road fee, I just wanted to thank all the Anderson County staff for the hard work and effort that they’ve put in. I wanted to thank Chairman Wooten, Chairman Wilson and Holt Hopkins, as well, for coming out tonight. They did a tremendous job representing the county. And I want you guys all to know that I appreciate you and I appreciate the hard work and effort. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: I’ve been talking to the constituency in District 2 about the road tax fee and we’re in trouble, from what I’m hearing. I’m hoping to
have some meetings throughout District 2. But we need
to go ahead and get started coming up because they’re
asking a lot of questions. And the questions can’t
really be answered by us. In fact, when I was asked
the questions at one of the community meetings, I
referred to Seth, who was with me at the time, and he
did an outstanding job. But we need to get to work on
that fee. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: Nothing, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wooten?

CRAIG WOOTEN: I just had a couple of
items. I was going to ask maybe in the next Public
Safety Meeting, maybe Mr. Kelly could give us some
recommendations, but with the East-West Connector and
the possible extension, maybe what would be a good
safety plan in regards to like AEDs or the blue lights
or I don’t know if it would call EMS or call the
Sheriff’s Department, or what should happen, but I know
that there’s probably some protocol out there if
somebody were to collapse on the connector and have a
heart attack or maybe be scared that somebody is not
acting right. So I would appreciate maybe if we could
talk about that in a subcommittee meeting.

The other item I wanted to ask Mr. Harmon, I had a
couple of constituents in the break between awards and
discussion, when they were talking about the Cartee
Road zoning, they wanted to understand the legality of
covenants and how it would work and how it would be
enforced in the timing of accepting a zoning proposal.
And that might be something that like Dr. Parkey or --
somebody could just outline for them so that as they’re
making these discussions they’ll understand the
mechanics of it and the timing of those mechanics.

Big thank you to Holt Hopkins last night. He was
awesome and really helped us explain some things in
detail.

And I want to congratulate Ray Graham on the SCAC
State Board. He and I took some classes together a few
years ago and I remember he said I want to see this
through. That’s a real credit to our county to be
represented on the state level like that.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon, if you would,
get with Dr. Parkey and sort of discuss that covenants
and all. That is a legal thing, I know, on that thing
on Cartee Road. If they’re going to be having a
meeting we need to answer that or something another and
get it if it is doable.

LEON HARMON: Yes. I’ll put together an
outline for that, that can be used for that meeting.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: Thank you. We have such an incredible county and such good people. It’s a great testament to see how the Blue Trail is evolving and development coming to the river banks of the Saluda. That is an incredible asset for the county. And our town hall meetings have been so fruitful. It’s very confusing for us and for our citizens to know which pot of money goes to what project. It’s very confusing, and district lines and what part of the tax money the schools get and roads, the state roads and the state gas taxes, the new ones, and then the old C-funds. And a lot of what we’re able to do is learn together with our citizens. And I think that there’s one thing that everybody agrees on is the fact that the roads need work. And it’s starting to evolve with some really good suggestions. And some of you who have not come to -- haven’t been able to make all the meetings, one of the meetings over in West Pelzer, we had a lady to suggest a go-fund-me page for the road work. And Mr. Burns is actually having that looked at to see if we can do that. That may be an avenue that could be of help at some point. But we will leave no stone unturned. And it’s really nice to be able to work with everybody. Appreciate Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Hogan and our county administrator, Mr. Burns, and Mr. Harmon. And my fellow council members who have come to my district meetings, I really appreciate it. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all. I also want to thank the staff, all of them, and fellow council members who has worked on this and got out and put the information out. We’re trying to get information to the citizens and all. The group last night was at one meeting. We was at another one in Mr. Davis’s district. Appreciate Mr. Hogan and his staff being there and what all they’ve done to try to make this. I know it’s hard. We’ve got a meeting Thursday night at Zion Fire Department in Mr. Sanders’s district. I’ve got one scheduled a week from tonight at the Center Rock Fire Department. That’s when I could get the building.

Also, if anybody is interested, on September 26 and there’s another one, Association of Counties is having -- putting their committees together, an Inter-Governmental Relations Steering Committee and there’s another one, too. I’ve got it in my truck if anybody’s interested. It’s going to be -- the meeting’s in Columbia. And it’s for the chairman, if I can’t make it, assignee, I’ll be glad if anybody is interested in
Also, and I’m sorry, it’s the way it works out, we’re going to have a special called meeting on September the 6th at 12:00. That’s on a Friday. And the reason we’ve got to have that meeting is because of the sale of the TTI building in Pickens, to have that third reading. It was supposed to be at our next regular council meeting the first Tuesday night of September. The paper didn’t get it publicized like they were supposed to so we’re going to have to go the extra mile. Got it redone, so it will be done on that. And we need to have this meeting where we can get our check and get out from under that thing.

CINDY WILSON: At 12:00.

TOMMY DUNN: 12:00. Be short and sweet. September the 6th and that’s on a Friday.

That’s all. Appreciate it.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:06 P.M.)