ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: ... Resolution,
December 3, Anderson County Council Meeting to Order.
I’d like to welcome each and every one here and thank
you for coming. At this time we’ll roll on with
Resolution/Proclamation 2(a), R2019-057, Vice Chairman
Graham. Mr. Chairman.
CINDY WILSON: Mr. Graham and I
both are presenting this. Thank you.
THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE THE
TIMKEN COMPANY’S HONEA PATH PLANT ON THE OCCASION OF
ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED
THERETO.
WHEREAS, the Timken Company’s Honea Path plant has
been in operation since 1969 when the Torrington
Company built the plant to produce precision pins and
shafts and, after the Timken Company purchased the
plant in 2003, has produced tapered roller bearings and
boasted world-class expertise in grinding,
match-bearing assembly, and engineered surfaces
technology in the transformative and diverse
manufacture of products and services delivered to
customers all around the globe; and
WHEREAS, the Timken Company is a worldwide leader
in the production of bearings and mechanical power
transmission products and the design of engineered
bearings and power transmission products, continuously
improving the reliability and efficiency of global
machinery and equipment, posting $3.6 billion in sales
in 2018 and employing over eighteen thousand people in
thirty-five countries; and
WHEREAS, the Timken Company’s Honea Path plant,
through the Timken Foundation and the Timken Company’s
charitable trust, has made over a million dollars in
charitable contributions in the surrounding communities
over the past ten years, serving organizations such as
Habitat for Humanity of Anderson County, the City of
Belton, the Town of Honea Path, local fire departments,
Golden Harvest, the Anderson County Museum, and many
other charities.
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED in a meeting duly
assembled this 3rd day of December, 2019 that the
Anderson County Council, on behalf of the citizens of
the County, congratulates the Timken Company.
And may I put that in the form of a motion, please,
sir.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Ms.
Wilson.
RAY GRAHAM: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis.
Any discussion? I’m sorry, second Mr. Graham.
CINDY WILSON: A quick comment.

This company not only has been such a blessing to the county, but many of their employees contribute so much to the surrounding community. We’re very, very pleased and happy to have them in our midst. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

I just want to -- Dr. Maddox, I just want to commend you and your company, as well. The contributions you guys have given the surrounding communities, and also the partnerships. I mean, y’all are actually not only just down there in that community, y’all are actually members of that community. And through y’all’s continued contributions, your associates continued involvement in the community, it just goes so far, and we definitely appreciate y’all’s commitment not only to the area but also to Anderson County. And again, I just want to commend you for that. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham. Anyone else? I’d like to echo those sentiments. Timken’s been a great and loyal company over the years for Anderson County and we really do appreciate what y’all have done for Anderson County, not just for employees and hiring, but doing stuff throughout the community. It goes without saying how good y’all have been. And we look for many, many more years for a successful relationship with y’all.

All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

CINDY WILSON: Do we have anyone here from Timken?

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

DR. MADDOX: On behalf of the Timken Company, I’d like to say thank you for honoring us. It certainly is a blessing to be able to operate in a community for such a long time. And of course, our goals are to keep that plant open and let it continue to thrive for the next fifty years and beyond. Again, thank you.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: We’re going to move on now to Resolution 2(b), 2019-056, Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

THIS RESOLUTION TONIGHT IS TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE 12U WREN HURRICANES TACKLE FOOTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE AS THE 2019 12U TRI-COUNTY CHAMPIONS AND THE 2019 PALMETTO STATE CHAMPIONS; AND
OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Whereas, the 12U Wren Hurricanes Youth Tackle football team consists of 43 players from the 6th and 7th grades of Wren Middle School and Powdersville Middle Schools; and,

Whereas, the Hurricanes finished the season with a 12-0 record after competing against teams from Easley, Seneca, Walhalla, Liberty, Westminster, South Greenville, Pickens and Greenwood; and,

Whereas, on October 22, 2019 the Hurricanes traveled to Pickens, South Carolina to compete in the 12U Tackle Football Tri-County Championship game. The Hurricanes defeated their opponents receiving the title of Tri-County Champions; and,

Whereas, on October 26, 2019 the Hurricanes traveled to Greenwood High School to play in the Palmetto State Championships. The Hurricanes defeated Greenwood to earn the title of Palmetto State Champions; and,

Whereas, The Anderson County Council wishes to commend our youth who demonstrate high levels of dedication, self-confidence, sportsmanship and teamwork required to compete in a highly competitive environment. We are proud of your achievements and wish you great success in your future endeavors.

RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 3rd day of December 2019.

And Mr. Chairman, I put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Davis. Have a second?

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.

Any more discussion?

JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

JIMMY DAVIS: I would just like to congratulate you all for all the hard work both the youth and coaches and parents. I’m a Hurricane myself or I should say Golden Hurricane because it’s been a long time since I’ve been able to say that. But I am so proud of our community. I’m so proud of all of you and the work and the dedication that you put into it. And I hope we’re back here again next year celebrating the same victory. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis. Anyone else? I’d just like to echo Mr. Davis’s things of congratulating all of y’all. Appreciate what y’all have done in the community. Hope y’all have many more successes.
All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

JIMMY DAVIS: If y’all would, come forward.

APPLAUSE

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

MALE: I just would like to say thank you very much. This is indeed an honor and we’re all very excited to be here. It’s been a great season. We’ve all just very blessed to be part of the Wren Community. It’s a program from the high school on down, and we’re very supported, our parents and families and these young men. Just a great community. Blessed to be here.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: At this time we’ll move on to item number (c), 2(c), coming from council will be a proclamation honoring Arbor Day Month.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Whereas, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

Whereas, the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

Whereas, trees increase local property values, enhance the economic vitality of business area, and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees, whenever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal,

Whereas, Anderson County values having trees in our community so much, that it has earned and maintained the Tree City USA designation since 2003.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Anderson County Council of Anderson, South Carolina do hereby proclaim December 2019 as Arbor Day Month in the County of Anderson, South Carolina. And we urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees.
and woodlands.

AND FURTHER, we urge all citizens to plant and care
for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well
being of this and future generations.

PROCLAIMED on the 3rd day of December, 2019.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Wooten. Have a second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.

That will conclude this part of our council meeting. We’ll reconvene back here at 6:30 to start our regular council meeting.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:16 P.M.)
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TOMMY DUNN: ... meeting of December 3rd to order. I’d like to welcome each and every one of you here tonight. Thank you for coming. At this time we’ll be moving on to invocation and pledge of allegiance. I’d ask Vice Chairman Graham if he’ll lead us in that. If we’d all rise, please.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY RAY GRAHAM

TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to also welcome -- I think we’ve got a few students here from Oakwood Christian School. Thank y’all and appreciate y’all coming out tonight. Hope y’all enjoy yourself as much as we do.

At this time we’ll be moving on to approval of the minutes of November 19, 2019. Are there any corrections to be made to those? Do we have a motion to move forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Ms. Wilson to move forward. Do we have a second?

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

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

Moving on to item number 4, citizens comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your name, please address the chair. You’ve got three minutes. Please keep -- items on the first go-around make sure they’re on the agenda.

Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first speaker is Seth Ridley.

TOMMY DUNN: Not an agenda item.

LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Bruce Wilson.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson, for the record will you state your name and district for the record. If you would, we’d appreciate it.

BRUCE WILSON: My name is Bruce Wilson. I’m the founder of Fighting Injustice Together. I’m based out of Greenville, South Carolina. I’m happy that council will allow me to speak even thought I’m not from the county.

I’m here to speak tonight about body cameras. I’m a strong advocate for body cameras. And as you know, the Anderson Sheriff’s Department is one of the few departments or agencies in this area that don’t have body cameras. Body cameras are unique because they afford an opportunity to be transparent and to shed light on sometimes things that go unnoticed and they can tell the truth.

Recently, probably about four months ago, there was
an arrest here in Anderson County involved with the
Anderson Sheriff’s Department. The young man, Mr.
Christopher Luellen (phonics) who is an individual that
needed to be arrested, has made some serious
allegations or claims during his arrest. And
unfortunately because the Anderson Sheriff’s Department
does not have body cameras, we are lost for words now.
Because now it’s a he say, she say type of issue. We
know that Mr. Llewellyn has some significant facial
lacerations that are evident. But one of the claims
that he has made is that he was handcuffed while a K9
unit was allowed to attack him. Now, we can’t prove
that. There are some independent witnesses that
witnessed this that are willing to come forward. But
my biggest point in this is that if we had body
cameras, this issue could be quelled quickly. There
wouldn’t be a he said, she said. We could simply look
at the video and find out was this man correct or is he
being untruthful.

Of course it’s easy at this point to give law
enforcement the benefit of the doubt. But we know that
that has been done in the past and it came out later on
to be that the officer was untruthful.

Now, I’m not trying to point any fingers at the
sheriff’s department. What I’m trying to highlight for
council is the importance of body cameras. They help.
They help protect officers. They also help protect the
community. And more than anything, they offer an
opportunity for transparency. So that’s why I wanted
to come down tonight to advocate to this council, to
this body, that if funding is needed for body cameras
for the sheriff’s department, please somewhere, somehow
find that funding because now we’re in a situation
where we may be filing a lawsuit. What if that lawsuit
is frivolous where the body camera would have stopped
it.

And so I appreciate council allowing someone from
the outside to come in, being a community activist and
being someone that is a champion for this type of
issue. I’m quick to speak on it and I appreciate the
opportunity to come down. Thank you so much.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
LEON HARMON: No one else is
signed up.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr.
Harmon.

Moving on now to -- thank you, Mr. Wilson.
Moving on now to item number 5, presentation from
United Housing Committee. Mr. Burns, will you help her
get ready?
LORAIN CROWL: Thank you. Good evening. My name is Lorain Crowl. I appreciate the opportunity to be here. I am the Director of Upstate -- the formerly Upstate Homeless Coalition; now United Housing Connections. Also the Chair of the Continuum of Care, which was charged this year by the South Carolina Interagency Council to produce a report on the state of homelessness in South Carolina.

And so today I’d like to just provide some information that we gathered about South Carolina and the counties within which the Upstate COC presides over.

So the Continuum of Care. The South Carolina Continuum of Care was established in 2012. It was formed by a group of relevant citizens within thirteen counties, a geographic area that you see on the screen there in yellow. The COC has a plan to organize and deliver housing services to people who are experiencing homelessness. The Upstate COC is made up of more than eighty agencies and our goal is to make homelessness brief, rare and non-reoccurring in our area.

United Housing Connections serves as a collaborative applicant for around 3.1 million dollars that is disbursed through the Continuum through thirteen counties, including Anderson.

Historically, I’m not sure how many of you know about what’s called the point-in-time count. Once a year the Continuum -- Continuums nationwide are addressed and charged by HUD to provide a one-night snapshot of homelessness across every Continuum in every county in the nation. And so our focus is generally January the 24th through the 27th and we go out and with law enforcement, with all types of volunteers and county agencies to actually make a homelessness count. And so what we’ve done -- what we know is that that one-night count is not enough to accurately depict the number of homeless folks that we have in our community. So this report takes a much broader view.

The structure of this report looks at population, capacity and inventory, performance and Continuum of Care specific narratives. There are -- you may not know this but there are four Continuums in South Carolina. Our Continuum in the blue is thirteen counties in the top of the state in South Carolina.

Data sources that we’ve used in the past have just been a PIT count. But for this report, so that we have a broader view of homelessness, we use the PIT Report, the U.S. Census Count, the McKinney Vento Count of homeless children in all of our schools in South
Carolina and what’s called the Housing Inventory Count. And here’s just a statewide trend from 2014 to 2019. You’ll see we had over five thousand folks in South Carolina experiencing homelessness. And to date we counted four hundred seventy-two folks in South Carolina statewide.

In the upstate we hold the most -- the largest number of homeless folks in the upstate at fourteen thousand one individuals.

Across the Continuum of Care we count the unsheltered as well as the sheltered. When we say sheltered we mean in emergency shelter. When we say unsheltered, we mean literally on the streets. In the upstate five hundred six folks were counted that one night; eight hundred ninety-five folks were sheltered, five hundred six unsheltered.

And if you look at the counties, Richland County, Horry County and Greenville County are the top counties with numbers of folks experiencing homelessness. And you’ll see Anderson County with a hundred fourteen folks total as the tenth county.

In 2019 the sub-populations in Anderson County broke down like this: chronic homelessness, folks who are sheltered and unsheltered, thirty-one individuals. Veterans, we counted fifteen individuals. Adults, survivors of domestic violence only five. We know that those numbers are not correct. That’s just one night that, you know, whether folks are sheltered or they’re unsheltered or they’re -- you know, for example, if it’s fifty degrees outside or sixty degrees in January, folks aren’t going to be in a shelter. They’re not going to be places where we can count them. So that’s why while the PIT count is important, it is not the answer to actually having the correct data.

In the population -- in census data, the population, sixty-four percent of folks in Anderson County were counted in the PIT, and then forty-nine percent counted in the census data. What that means is that sixty-four percent of the people in our database experienced homelessness. In the census count over a countywide effort to identify those who are homeless, forty-eight percent were counted. So there’s a disparity there in that number.

Anderson County homelessness versus the census data. It’s pretty -- it tracks pretty well. There’s eighty percent of folks that they counted were white folks experiencing homelessness, sixteen percent were African-American or black, and in the PIT count data, sixty-seven percent were white, twenty-eight black or African-American.
Population in McKinney Vento. McKinney Vento is a HUD program that allows an individual to be in every school in our county to service those folks who are experiencing homelessness. And this is a shocking number. So look at the unsheltered count of homeless children in the upstate of South Carolina; five thousand seven hundred and sixty-two children are experiencing homelessness in our communities. That’s devastating.

And if you look at those who are unsheltered and who are living in hotels, look at the number of folks who are doubled up. Over three thousand children are doubled up and sleeping in places, for example, moving around family-to-family or sleeping in places in their cars or places where they don’t have a permanent address. And the things that -- the effect on children when they don’t have a permanent address, well, we’ll see that in just a second.

Again, another shocking figure, kindergarten through K-5 over three thousand children in that grade sector are experiencing homelessness.

And if we look at how it affects proficiency in English, all students are proficient in English at forty-four percent. Those in poverty, it drops to thirty-two percent. Students experiencing homelessness, it drops to twenty-four percent. Nearly half of their proficiency is lost due to literally being homeless.

Take-aways from this population. Statewide total, four thousand one hundred seventy-two folks; up two hundred thirty-nine persons from last year, were unsheltered. Upstate COC PIT total was fourteen hundred one persons experiencing homelessness in the upstate. Three hundred twenty-one chronically homeless persons counted. In Anderson County a hundred fourteen folks were counted as being homeless.

And I’m going to slide through some of these because I’m afraid I’m going to be long, so I don’t want to do that. I’m just going to hit the important stuff.

So bed count is another issue that we have. We have sixteen hundred beds available to folks who are experiencing homelessness in our upstate. Look how many folks we have that we’ve counted in our system; thirty-three hundred ten. So we’re down more than two thousand beds.

Our persons receiving sheltered services from local areas. This is a question we get all the time. Look at this map. If you see the heat map up at the top, what this is telling you is that these folks are all
from their own zip code. They’re not coming from other parts around the country. We are actually caring for, in South Carolina in our Continuum, our own folks.

So what do we know? We know that eight hundred twenty-four people participated in the coordinated entry system last year. Nearly sixty-one percent were from Laurens and Greenville County. We know that this is absolutely an incorrect snapshot, as we don’t get into the tri-county as much as we need to. We don’t have enough services here. So we need to figure that out.

Key solutions to making homelessness brief and rare. We need to increase rapid rehousing and permanent supportive inventory. We need to develop upstream solutions to prevent homelessness. We need to create a move-on strategy that works to promote maximum independence for our participants.

And just as an aside, I will say that, though we serve -- we have housing here that -- United Housing Connections provides supportive housing for folks who are experiencing homelessness or who are low income. And we have very little funding in this county. And we could use your help to try to identify funding and sources that we could do more here to help the people who are on your streets.

I’ll entertain your questions.

TOMMY DUNN: Does anyone have any?

JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Does your organization work with other organizations like Family Promise that place people, families (not speaking into mic) shelters until they find housing or (not speaking into mic).

LORAIN CROWL: We do. We work with Kecia and those folks very closely. Though I think the issue for -- well, the hurdles that we find in Anderson County and the surrounding areas is literally the rural -- it’s rural. So you know, when you’re talking about just right outside the city of Anderson, you know, the population begins to spread. So you know, it’s one of those things where we need more services in areas that are in the city but also right outside to serve more individuals.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Would you be kind enough to share your slides with our clerk so she can dispense this to us?

LORAIN CROWL: Actually these are
loaded. Seth has them so he can certainly provide that information. And my contact information is on the screen, so if you have any questions following this meeting, I’m happy to answer them.

CINDY WILSON: May I?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Do you work with Haven of Rest and Salvation Army because I know we’ve helped them in the past?

LORAIN CROWL: Yes. Salvation Army, I think they have a new command this year. And so we’re working with them. Actually this year I think we’re going to have a representative from the Salvation Army with the PIT count for Anderson.

CINDY WILSON: And how many of the folks that you’re seeing have mental or drug conditions that need assistance?

LORAIN CROWL: Well, we know it’s forty percent of the folks who are on the streets who are chronically homeless suffer with mental illness or some sort of drug addition or a co-occurring disability.

CINDY WILSON: The saddest part of all of this is those with children. Children, of course, have no choice.

LORAIN CROWL: It is a sad reality. And you know, what we know if Housing First works. If you can get them into a home -- a family into a home and get supportive services around them, the chances of them being self-sufficient are a hundred percent greater. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Appreciate your report. Thank you, ma’am.

LORAIN CROWL: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item number 6 on our agenda tonight, update situations in District 2. Ms. Floyd is unable to attend the meeting tonight. Won’t be doing that. We’ll have that scheduled for later on.

Going on to item number 7(a), ordinance third reading. This will be 7(a), 2019-053, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone +/- 2.00 acres at 5351 Copeland Road from R-A (Residential-Agricultural) to C-IR (Rural Commercial), TMS 222-00-14-006. District 7. We’ve already discussed this. Do we have a motion to put this on the floor?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson; second Mr. Sanders. Discussion? Dr. Parkey, you got anything to add or anything? If you’ve got anything come on up. If not, that’s fine.
JEFF PARKEY: (Not at mic.)
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Dr. Parkey.

Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

We’re going to move on now to 7(b), 2019-054, an ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article V of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances so as to add Section 2-613 regarding a policy related to minority businesses in the procurement process; and other matters related thereto.

Mr. Harmon or Mr. Burns, would y’all just like to say a few words about this? This will be a public hearing. Before we go into a public hearing.

RUSTY BURNS: The county has already been incorporating these into our purchases for many, many years. We’re just adding this to put it as part of our Code of Ordinances to make sure that everybody is fully aware if they’re going through our ordinances.

TOMMY DUNN: This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please step forward, state your name and district and address the chair, please. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion 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? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

For the record let it show Mr. Graham left. I don’t blame him at all. His son is being recognized tonight for the school, so that’s where he ought to be, with his family.

Moving on now to item number (c), also be a public hearing, it’s an ordinance imposing a prohibition on certain motor vehicle traffic on Sullivan Road. District 5. Be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this please step forward and state your name and district and address the chair, please. Anyone at all. Seeing and hearing none, public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion on the floor? I make the motion to move this forward. Do we have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Moving on to item number (d), 2019-056, 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. (Various Greenville and Anderson County Projects). This will be a public hearing. Mr. Nelson, would you like to say anything before we go into the public hearing?

BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, thank you. The only thing is that I wish we could get all of our projects rolled all into one at one time. But this represents actually four projects from Greenville and three from Anderson County going into the multi-county park agreement so that those projects will be eligible for state incentives. Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter please step forward and state your name and district and direct your comments here, please. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

BRETT SANDERS: So moved.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders; second Ms. Wilson. Discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on now to 8(a). This is ordinance second reading, 2019-057, 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 (Project Santa’s Hat). Mr. Nelson, do you have anything?

BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, thank you. The only thing is, is this a project that we’ve already passed; solar project that was paying a hundred and five dollars a year in property taxes and will now being paying eight thousand dollars a year in property tax. And this will place this project in the multi-county park in the event there are any state incentives that could be allowed. Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. 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? Mr. Davis. Discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to item number 9(a), first reading, 2019-058, an ordinance authorizing, pursuant to Title 4 of
the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, including Sections 4-1-170, 4-1-175, and 4-29-68 thereof, and Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution, the execution and delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and between Anderson County, South Carolina and Project Cheney Mill, to provide for certain Special Source Revenue or Infrastructure Credits; and other related matters. Mr. Nelson.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We were approached by the town of Pendleton to partner with them in an incentive package for a developer who is going to take an abandoned textile facility inside the city limits of the town of Pendleton and convert that into apartments. An opportunity for us to assist them and prevent the facility from falling into greater disrepair. It’s almost a hundred year old facility and this is a great opportunity to keep it from winding up much like other textile facilities in our community, burned to the ground or some other thing that could be even worse. But currently it pays three thousand forty-four dollars in property tax. The first year of this property tax will pay five thousand and it’s a graduated property tax that over the first twenty years it’ll pay a total of seven hundred thousand in total property tax. Fifteen million capital investment. And that comes to council as a recommendation from staff and from the Economic Advisory Board.

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

BRETT SANDERS: So moved.

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders; second Ms. Wilson. Now discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to item number 9(b), 2019-059, 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. (Project Cheney Mill). Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders; second Ms. Wilson. Now discussion? Mr. Nelson, you got anything you want to add?

BURRISS NELSON: No, sir. It’s the same project we just discussed. Thank you, sir.

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

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you for your support.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you and your staff and your board. Y’all got a meeting in the morning, is my understanding; right?

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Hope you’ll be able to attend. It’s ---

TOMMY DUNN: I’ve got another meeting. I’m going to try to swing by, but I’ve got a meeting over here with Development Standards. I promised them I’d come to it and stop in for a few minutes.

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. The Irish Consul General will be here to meet with folks in the community, as well as a couple of our Irish companies. It would be a great opportunity for an economic development collaborative. It’ll be at Anderson University in the Student Center dining hall, banquet room.

TOMMY DUNN: (Not speaking into mic.)

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Thanks.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item number 9(c), 2019-060, an ordinance to rezone +/- 1.10 acres along Evergreen Road from R-20 (Single-Family Residential) to C-1 (Commercial District), TMS (end of audio) #145-00-04-006. Be in District 4. Be a public hearing. Before we do that I’ll ask Dr. Parkey if he (audio cutting out).

JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The request is to rezone from R20, which is residential, twenty thousand square foot lots to C-1, our commercial district. It’s on Evergreen Road. The applicant’s purpose for the rezoning request is to market the property as commercial. It’s 1.1 acres, currently vacant, in Council District 4. The staff recommended approval of this request and the Planning Commission recommended approval at their meeting on November the 12th. That’s all I have, Mr. Chair.

Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a motion to put this on the floor? Motion Mr. Sanders.

Do we have a second? Second Ms. Wilson.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, I think ---

TOMMY DUNN: Public hearing.

LEON HARMON: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Two weeks in a row. You done a little bit better this time. I thought I caught you sleeping again. Going into a public hearing. I
apologize. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please step forward and state your name and district and address the chair, please. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will be closed. Do I have a motion? Mr. Sanders. Second Ms. Wilson. Now discussion? Mr. Sanders, do you have anything?

BRETT SANDERS: Yeah. I actually rode by there. And Dr. Parkey, the majority of stuff in that area is already C-1; is that correct?

JEFF PARKEY: Yes, sir, that’s right.

BRETT SANDERS: Thank you for your hard work. I appreciate it.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. At this time we’ll move on to item number 10, resolutions. There are none. Moving to item number 11, transfer carries from November 18, 2019 Finance committee; 14(a). Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we 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.

Now we’re going to be moving on to item number 12, a report from the Finance Committee meeting held on Monday, November 25, 2019, Chairman Wooten. Mr. Chairman.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On November 25, 2019 we held a Finance Subcommittee meeting. And we started with the approval of the November 18th minutes. And all that was was the prior Finance Committee Meeting where we went over the minutes and approved them and included them in the package for information purposes.

The second item was a bid 20-023, for the Welpine sewer project. For that project we had seven companies respond. The lowest qualified bidder was Moorhead Construction, a local company, for one million six hundred fifty-one thousand three hundred thirty-four dollars. And this was approved through procurement and came as a recommendation. And this comes as a recommendation to accept this bid from the Finance Committee.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Coming from the Finance Committee, it doesn’t need a second.
Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on, Chairman.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir. From there we went into discussion with the police or the sheriff’s department in regards to body cameras. And what was put forth in front of us was a five-year spending plan with year one being approximately a hundred eighty-five thousand dollars. And subsequent years two through five being in the range of a hundred and thirty-six thousand dollars. As it was laid out, year one would be offset by Justice assistance grants that are provided by the U.S. Department of Justice and a body-worn camera grant provided by the Department of Public Safety. So year one it would net out. In year two through five, the potential grant funding would provide an offset of thirty thousand dollars. So in essence in subsequent years we’d be looking at a hundred and four, a hundred and five thousand dollars through year five. The discussion pretty much was around trust and transparency in law enforcement. We have a ton of goodwill with our sheriff’s office and what they’ve done in the community. And as technology changes, citizens’ expectations of services change. And we see this as a part of modernizing the police department, protecting our officers and offering the latest of technology and services to our community. So this spending plan from year one through five comes as a recommendation from the sheriff’s department and they have chosen Axon as their service provider and they’re going to be able to provide, through state contract, for efficient procurement. They’ve coordinated and commented with our IT Director and coordinated with other departments to make sure the system would work effectively. So this spending plan comes as a recommendation from the Finance Committee.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance Committee, it doesn’t need a second. Open the floor up for discussion about any objections from fellow council members and I’ll ask Captain Brown if he would step forward to the podium and give us a little bit more, for council, a little bit more information. And take any questions we might have.

Thank you for coming tonight.

CAPTAIN BROWN: Yes, sir, thank you for having us. First I’d like to recognize Adam Westmoreland from Anderson County Technical Services. He’s been instrumental in the selection process and our trial periods, which have been very lengthy. As well
as we have a deputy in-house that is currently attending Anderson University’s graduate school. And part of his project, one of his projects, was a body camera survey that he actually did with our employees. So we use that as a reference point, as well.

We’re very confident with the product that we chose. We didn’t take that lightly. The selection of the products, we know that once we’re committed with a product we’re committed, just like with radios and computers and anything else. So we feel like we’ve got the latest -- we literally have the latest technology. The model that we’ve selected is just coming out I guess kind of as we purchase them. I have one here if you guys would like to look at it afterwards. But it’s been a really eye-opening experience for me getting this off the ground and leaning heavily, heavily on these guys. And I appreciate council’s consideration. I can take any questions.

TOMMY DUNN: I’d like -- Captain Brown, I’m just going to ask now, on the conversations we’ve had in the past, this (mic cutting out) money, it’s just getting your priorities right?

CAPTAIN BROWN: That’s correct. With Sheriff McBride taking office in 2017 we try to prioritize our needs. We had expiring body armor for our staff that we felt was of utmost importance so we were able to use existing, obviously existing budgeted funds in our safety accounts, as well as uniforms to outfit our officers with body armor that is current and of very high quality. As well as you know vehicles, our fleet was aging. We feel like we’re in a place we’ve never been before with cars, as well as the equipment that goes in them. A lot of people don’t consider that with all the technology that goes inside the cars, as well as other law enforcement equipment. So we spent the better part of this administration catching up trying to get those things. And giving our people the best equipment that they can have to do the best job that they can.

TOMMY DUNN: Captain Brown, was asking (mic cutting out) big priority of y’all’s (mic cutting out).

CAPTAIN BROWN: Absolutely. As all of you well know with the pay plan that we put into place this year, we’re seeing that already. We’re also seeing some positive gains in our detention staff, as well. But the pay plan we’ve never had before; now we have it. Our employees seem to be, at least to me, they seem to be extremely pleased with it. And I feel like it’s already just, you know, since October has
helped with our retention efforts.

TOMMY DUNN: And wouldn’t it be a fair statement also, Captain Brown, one of the biggest costs, not the cameras themselves but storing the data (mic cutting out). I believe you searched high and low and you (mic cutting out).

CAPTAIN BROWN: No, sir. We have not. There’s several options there. There’s what we consider onsite. And Adam can speak to this a lot more intelligently than I can. But what we have is options of onsite storage versus cloud storage. The industry seems to be trending towards the cloud storage option. You know, that requires payment over time just like with a cell phone bill or anything else. Whereas onsite storage is a monumental cost up front and obviously it’s not as expensive on the back end, but as we know with hardware, it only lasts so long and then you’re speaking that money again. So with the cloud storage option, it seems to be the best option for us going forward.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Mine is mostly a comment.

I know that ---

TOMMY DUNN: It’s got a weight limit.

BRETT SANDERS: The cameras for me is like everything else I look at. I look at everything from an investment point of view. There’s an initial outlay, but there is a positive return on investment, I believe. Not only will it help increase public confidence, it’s going to help reduce false complaints. It’s going to safe money in the criminal justice side by getting people to plead guilty. It’s going to help de-escalate social behavior. This is one thing on the cameras that Mr. Wilson -- well he’s gone now -- had addressed earlier; the one case he was talking about I believe there weren’t body cameras in place but actual vehicle camera picked up stuff that’s actually saved the county money.

CAPTAIN BROWN: That’s correct.

BRETT SANDERS: So I see it as an initial outlay with a positive return on investment for the county, not only for us but for you guys as officers and helps protect you guys, as well. I appreciate your hard work with the deal with mentioned earlier.

CAPTAIN BROWN: And I would add that just even in our trial periods we’ve seen tangible occurrences where we were able to disprove -- and
obviously we want to hold our deputies accountable if they are in the wrong. But fortunately we had some complaints during the trial period that we were able to clear, just in the trial period with the several products, you know, during the time we had them in place.

BRETT SANDERS: It’s hard to put a value on intangibles. Blue sky I call it. But it definitely has a value. Thank you.

CAPTAIN BROWN: That’s correct. And one thing I would add, too, in looking at that survey, you know, I’m a twenty-year guy. I’ve been around twenty years. I wouldn’t call myself old or old school, but I’ve been around a while. But what I’ve noticed in -- you know, the demographic of our staff is young. You know, our road deputies are young. You know, the twenty-two, twenty-three and twenty-four years old deputy, it’s more odd for them not to have a body camera because they’ve essentially grown up in an age of body cameras. It’s like not having a cell phone, you know, to them. So I know that they’re looking forward to the opportunity.

CINDY WILSON: May I?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Just wanted to say a big thank you to you and Mr. Williamson and all the staff for the extra research and due diligence. It gives us confidence that what we’re purchasing is the best of the best for our good people. So thank you.

CAPTAIN BROWN: Yes, ma’am. It’s a big ask and we understand that, so we wanted to our work there, our leg work. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? I just want to reiterate. They have priorities. Council’s job is to help them do the best they can to allocate the funds to the right place. They come to us, maybe the word serious, but they’ve made the decision to do something. We (mic cutting out) tonight. Me and Captain Brown talked with the sheriff the other day. It don’t do you no good to have cameras (mic cutting out) talking to the sheriff and Captain Brown, you see it yourself talking with the citizens. Me and Mr. Sanders had an opportunity the other day to talk to federation people come in and they’ve (mic cutting out) by going out and talking to the citizens seen this about the office being good morale and doing this. I want to thank y’all all involved, our radio technicians, Captain Brown, you, the sheriff, the staff, for taking time in doing your due diligence and getting the right thing and not just going out (mic cutting out). Hopefully
this will (mic cutting out). When do you think you’ll
have your first ones up and running?

CAPTAIN BROWN: I spoke with Adam
just a few minutes ago. And I think once everything is
approved, I think they’ll be shipping within three to
four weeks, Adam; is that right? Yeah, and they’ll
come in and do some onsite training with us and getting
us up and running.

TOMMY DUNN: We appreciate you. Thank
y’all very much.

CAPTAIN BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
and council.

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

CAPTAIN BROWN: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Again, I want to thank
y’all for taking time out of y’all’s schedule to be
here tonight.

Moving on now, Chairman.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir. Number 6 is
roads and bridges capital. And this is a pleasant
request. They had approved in their capital budget
from last year ninety-four thousand six hundred for a
new tractor. But the new tractor is no longer needed
due to a recent change in a process. And so in saving
time and money they’re going to be able to purchase two
Tiger Extreme Flails at the cost of twenty-five
thousand; saving sixty-nine thousand from the capital
money. So we put that in the form of a motion as a
recommendation from the Finance Committee.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion coming from
the Finance Committee, doesn’t need a second. Open the
floor up for discussion. Have any discussion? Ms.
Davis, they just don’t want to give that money back?
Put it on something else?

RITA DAVIS: Sir?

TOMMY DUNN: They just don’t want to
give that money back? They said they didn’t need the
tractor. They ---

RITA DAVIS: Six thousand will be on
the core drill and drill bits, too, if you want to work
that up in there. I’ve already spent six more
thousand. Good cause, road and bridges.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the
motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
motion carries unanimously. Mr. Chairman.

CRAIG WOOTEN: The next item was
transfers and you have them in your agenda packet where
we had a discussion about the different transfers
toward the end of this calendar year from department to
department and we had questions and discussions about
ones that were what we thought were a little bit high
or were going from one account to another account that
maybe we just needed more explanation on. But the
transfers questions were all answered to the
satisfaction of the committee. And so the committee
brings this transfer request in the form of a motion as
a recommendation.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Coming
from the Finance Committee, again, it doesn’t need a
second. Any discussion? Ms. Davis, can I ask you a
question, please? And I don’t want to put you on the
spot. I’m just curious. This will be all the
transfers we’ll be voting on for ---
RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.
TOMMY DUNN: --- or are you going to
hit us here for more in a couple of weeks? That’s it?
Are there going to be any more coming up?
RITA DAVIS: Oh, no, sir, not last
year. No, sir, not a single one. No, sir.
TOMMY DUNN: Okay. I was just
checking.
RITA DAVIS: Definitely not; no, sir.
TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?
CINDY WILSON: May I quickly?
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: The bulk of the transfers
between departments, they mostly dealt with the
benefits, the new insurance program that we put into
place. But there were several that caught my attention
that gave me concern that I hope we can tighten up and
do a little better. The one that we don’t seem to be
able to have control over is the -- in the Waste Water
Treatment, we’re having to pay an extra, I think,
hundred and twenty, hundred and thirty thousand to the
city of Anderson. We have no control over that. I
would hope we could have a review of that contract
because I don’t think that you can do anything in
perpetuity, but they keep increasing costs to us.

The TTI building in Pickens, looking at the
transfers that we’ve had to do here tonight, are
somewhere around a hundred and forty-seven, almost a
hundred forty-eight thousand dollars out of the sales
price there. That was a lot of carrying costs. The
other one that really concerned me was the extra cost
for hosting the five national tournaments. We paid
more than thirty-four thousand dollars in overtime and
some food and so forth, but we don’t have the fringes
added to that, and I think they’re supposed to be
included. I don’t know if that’s included in overtime bulk or we don’t have the fringes on that. But anyway, these are obviously not to the extent that we had in years prior to 2009, 2010, but I hope we can tighten up and do a little bit better. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I hope we can get an earlier start on our budget process this coming year. And secondly, as (mic cutting out) suggested about having quarterly reports and updates and we can hopefully get (mic cutting out) some of this and get some input from staff and what not. You know, sometimes you do some cutting and sometimes it comes back and stuff has got to be done. We’ve got to be mindful of that, too. But appreciate all the hard work the Finance Committee does and the Finance staff.

CINDY WILSON: May I add one positive thought? Looking at the airport transfers, we increased the costs of parts, but we got an increase in revenue from mechanic. We increase -- we had to increase the budget for jet fuel, but we sold more jet fuel, so that was really good to see the airport improve.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, I’m excited about the airport. Our terminal will be finished (mic cutting out). Hopefully we can get it going. I’m really excited about the prospects of what can happen this coming year at the airport and at our Civic Center, too. Looking forward to it.

Any more discussion? All in favor of the Finance Committee’s motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Chairman.

CRAIG WOOTEN: The last item was just a discussion item where we received from the Finance Department an update on current and upcoming debt. And basically we just talked out the bond process, the structures of debt, different ways we can finance things. And it was just in order to allow council members and staff to sort of express different mentalities on tackling projects, capital projects, from a cash flow perspective and from a financing perspective. We learned a lot from it and we agreed that it might be sort of a reoccurring discussion that we’d like to have with the Finance Committee going into next year. And that concluded the agenda.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Appreciate it. Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: That was Mr. Wooten’s, Councilman Wooten’s idea to do that. I think it’s insightful and I’m glad that you brought it up (not
speaking into mic.) Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: And I’ll echo that.

BRETT SANDERS: That’s a long term thought, and that’s what we do.

TOMMY DUNN: And we’ve got some long term stuff coming up on the short term very quickly, so we appreciate that very much. Thankful for the work, again, of the Finance Committee.

Item number 13, moving on, appointments. Are there any appointments?

Moving on requests by council members.

JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Ms. Floyd had asked me in her absence to allocate -- the group’s name is the Palmetto Knights and the event is Carolina Carnage. She wanted to allocate from District 2’s recreational account four hundred dollars. I make that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr. Davis for Ms. Floyd and second. Any discussion? Make sure the paperwork is on hand. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Anything else from anyone?

Moving on to item number 15, administrator’s report.

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

TOMMY DUNN: How about the other administrator, he got anything?

Moving on to citizens comments. At this time any citizen signed up, you’ve got three minutes. Please address the chair. It can be on items other than agenda items.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one is signed up to speak at this point.

TOMMY DUNN: You want to run outside real quick to see if you can find somebody.

Moving on to item number 17, remarks from council members. Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just a few comments. I just want to say I hope everyone has had a great Thanksgiving season and holiday. And I want to thank members of our media and press for being here. And you know, we appreciate you being here. The citizens of Anderson County and the surrounding neighborhoods, they really appreciate hearing about the work that we’re doing down here.
We’ve got the best people and we’re going to go forward with these body cameras and make sure we’re equipping the best people with the best equipment out there because we have to protect the best people. So I appreciate everyone and I just wanted to say Happy Thanksgiving. Thank you much.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis.

Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. I’ve been watching the news, and I don’t know, I’m sure you guys -- with the issues that the sheriff’s department was having up in Cherokee. Sheriff Mueller is a personal friend of mine.

TOMMY DUNN: The way you’re talking if he’s in trouble, you might ---

BRETT SANDERS: No. He’s a good man. And I talked to him the other day and he was bragging on how our council has the ability to work with our sheriff’s department and things. I’m just glad that we’ve got a good mindful council that looks out for the safety and the future of Anderson County. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Sanders.

Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: I just want to say I apologize for not wearing a tie tonight. I got caught in traffic and realized I’d be late if I didn’t come on. But I just want to appreciate all the help from staff with the committee meetings and leading up to the end of the year. And hope everybody had a good Thanksgiving and look forward to the lunch Christmas coming up.


CINDY WILSON: Just wanted to say thank you to everybody. Our budget is rather substantial for the county, but where it gets so complicated is so many diverse departments. We have enterprise funds. We have the general fund, special revenue -- special source revenue. There are a lot of variables and a lot of working parts. So I’m really thankful to Mr. Wooten for giving us a quarterly report. That will make it a lot easier to get a handle on sooner than the eleventh hour panic attacks that I’ve had, especially when we come in with all these changes. It’s not easy, and it’s even harder for our citizens to keep up with what we’re trying to do. But the good thing is we have a council that is very mindful and very engaged with our public. And we have county people working so hard. It’s a team effort. And it’s so good to be a part of it. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
I’d just like to remind council members of the thing at Anderson University tomorrow at 11:30. (Mic cutting out) at 8:00, in the morning at 8:00. Development Standards has got the thing over here at the Bleckley in the morning at 8:30, a speaker. Our next regular council meeting will be (mic cutting out). Our employee Christmas -- our appreciation breakfast for the year will be coming up -- you got the date on that? Does everybody know about that at the Civic Center? You’ve got to stop in and -- huh? Christmas tree lighting Friday, if you could. Appreciate that. I also want to thank my fellow council members for all the hard work. Supposed to finish up unfinished business for the year. I thank all of our county employees for the outstanding job they do. And appreciate the citizens coming here tonight. Meeting be adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:27 P.M.