

State of South Carolina)
County of Anderson)

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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
JULY 21, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
KEN WATERS, VICE CHAIRMAN
GRACIE FLOYD
FRANCIS M. CROWDER
J. MICHAEL COLE
TOM ALLEN
M. CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
KIM POULIN
CARRIE BROWN

1 TOMMY DUNN: I'd like to call the July
2 21st part of our presentation meeting to order of
3 Anderson County Council. First order on the
4 business, Item number 2, Resolution R2015-039. This
5 is coming from all Council members. And is this Ms.
6 Wilson?

7 CINDY WILSON: This is an exciting award
8 and we're so proud of our young folks. This is a
9 RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING T. L. HANNA
10 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TREVOR CALLAHAN AND DEREK
11 FREEMEN ON THE WINNING OF THE "THE BASS FEDERATION
12 HIGH SCHOOL FISHING WORLD FINALS", AND OTHER MATTERS
13 RELATED THERETO.

14 **WHEREAS**, Derek Freeman and Trevor Callahan
15 are part of the 18 member Fishing Team for T.L. Hanna
16 High School, coached by Mr. Andrew Ray, and,

17 **WHEREAS**, Derek Freeman, the team President,
18 and Trevor Callahan were selected to represent their
19 team at the World Finals on Lake Pickwick in
20 Florence, Alabama, and

21 **WHEREAS**, on the first day of the
22 tournament, Trevor Callahan, pulled in a 7 pound
23 Bass, which set the standard for the rest of the
24 tournament. They ended the tournament with a twenty
25 pound, two ounces, 5 fish limit to beat out 166 two-
26 person teams, and

27 **WHEREAS**, the "Bass Duo" have developed a
28 winning and cooperative spirit with a high degree of
29 sportsmanship and their activities and attitude
30 reflect great credit upon themselves and their coach
31 and bring honor to T. L Hanna High School; and

32 Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by Anderson
33 County, that we do hereby commend and congratulate
34 Trevor Callahan and Derek Freeman for winning the
35 2015 Bass Federation High School Fishing World
36 Finals.

37 Resolved in a meeting duly assembled this
38 21st day of July, 2015.

39 And may I put that in the form of a motion,
40 please, sir.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion, second I
42 think by all Council members. We have any discussion
43 or comment? Hearing none, I'll ask for the vote.
44 All in favor show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show
45 the motion carries unanimously. Ms. Wilson.

46 CINDY WILSON: As this is a national
47 award, I would like for all of our Council members
48 and all who are associated with this great effort to
49 step down. Thank you.

50 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to excuse Ms.

1 Floyd getting up and down. She is all supportive of
2 this.

3 **(PRESENTATION OF AWARD)**

4 ANDREW RAY: I just want to say how
5 proud I am of these two young men. They both work
6 very hard as fishermen and in the classroom and
7 working part-time. Both of these students held high
8 GPAs. They're in their senior years, and throughout
9 high school, and are continuing on with higher
10 education, as well as working part-time, as well as
11 putting a lot of effort into fishing. These two went
12 down to Alabama, spent a lot of time and effort
13 preparing for this tournament and did amazingly well
14 over a four-day tournament. It's difficult to do
15 well fishing one day, but it's especially difficult
16 to do well fishing four days in a row. And they just
17 did an amazing job and we're really proud of them.
18 Thank you.

19 **(APPLAUSE)**

20 ANDREW RAY: Yes, sir. And we also
21 volunteer with the Outdoor Dream Foundation every
22 year. Yes, sir. T.L. Hanna Fishing team. Thank
23 you.

24 TOMMY DUNN: That was very fitting and
25 congratulate those young men. And at this time the
26 meeting will be adjourned. We'll start back at 6:30,
27 our regular Council meeting.

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(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:08 P.M.)

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LEON HARMON
CARRIE BROWN

1 TOMMY DUNN: ... July 21st regular County
2 Council meeting to order. At this time I'd like to
3 ask Councilman Tom Allen if he'd lead us in
4 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. If we'd all
5 rise, please.

6 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY TOM ALLEN)**

7 TOMMY DUNN: At this time moving on to
8 Item number 3. Approval of minutes of the July 7th
9 meeting. Are there any changes or corrections to be
10 made to those minutes? Anybody see any? Do we have
11 a motion to move these forward?

12 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson.

14 Second?

15 TOM ALLEN: Second.

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

19 Moving on to Item number 4, Citizens
20 Comments. At this time be comments on the agenda
21 matters only. You have three minutes. Please
22 address the Chair. State your name and district.
23 Mr. Harmon.

24 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one
25 citizen signed up. Seth Riddley.

26 SETH RIDDLEY: Mr. Chairman, my name is
27 Seth Riddley and I live in District 3. I rise to
28 offer my personal voice and the voices of the clients
29 at Anderson Mental Health Center in support of the
30 resolution Ms. Floyd is offering to condemn the
31 attack on Emmanuel AME church in Charleston and to
32 express encouragement. Few of our clients are
33 strangers to trauma, even fewer to suffering on a
34 personal level and on a family level. They are aware
35 that the suffering of an individual and family are
36 linked inextricably to that of their community; and
37 in the same way, the suffering of a community affects
38 not only that community but our state, nation and the
39 world.

40 Thank you, to Ms. Floyd, and the rest of
41 Council for sending such a strong and encouraging
42 message to our friends in Charleston. Thank you.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

44 LEON HARMON: That's all, Mr. Chairman.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

46 Moving on to Item number 5, a Presentation
47 by Guardian Ad Litem. Ms. Norris, step forward.

48 JASON BERRY: Good evening, Chairman,
49 Council members. My name is Jason Berry, and I am
50 the recruiter and training coordinator for the

1 Guardian Ad Litem program of South Carolina. This
2 evening I am with -- pleased to be with Ms. Michelle
3 Norris, the Anderson County coordinator, and Ms.
4 Kimberly Randolph, our regional administrator. We
5 would like to thank you for allowing us some time to
6 present and share information about our program with
7 you.

8 Around the state of South Carolina there is
9 a diverse and dedicated group of child advocates who,
10 after receiving thirty hours of training and passing
11 background checks, proudly proclaim I am for the
12 child. The Guardian Ad Litem program recruits,
13 trains and supervises volunteers who advocate for
14 abused or neglected children. As they gather
15 information about the children and what is in their
16 best interests, they will submit their
17 recommendations to the Family Court judges who will
18 then make an informed decision about a child's
19 future. One of the roles of the guardian ad litem is
20 to provide a stable presence in the child's life,
21 ensuring that they have a safe, suitable home as
22 quickly as possible.

23 I will now turn some time over to Ms. Norris
24 to discuss the children and volunteers of Anderson
25 County. Thank you.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

27 MICHELLE NORRIS: Evening.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Evening.

29 MICHELLE NORRIS: According to Anderson
30 County's fiscal year-end statistics, Anderson County
31 has an average of one hundred and seventy-five cases
32 and an average of three hundred and forty-one
33 children monthly. Anderson County served six hundred
34 and thirty-five children during the fiscal year '14-
35 '15. What is remarkable is that the volunteer
36 guardians spent seven thousand seven hundred and
37 seventy-four case hours advocating for the children
38 of Anderson County. If hours were converted to
39 dollars, that amount would be equivalent to one
40 hundred and seventy-nine thousand three hundred and
41 forty-six dollars and eighteen cents. But, of
42 course, we could not ever put a price or an amount on
43 the work of the volunteers for the abused and
44 neglected children of Anderson County.

45 If anyone would like further information
46 about the Guardian Ad Litem program, please visit us
47 on the Guardian Ad Litem site. We would like to
48 thank all of the Council members, especially
49 Councilwoman Wilson, for allowing us this time to
50 share with you information about the abused and

1 neglected children of Anderson County.

2 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Wait just a minute, if
4 y'all would. There might be some comments. Ms.
5 Wilson.

6 CINDY WILSON: Thank y'all so much. This
7 was a presentation made to a club recently that was
8 so touching. I had no idea we had so many children
9 that are at risk. Is there anything that your local
10 government can do to help in any way? I know we have
11 fewer funds chasing greater needs, but what can we do
12 to help -- help those little children?

13 MICHELLE NORRIS: We'd like to allow our
14 regional administrator to answer that.

15 KIM RANDOLPH: Good evening. I'm Kim
16 Randolph. I'm the regional Administrator for the
17 Region 1, which are all the Upstate Counties in South
18 Carolina. And to answer your question, Councilwoman
19 Wilson, I think the greatest thing that can be done
20 would be just to spread the word for more community
21 awareness that the program exists, the purpose of the
22 program and that we're always in need of citizens who
23 are willing to give their time to volunteer who have
24 a passion to serve these children who need a voice in
25 the courtroom. That's our greatest need. Our
26 greatest need is the resources of this county which
27 are the people to be volunteers to serve these
28 children. So we would just ask that -- to spread the
29 word, to send anybody our way who anyone would feel
30 would make a great advocate for these children.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, that might be
32 something we can help them with, getting the word out
33 on the TV station coming up. Prime example something
34 like that.

35 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir. And just as a
36 matter of information. They meet and train in this
37 room. That's where they conduct their training
38 sessions. But yes, sir.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Any other Council members
40 have any comments or anything? Mr. Allen?

41 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chair. Can you
42 hear me? Okay. Yeah. I thank you for being here
43 this evening and really, really appreciate what you
44 do. I think child abuse and spouse abuse are two
45 things, at least in Anderson County, that are a real
46 sore spot that need to be taken care of. But I would
47 ask, do you have an office somewhere or -- how do you
48 do this?

49 KIM RANDOLPH: The Anderson County
50 Guardian Ad Litem office is located at 1107 North

1 Fant Street.
2 TOM ALLEN: And, you said you had
3 three hundred and forty-one visits a month?
4 ???: ???
5 TOM ALLEN: Okay. And how do you get
6 them? I mean, are they referred to you? Or by whom?
7 KIM RANDOLPH: DSS.
8 TOM ALLEN: By DSS?
9 KIM RANDOLPH: Department of Social.
10 TOM ALLEN: Oh, okay. Gotcha. Okay.
11 Thank you very much. Really appreciate it and
12 certainly wish you all the best.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
14 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, my question is, out
15 of those three hundred and some odd kids, are they
16 all from Anderson or do you serve outlying counties,
17 too?
18 KIM RANDOLPH: The children that she's
19 referring to are all Anderson County children.
20 GRACIE FLOYD: Are you saying all?
21 KIM RANDOLPH: Yes, ma'am, all.
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, good, thank you.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder?
24 FRANCIS CROWDER: I hate to skin my
25 ignorance, but I do that a lot. What's the
26 difference in your program and foster care?
27 KIM RANDOLPH: The children that we serve
28 are children who are in foster care.
29 FRANCIS CROWDER: They are in foster care.
30 KIM RANDOLPH: Yes, sir.
31 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, I noticed on WYFF, I
32 think it was last night, they showed where there was
33 such an abundance of foster care children that they
34 did not have homes to place them, that they were
35 putting them in hotels.
36 KIM RANDOLPH: That's correct. There's a
37 shortage of foster ---
38 FRANCIS CROWDER: They showed a picture of
39 an Embassy Suite.
40 KIM RANDOLPH: Yes, sir. There are a
41 shortage of foster homes. And actually Mr. Berry is
42 meeting with the Director of the licensing program
43 through the Department of Social Services tomorrow to
44 see what collaboration and recruitment efforts we can
45 do to help recruit more foster homes in the Upstate,
46 as well as more guardians.
47 FRANCIS CROWDER: Good. That's what -- I
48 appreciate what you all do. And maybe sometimes we
49 can get y'all involved in a meeting with some of our
50 churches that have compassionate hearts.

1 KIM RANDOLPH: We would welcome that
2 opportunity.
3 FRANCIS CROWDER: So, thank you.
4 TOMMY DUNN: I think Ms. Floyd has
5 another question.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: I have another question,
7 yes. Mr. Burns, do we have a line item in our budget
8 for what's the name ---
9 TOMMY DUNN: Guardian.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: For Guardian Ad Litem?
11 RUSTY BURNS: Do we have one currently?
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.
13 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.
14 GRACIE FLOYD: We don't have a budget
15 item at all?
16 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Then where do you
18 get your funding?
19 KIM RANDOLPH: We are a state agency. So
20 a lot of the staff are paid by the state of South
21 Carolina. We're state employees. But as far as
22 anything that we do on behalf of the guardians to
23 show guardians appreciation or anything that we do,
24 we do back to school drive for the children or toy
25 drives at Christmastime, we rely on the donations of
26 the guardians or staff members will come out of their
27 personal pockets to help pay for certain events that
28 we do.
29 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So there's not a
30 particular, a specific fund raiser drive that goes
31 ---
32 KIM RANDOLPH: No, ma'am.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. Thank you.
34 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Appreciate
35 y'all. I know Council does. Y'all stay in touch,
36 please, with the Administrator. We're going to have
37 a TV station up running soon and that will be a good
38 way that y'all get the word out and everything. We'd
39 like to work with y'all any way we can and help y'all
40 get the word out because, like I said, a lot of
41 people -- lot of folks don't know about y'all until
42 they have to use you, in court and all. We
43 appreciate y'all. Thank you all very much.
44 KIM RANDOLPH: Thank you for the
45 opportunity.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number
47 6, Ordinance second readings, number 6(a), 2015-017,
48 An Ordinance amending Ordinance #99-004 the Anderson
49 County Zoning Ordinance, as adopted July 20, 1999, by
50 amending the Anderson County Official Zoning Map for

1 major changes to the Midway Ridge Planned Development
2 with +/-12.81 acres of land, identified at Midway
3 Road, Anderson, South Carolina 29621, and further
4 identified as TMS #147-00-07-005.

5 At this time we'll have a public hearing.
6 Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please step
7 forward and state your name, your district, and
8 address the Chair, please. Public hearing. Anyone
9 wanting to speak on this matter? Hearing none,
10 public hearing will be closed. At this time do we
11 have a motion to move this forward?

12 FRANCIS CROWDER: I make a motion we move it
13 forward.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder makes a motion
15 we move forward. Ms. Wilson seconds that motion.
16 Any discussion? You got something, Mr. Waters?

17 KEN WATERS: No, I'm ---

18 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
19 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
20 motion carries unanimously. Very much.

21 Moving on to Item number 6(b), An ordinance
22 amending section 38-711 of the Anderson County Code
23 so as to add a provision regarding improvements to
24 county maintained roads. This is a public hearing.
25 Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please step
26 forward and state your name, district and address the
27 Chair. Public hearing. Wishing to address this,
28 step forward now. Hearing none, public hearing will
29 be closed. I make a motion to move this forward.
30 Have a ---

31 TOM ALLEN: Second.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
33 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion
34 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
35 motion carries unanimously.

36 Moving on to Item number 2015-021, An
37 ordinance amending section 2-6 of the Anderson County
38 Code of Ordinance so as to state a time frame for
39 recipients of recreation fund appropriations to
40 report on the use of such funds and the consequences
41 for failure to report. This will be a public
42 hearing. Anyone wishing to state this, again, please
43 state your name and district and address the Chair.
44 Anyone wishing to speak to this matter? Hearing
45 none, public hearing will be closed. Have a motion
46 to move this forward?

47 FRANCIS CROWDER: Make a motion.

48 MITCHELL COLE: Second.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Crowder move
50 forward. Second Mr. Cole. Any discussion? Ms.

1 Floyd?

2 GRACIE FLOYD: How is this going to be --
3 now I remember a couple of years ago we had someone
4 on staff who worked as a person to receive all of the
5 information coming back.

6 Now, first of all, as I understand this,
7 this would be for people who receive allocations for
8 different -- from different Council appropriations,
9 right? All right. So how is it planned to be run?

10 TOMMY DUNN: It'll be Clerk to Council
11 will oversee it. And see after it. And if somebody
12 fails to comply, we're trying to -- this was brought
13 to our attention by Ms. Kimberly. To make sure we
14 are in accordance with state law. And if somebody,
15 just say, organization X doesn't adhere to it, she'll
16 let us know and if organization X reapplies for more
17 money again, then Council will know not to -- they
18 ain't in compliance, not to give them no money.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So ---

20 TOMMY DUNN: They will know, though,
21 they ain't in compliance. They won't be able to come
22 up here and say, you know, we didn't know we wasn't
23 in compliance. They'll know they wasn't in
24 compliance.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Do we
26 have things written down already? We have the
27 guidelines written down, formulated?

28 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Who did that?

30 TOMMY DUNN: That was in our original
31 ordinance when we done it and we passed it, what, two
32 years ago? It just hadn't been followed -- it has
33 not been followed and kept up with.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Do we
35 still have the old guidelines that we had a couple of
36 years ago?

37 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: There were guidelines ---

39 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Same
40 guidelines. We ain't changed them. Yes, ma'am.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: You haven't changed them?

42 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. They have not
43 been changed.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Mr.
45 Dunn, could you please see that we all get a copy of
46 those guidelines?

47 TOMMY DUNN: You see that, Ms. Kim?
48 Everybody gets a copy in their box?

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Of those guidelines, so
50 yeah, so that we can tell ---

1 TOMMY DUNN: Guidelines. When we have
2 requests we can give them to them. Make sure they
3 get them out.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, okay. All right.
5 Thank you.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? I'd like to
7 make a motion -- amendment to this. We -- last
8 Council meeting it was brought up to about there may
9 be a certain time or need about a -- ask for an audit
10 or something. Well, the way the motion was passed,
11 and I didn't think it was, but the way the motion was
12 passed, it was up to Kim. And I think it needs to
13 come before -- before any of that's done, it needs to
14 come for a vote before full Council. And so, that's
15 my motion, is come back for a full Council before
16 anybody -- full Council has to request an audit.
17 When I say full Council, majority of Council, Mr.
18 Leon, is that suitable?
19 LEON HARMON: Yes, Mr. Chairman.
20 KEN WATERS: I second that.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Got a second from Mr.
22 Waters. Any discussion? All in favor of the
23 amendment, show of hands. All opposed like sign.
24 Show the amendment carries unanimously.
25 Now back to the original motion. Any more
26 discussion? Ms. Floyd, got anything?
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, yes. I just thought
28 of something. Mr. Dunn, would it be possible for us
29 to see the report as it comes in so that we, too, can
30 be cognizant of the fact of where the money went to?
31 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Can you make
32 sure we get a copy of the report when it comes in,
33 Kim? We'll put that in the thing, too, that we want
34 a copy of that.
35 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, because I want to
36 see what my folks are doing. Okay. Thank you.
37 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor -- if there's
38 no more discussion, all in favor of the motion show
39 of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
40 carries unanimously. Thank y'all very much.
41 Moving on to Item number 7, Ordinance first
42 reading. Ordinance 2015-022, this is 7(a) An
43 ordinance approving the grant of a water line
44 easement for Powdersville Water District. Mr. Ken
45 Waters.
46 KEN WATERS: Mr. Harmon, would you
47 explain that right-of-way for us, please?
48 LEON HARMON: Yes, Mr. Waters. This is
49 ---
50 TOMMY DUNN: He's always trying to get

1 something for Powdersville water; him and ???
2 KEN WATERS: There you go.
3 LEON HARMON: This request is from
4 Powdersville Water company for an easement along Wren
5 School Road. It's a thirty foot easement for a
6 waterline that's already in place. And they are
7 asking for an easement so that they can properly
8 maintain the line. That's what this request is
9 about.
10 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Put that in
11 the form of a motion, Mr. Waters?
12 KEN WATERS: I do.
13 MITCHELL COLE: Second.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Cole. Now any
15 discussion? I'm sure our people -- Todd, you just
16 nod. You got no problem with this? This is good?
17 Mr. Hopkins, this is good with you, with y'all's
18 thing? Things good for everybody? Okay. Ms.
19 Wilson.
20 CINDY WILSON: Just a quick question.
21 Does this have any effect on encroachment permitting
22 or any of those responsibilities?
23 TOMMY DUNN: Let Mr. Hopkins address
24 that.
25 HOLT HOPKINS: This is well outside of
26 the roadway. This was a result of a project back in
27 the late '90's where the county went in and did some
28 widening of Wren. We asked them to move. This is
29 just cleaning up something that should have been
30 cleaned up ten years, fifteen years ago.
31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Hopkins for
32 clearing that up.
33 KEN WATERS: I was still in middle
34 school.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?
36 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of
37 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
38 carries unanimously.
39 Moving on to Item number 8, Resolutions,
40 Item 8(a), #2015-036. Ms. Floyd.
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
43 GRACIE FLOYD: This is a resolution
44 condemning the attack on Emanuel African Methodist
45 Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, and
46 expressing encouragement and prayers for all affected
47 and matters related thereto.
48 Whereas, on June 17, 2015 a horrific mass
49 shooting took place during a Bible study class at
50 Mother Emanuel, the Emanuel African Methodist

1 Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, where
2 nine innocent lives were ended in bloodshed; and
3 Whereas, the people of Anderson County mourn
4 the loss of life and recognize the impact that the
5 loss each victim will have on their community, state
6 and nation; and

7 Whereas, we offer our sincere sympathy to
8 the families of State Senator Reverend Clementa
9 Pinckney, Reverend DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Reverend
10 Daniel Simmons Sr., and Reverend Sharonda Singleton,
11 Cynthia Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lance, Tywanza
12 Sanders, and Myra Thompson; and

13 Whereas, Anderson County has come together
14 to offer prayers, comfort and encouragement for those
15 lost and for those who will work together to overcome
16 the negative atmosphere that led to this attack;

17 Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, by the
18 Anderson County Council in a meeting duly assembled
19 this 21st day of 2015 that it:

20 (1) condemns the attack on June 17, 2015 which
21 occurred at the church;

22 (2) offers sincere and heartfelt condolences to
23 the families and loved ones of those killed;

24 (3) supports community efforts towards healing
25 from this terrible crime and nationwide efforts to
26 overcome hatred, bigotry and violence.

27 Okay. It doesn't have the bottom part you
28 usually have. But anyway, this is the Resolution
29 that I am offering to the people of the church and to
30 the city of Charleston, South Carolina. Also, if you
31 will look on the doors of the -- on our doors to the
32 back, you will see a wreath, a beautiful wreath that
33 were made by our -- by our staff, Andrea -- I can't
34 think of Andrea's last name, Mr. Burns. Adrian,
35 Adrian, what is it? Adrian Cole, and Miss Teresa
36 Bannister. They have plans of sending these wreaths
37 down to the church so it can hang on their front door
38 there. Mr. Dunn, is something wrong?

39 TOMMY DUNN: Uh-uh, took my glasses
40 off, that's all.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That's it.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Make a motion, I mean, Ms.
43 Floyd puts that in the form of a motion. If no
44 objection, I'd like the entire rest of the Council
45 second that for the record. Now any discussion?

46 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

47 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

48 CINDY WILSON: Those precious people who
49 were slaughtered, and their families should be
50 sainted. They have shown us, who claim to be

1 Christians, how we should behave and I think that is
2 just incredible. That's just unbelievable. So thank
3 you.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Want to commend Ms. Floyd
5 for putting this out. Was going to be last Council
6 meeting, but due to her -- she couldn't be here, we
7 didn't do it and she asked us to bring it off. So
8 very welcomed to do this tonight. And appreciate Ms.
9 Floyd bringing this motion up for us. All in favor
10 of the motion -- Ms. Floyd, oh, did you have
11 something?

12 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I was just going to
13 ask.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters, did you have
15 something you wanted to say?

16 KEN WATERS: No.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Oh, you're going to vote,
18 I'm sorry. Okay.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Just turn it around so
20 they can see how pretty it is. That will be sent to
21 the Mother Emanuel Episcopal Church. Thank you.

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

25 Be moving on now to Item number 8(b), 2015-
26 038, A resolution adopting the fiscal year 2015-2016
27 Road Improvement Plan for Anderson County. Mr.
28 Hopkins. All in favor -- we have a -- do we have a
29 motion to move -- I'm sorry, do we have a motion to
30 move it, to get this on the floor?

31 FRANCIS CROWDER: So moved.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Crowder and
33 second Mr. Allen. Now discussion? Mr. Hopkins, you
34 got anything you'd like to add or say or anything?
35 Anybody have anything? All in favor of the motion
36 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
37 motion carries unanimously.

38 Moving on Item number 8(c), 2015-040, A
39 resolution approving a sewer agreement with the town
40 of Pendleton. Mr. Tom Allen. Councilman Allen.

41 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, thank you. Yeah.
42 This is something that we've been working on for some
43 time now and we'd like to go ahead and get this
44 passed, along with the city of Pendleton. This is
45 going to save us a large chunk of money and they're
46 going to pick up a little sewer line up there and
47 some land and we'd like to go ahead and do this. And
48 it will make them happy and it will save us a lot of
49 money. So I put that in the form of a motion.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen.

1 Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? I'd just like to
2 say -- comment on -- appreciate all the hard work Mr.
3 Allen, staff, Mr. Harmon's done, Mr. Burns, sewer
4 department and town of Pendleton getting this done.
5 I know we started talking about this, Mr. Allen,
6 months and months ago. I know there's been many a
7 conversation back and forth. Glad to see it's come
8 to a -- think this will be better for everybody. So
9 all in favor of this motion show of hands. All
10 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
11 unanimously. At this time, if there's no objection,
12 could we take a short, brief, quick recess. I got
13 Ms. Kim to do something for me. Give her time to do
14 it. Something on a matter later on. Take this short
15 recess.

16 **(BREAK FROM 6:59 PM TO 7:04 PM)**

17 TOMMY DUNN: Let's call the meeting
18 back in order.

19 At this time we'll be moving on to Item
20 8(d), 2015-041, A resolution to change the
21 designation of Emergency Services (Department 5212)
22 to Emergency Preparedness, Ms. Wilson. Ms. Wilson.

23 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
24 Whereas, Department 5212 of Anderson County
25 Government is presently designated for some purposes
26 and in some documents -- certain documents as
27 Emergency Services, and

28 Whereas, the designation of this Department
29 as Emergency Services has resulted in confusion with
30 the Emergency Medical Services Department. And so in
31 the course of this resolution, we're simply
32 requesting that Department 5212 should for all
33 purposes be designated as Emergency Preparedness.
34 And I put that into the form of a motion which is
35 brought to you from the Planning and Public Works
36 Committee with a three and zero recommendation for
37 approval.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second Mr. Cole.
39 Now discussion. I'll start off if you would, don't
40 mind. I think, conversation we had was a short brief
41 conversation me and you had just a few minutes ago,
42 Ms. Wilson, you said your biggest concern on this was
43 budgetary things, is that correct or is it more than
44 that?

45 CINDY WILSON: Paperwork ---

46 TOMMY DUNN: Paperwork.

47 CINDY WILSON: --- and phone. Greetings.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I think that we need
49 to -- and I can see where -- I know you've said this
50 several times in the budget process about this and

1 what you call it, but I want to make sure to be
2 perfectly clear. I got no problem changing
3 something. I talked to Ms. Davis during the break.
4 This -- something can be done on this as far as
5 straightening out for the budgetary reasons. But
6 what I don't want to do -- I asked the staff to get a
7 list -- documentation for all Council members --
8 unable on short notice to be able to get this done.
9 I told them you know I didn't want them to kill
10 themselves, I want it done right -- a list of how much
11 money it would cost to change. There's going to be
12 anythings changed for stationery, pencils, uniforms,
13 decals or anything like that and who was going to pay
14 for it. Because I want to make sure there's nothing
15 like that's going to happen. That's where I do have
16 a concern with. So if we can fix that and it's just
17 going to be on paper for this -- Ms. Wilson, I mean,
18 I'm sorry, Ms. Davis, can you step up to the thing
19 and see if you can -- put you on the spot. Me and
20 you just talked a few minutes ago. See if ---

21 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir, we will be glad,
22 Ms. Wilson, to make sure that any documentation
23 presented during the budgetary process says Emergency
24 Preparedness. I think if you look at our web site
25 under departments it says Emergency Preparedness, as
26 does our official organizational chart. So it is out
27 there and we will make sure that Council -- that we
28 present Emergency Preparedness to you.

29 CINDY WILSON: Well, it's gone through a
30 transition over the years. I pulled out some old
31 documents I had, and way back, Emergency Preparedness
32 was Department 5121 and 5212 was Public Safety
33 Division. And then 5121 was done away with, I think
34 several years ago. And then 5212 became known as
35 Emergency Preparedness. But in some of the phone
36 headings and budget items, it's gotten very
37 confusing. And I had -- I'm trying to remember who
38 it was, but we did have one person to tell me that a
39 function was looking at coming here for something and
40 they were trying to make preparations with Emergency
41 Medical Services and they called Emergency Services,
42 so that made it confusing for them. So that's what
43 we're wanting to avoid.

44 RITA DAVIS: I can understand that,
45 ma'am. We'll rectify that.

46 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chairman.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Cole.

48 MITCHELL COLE: The two television
49 stations during the storms and all the calls to 9-1-1
50 I think we can publicize that on the new station.

1 Get a lot of information across.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chair, please
4 help me understand now. The -- I don't ---
5 TOMMY DUNN: You might have to help me,
6 but I'll try.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I didn't know
8 -- I don't know anything about this and I didn't see
9 anything up in my packet that would help me to
10 understand what's going on here. You want to change
11 the designation of Emergency Services to Emergency
12 Preparedness. First of all, let's define the two.
13 What's the difference, you know, can you tell me,
14 please, sir? What is -- what is 5212? See, a lot of
15 people don't know these titles.
16 CINDY WILSON: May I answer that?
17 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I'd rather he did,
18 thank you.
19 TOMMY DUNN: I don't want to forget
20 now. One of them is Taylor Jones' department, one
21 would be Scott Stoller's department.
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. That's
23 what I thought. Now, on that committee -- I think I
24 chair that committee, Taylor Jones's committee.
25 TOMMY DUNN: Public safety, yes, ma'am.
26 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, I do. And I haven't
27 heard not one word about this thing going on. Now, so
28 the problem is, we're trying to change -- are we
29 going to change Taylor Jones' department to Stoller's
30 department?
31 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. All this is --
32 changing classification as far as budget. Be more
33 simpler, more streamline to know during the budget
34 process which department we're talking about.
35 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I didn't have any
36 problem with it during budget time. I'm going to
37 have problems with it now. Problems with it now.
38 But I don't see the -- I don't see the problem in it,
39 sir. And as Chairman of that committee I would like
40 to have been notified or given an opportunity to
41 express my opinion about it as well. But nobody told
42 me anything, so ... And I thank you, Mr. Chair.
43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any other
44 Council member?
45 FRANCIS CROWDER: I ---
46 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry, Mr. Crowder.
47 FRANCIS CROWDER: That's all right. Well, I
48 mean if you look at national television, when they
49 talk about hurricanes, tornados, whatever have you,
50 when they talk about this is our director of

1 Emergency Preparedness. You look at the state of
2 South Carolina Office of Emergency Preparedness. If
3 you look at most of the counties, all the counties I
4 looked at -- I did not look at all four-six -- it was
5 Preparedness.

6 My concern is when I looked at material in
7 books and I look at Emergency Services, to me, that's
8 the ambulances. And Emergency Preparedness are the
9 people who take action when there's a tornado or what
10 have you. And so, even for a simple minded Council
11 member like me, I never did know whether I was
12 looking at the budget for ambulances or was I looking
13 at Mr. Scott Stoller's. So anyway.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I -- you
15 through, Mr. Crowder? I didn't want to shut you off.

16 FRANCIS CROWDER: I'm through.

17 TOMMY DUNN: If it's all right. I
18 don't see myself and y'all let me know, but I'd like
19 to put this off until next Council meeting. Let us
20 get a little of the information to clarify -- little
21 clearer to everybody. Get Ms. Rita and get a -- I
22 want to make sure we ain't doing nothing that's going
23 to cost -- open up a can of worms about money, about
24 to change stuff like this. If it's just
25 classification, I want to get it spelled out to
26 exactly what it's going to be and what everybody --
27 hear from the department or something.

28 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

29 TOMMY DUNN: I've heard from several
30 different people from just what y'all saying from the
31 Sheriff on the other side, where the national thing
32 is going this way. So I'd like to get this thing.
33 Go ahead, Ms. Wilson.

34 CINDY WILSON: It's just bounced around
35 from one name to the other and almost every year in
36 the budget it's got one or the other name that
37 bounces from one to the other. And we have to ask
38 for clarification.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Well, if that's ---

40 CINDY WILSON: This is only a clarifying
41 measure. It's not changing uniforms or anything.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Well, and that's what I
43 say. If that's the case then we can sure get this
44 done before the budget, then. We'll get it the next
45 Council meeting. That's what -- I just want to get
46 -- what is it?

47 CINDY WILSON: It's not classification,
48 it's clarification.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Clarification. I'm sorry.
50 We'll get the clarification and make sure we're all

1 on the same page and we understood. I think -- I
2 don't think if y'all will just indulge me, I'd just
3 like to table it. And I'll say at the next council
4 meeting. It'll be on the agenda next council
5 meeting. Give us a chance to make sure the wording
6 be right and I can get -- Ms. Davis can give us
7 everything about the -- break it out and everything.
8 I mean, y'all tell me. If I'm asking too much,
9 world's going to come to an end to put off to next
10 Council meeting, if it's that big of a problem, won't
11 -- somebody's going to not get some emergency
12 services between now and -- by waiting next meeting
13 night. Is that a big thing?

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Second on that.

15 TOMMY DUNN: I need a second and a
16 vote.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: You got a second.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. All in favor to
19 bring it up next council meeting, show of hands. All
20 opposed.

21 FRANCIS CROWDER: I don't really see where
22 it's -- may I make a comment?

23 TOMMY DUNN: No, sir, I'm sorry. It's
24 -- can't make on this one. This was tabled. We got
25 to either vote yes or no or abstain.

26 FRANCIS CROWDER: I'll vote -- it's going to
27 be brought up ---

28 TOMMY DUNN: Next Council meeting.

29 Okay. Let's do it one more time. All in favor of
30 tabling it for next Council meeting show of hands.

31 Okay. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank
32 y'all very much.

33 Bring it -- moving on to the next Item
34 number 9, Report from July 9th, 2015 Planning and
35 Public Works Committee.

36 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
37 This was the county's Planning and Public Works
38 Committee meeting which is composed of Mr. Cole, Mr.
39 Waters and I. We held our most recent meeting on
40 July 9th at 12:30 to review and discuss chapters 2
41 and 6 of the Anderson County Comprehensive Plan and
42 the continued widespread violations of the county's
43 sign ordinance.

44 Overall the county's economic development
45 has regained strength and it seems to be improving.
46 We are blessed to have thirty-seven miles of I-85
47 frontage, many excellent features and benefits,
48 including but not limited to agriculture,
49 manufacturing, good education, and health care
50 opportunities and wonderful recreational assets such

1 as Lake Hartwell and the Saluda River, several small
2 towns and inviting neighborhoods.

3 Current job creation efforts provide more
4 reasons for the good people of Anderson County to
5 remain or to settle here. We are one of the faster
6 growing counties in the Upstate and Anderson County's
7 new residents include many retirees and semi-retired.
8 We've had growth in tourism. Our stronger
9 manufacturing base has changed to be a more service
10 related work force. Wages for Anderson's top 4
11 industry groups comprise sixty-six percent of total
12 wages. These are public administration, federal,
13 state and local, manufacturing -- which would include
14 durable and nondurable goods -- retail trade and
15 accommodation and food services. We noted that while
16 nearly forty percent of Anderson County citizens earn
17 below averages wages, compared to national averages,
18 we enjoy a lesser cost of living. Anderson County is
19 making strong improvements in economic development,
20 which encourage higher wages and more opportunities
21 for our work force. Our diversity of types of
22 industries is improving. Our county is working in
23 collaboration with many institutional, industrial and
24 educational entities to anticipate job training
25 needs. The good business atmosphere in our county
26 continues to draw significant capital investment by
27 businesses with quality jobs, paying at or above
28 state average wages.

29 The county works with existing industries
30 and potential new arrivals offering a wide array of
31 incentives including corporate headquarters, jobs,
32 tax credits, fee in lieu of taxes, multi-county park
33 agreements and infrastructure credits. In our review
34 of workforce considerations, our committee was joined
35 by two members of our local board of **Realtors**. It
36 was noted that the cost of housing as a component of
37 cost of living in Anderson County is much lower than
38 Greenville, Charleston, Atlanta and most of the
39 United States. Affordable housing is less an issue
40 in our county as inventory exists in a wide price
41 range and in a variety of settings. The primary
42 issue is more of a matter of prospective home buyers
43 unable to qualify for mortgages. There was
44 discussion of -- regarding bringing the banking and
45 real estate industries together to provide
46 educational seminars to teach individuals, especially
47 our young people, on how to establish good credit and
48 how to more wisely manage their funds. It was
49 recognized that more young people nowadays prefer to
50 locate in downtown areas where they can walk or bike

1 to stores and entertainment. The county and its
2 municipalities have begun discussing ways to
3 facilitate these newer interests.

4 Next on our agenda was a discussion of an
5 obvious increase in illegal sign activity which was
6 -- which has brought many citizen complaints. Our
7 local **Realtors** have done a good job of informing and
8 policing their membership. It was pointed out that
9 no signs except traffic, directional, warning or
10 informational signs authorized by a public agency or
11 official notices issued by any court, public agency
12 or public officer are allowed within fifteen feet of
13 public right-of-way. Many suggested remedies were
14 put forth. The county recently has had another sign
15 pick-up. It seems that the worst offenders are a few
16 out-of-town developers. We will revisit this area of
17 concern again soon.

18 Our committee was also given an update on
19 the county's litter control efforts. Interviews for
20 the county's litter officer have been conducted and
21 we should have an announcement soon. In less than
22 three months, equipment will be acquired, staffing
23 will be mostly lady prisoners working under the new
24 officer. New volunteer programs are being
25 implemented such as the Adopt a Spot and Homeland
26 Park annual cleanup. Shred day dates will be
27 announced soon. And we will have another meeting
28 hopefully within the next three weeks. Thank you,
29 Mr. Chairman.

30 And thank you all that helped.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

32 CINDY WILSON: Staff and fellow committee
33 members.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
35 Mr. Burns, on the report from the committee, there.
36 I know y'all done a -- staff worked real hard and
37 done a fantastic job here about seven months ago on
38 the sign thing. And they are popping back up all
39 over the county. Can we do something about this,
40 make a little bit stiffer? These people don't seem
41 to -- I think it's all over the county, in all of our
42 districts, about these signs, certain signs. I mean
43 ---

44 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir, we are looking
45 at how we can tighten those ordinances. We're also
46 -- as one of your requirements, when you come in, if
47 you are an habitual sign offender, then your permit
48 for new developments, that's going to be part and
49 parcel of it. So it's a lot of repeat offenders.

50 TOMMY DUNN: It is. And a lot of it --

1 it ain't just real estate things. There's people --
2 you know, homemade signs. I buy houses, I mean I buy
3 houses, this, that, the other anything else you know
4 about it. So they need to be -- we need to do
5 something to, like I said, number one, I think our
6 crews go out and do different things, stop and pick
7 these signs up if they ain't permitted. And number
8 two, get some teeth in the ordinance, Mr. Harmon, we
9 can fine somebody or do something more to them or
10 something or other. Or maybe Mr. Allen can take them
11 out and shoot them or something. It is a problem. I
12 think we need to do something littering up our county
13 road side and people don't care where they stick them
14 up. Not only that, in some of these situation it's a
15 hazard where they put them up. Can't see -- can't
16 see an intersection.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

18 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Concerning the Planning
20 and Public Works report, they continued the review of
21 2 and 6. They did additions, amendments and
22 approvals. All right. Nothing was voted on that
23 should be brought to the Council so that we can go
24 ahead and finish this comprehensive?

25 TOMMY DUNN: What's the plan on that,
26 Ms. Wilson?

27 CINDY WILSON: Well, we presented -- if
28 you'll look in your minutes, we did have some
29 measures and it's our understanding that we're
30 reviewing and making some suggested recommendations
31 which will be sent back to the Planning Commission
32 and then the total book will come to us. And
33 anyone's welcome to come to our meetings. And
34 obviously with the five year cycle, and we were
35 slower because of some other circumstances, but we're
36 quickly starting to catch up.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

38 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Answer your question, Ms.
40 Floyd, I think they have to make recommendations to
41 go back to Planning Commission have to see through
42 things according to state law, I think if I'm not
43 mistaken some of this stuff, has to go back.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But the ones that
45 were approved last year won't have to go back because
46 they've already been approved and already been
47 presented to Council.

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

50 GRACIE FLOYD: So they just -- must be

1 just the biggest one, I think it was the last one.
2 But I know that the rush was on -- not the rush --
3 but it was determined that that needed to be
4 completed because we were so far behind to begin
5 with. And we couldn't go back and rewrite it to what
6 we wanted it to say. It had to be done, you know,
7 and the whole Council ---

8 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I think they're
9 getting there. And I think the Planning Commission
10 has made some tweaks here and there. Or are going
11 to, yes, ma'am.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Thank you.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on, next to the
14 Item number 10, Report for July 16th Finance
15 Committee meeting. Chairman Crowder. Mr. Crowder.

16 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yeah, thank you, Chairman.
17 Finance Committee recommends to full Council the
18 approval of the application for 2015 JAG grant in the
19 amount of fifty-seven thousand five hundred and
20 seventeen dollars to purchase a wide variety of
21 equipment ranging from lift bags, metal detectors,
22 manifold and compressor, a server -- an email server,
23 software training. And so a recommendation from the
24 Finance Committee does not require a second.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We have a
26 motion on the floor. Do we have any discussion?

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chair.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: The JAG is Justice
32 Assistance Grant and I think it was in the total
33 amount of fifty-seven thousand dollars, is that what
34 ---

35 TOMMY DUNN: I think that's correct,
36 yes, ma'am.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Have all of the
38 money -- has all the money been appropriated out of
39 that fifty-seven thousand dollars for everything that
40 we need?

41 TOMMY DUNN: I think so, yes, ma'am.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chair, Mr.
43 Burns, both of you. We can't get anything else --
44 any money left for something else?

45 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, in the JAG
46 basically that's figured up on population and other
47 statistics and they tell you how much you're going to
48 get. What the county has been very good at is
49 usually you'll have some people -- some counties who
50 do not use their money or don't put in the proper

1 request, and we've been successful in the past, the
2 Sheriff's department, going in and getting those
3 extra monies. That's that situation.
4 TOMMY DUNN: There's still a
5 possibility, then?
6 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir. There's a
7 possibility.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: What did you say?
9 TOMMY DUNN: There's still a
10 possibility, like getting some money from other
11 county wasn't able to get, is what Mr. Burns is
12 talking about.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, let me tell you what
14 I want, okay? I don't think anyone had a chance to
15 list items that they would like to have. But Mr.
16 Dunn, ---
17 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: --- as chairman, and Mr.
19 Burns, we need a type of machine that they have in
20 the city for getting leaves up. Picking up leaves.
21 I have an area that's bombarded, if you can use that
22 word, with smoke in the summer. I think you got a
23 letter about that.
24 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am. I did.
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Did you get a copy of it?
26 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And this has been
28 an on-going problem for a long time. And I
29 understand that it doesn't have to be this way. The
30 city has an instrument or what do you call it? A
31 machine -- they have a machine that they can use to
32 do this, and I was wondering why we can't have a
33 machine since we have a problem area as well. So --
34 but being that I only make eight thousand dollars a
35 year, that's not my department, could -- could -- how
36 do we go about doing that? Can that be inserted in
37 this grant, Mr. Burns?
38 RUSTY BURNS: It can't be inserted in
39 the JAG grant because that has to go for law
40 enforcement activities. But what we could do is, we
41 could find out how a machine -- how much a machine
42 like that did cost. We can certainly do that and
43 then see if we can find funding possibilities for
44 that.
45 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I do have
46 some money in the District 2 account, it's not mine,
47 I should have said District 2 has some money that
48 could be put forward for that, but that's something I
49 think is really needed. And I would like very much
50 if you could give me an idea before the next meeting.

1 RUSTY BURNS: We will assign that to Mr.
2 Stone who I'm sure will handle it with delight.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Stone? Okay. Good.
4 Thank you.

5 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
6 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
7 motion carries unanimously. Moving on.

8 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
9 If you'll notice in your packet of material there are
10 actually two sets of budget transfers. These are
11 budget transfers to allow the county to balance its
12 books at the end of the year. Some expenditures were
13 not known until the end of the year, such as raises
14 given by the legislature to magistrates and others
15 etcetera, etcetera, etcetera, as somebody once said.
16 There were some transfers that people could have
17 asked to have the money transferred before they spent
18 it, and I am somewhat dismayed after five years of
19 trying to be an advocate for people not just spending
20 money and then asking for forgiveness after the fact.
21 Nevertheless, I propose that since this money has
22 already been actually spent and there's really no
23 discussion to be had unless Council wants to take
24 back the money from a lot of different vendors, that
25 Council -- this is a personal recommendation -- the
26 Finance Committee had no recommendation -- to approve
27 the budget items. And Mr. Burns and Ms. Davis have
28 already told me that they're going to work on that.
29 They have been very good and they do have a smaller
30 number, so I'll appreciate it, Mr. Burns, and I
31 appreciate it, Ms. Davis. So I recommend that we
32 approve the budget transfers.

33 CINDY WILSON: May I add something, too?

34 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Motion Mr.
35 Crowder. We have a second to Mr. Crowder's motion?

36 CINDY WILSON: Second.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Now
38 Ms. Wilson, you got the floor.

39 CINDY WILSON: If you'll look through the
40 transfers, echoing what Mr. Crowder said, there's
41 several areas that we should be concerned, and one is
42 state mandates, increased salaries that get passed on
43 to our budget. And I think it would be really
44 helpful if we have another joint meeting maybe early
45 fall, as we did before with our county delegation and
46 work on our communicating and anticipating what each
47 other needs from the other.

48 The health insurance increases are just
49 phenomenal. And of course, we had vehicle insurance
50 increases and overtime and workers' comp. But one

1 item that I did want to ask about and I went back and
2 looked at it and that's why I want to ask about it
3 tonight. It involves buying out vacation time and
4 comp time. I thought we had remedied that to the
5 effect where our employees would use their time
6 within a certain time span and not make it a
7 financial liability for our books. So I'm inquiring
8 about that now and hopefully we won't have that. I
9 thought we had a rule in place.

10 TOMMY DUNN: I think you got -- I might
11 be mistaken on this, there is a rule in place, but
12 there's an exception. Sometime it just nearly
13 impossible. I mean you've got to -- I know it might
14 seem crazy, we got a couple of things, people just
15 can't be off. I mean, I ain't going to say be off,
16 but it puts us in a thing so they -- better for us to
17 pay it than have them absent for a couple of these
18 things, I think.

19 CINDY WILSON: Well, there was one that
20 was like about seven thousand dollars. Seven or
21 eight thousand dollars buying out vacation time and
22 work -- and the comp time. And I just don't think
23 that's real good for us to have that liability on our
24 records. And all of our employees need some time
25 off. Is there something we can do to review that and
26 ---

27 TOMMY DUNN: I think -- again know
28 about it. But just like one instance, I'm not going
29 to say which one, and I don't want to single nobody
30 out. But one instance I know comes right off the top
31 of my head is at the Civic Center. Unfortunately,
32 for whatever you like about it, unless you want to
33 put, you know, we hollering about losing money at the
34 Civic Center and trying to do this, but we got a guy
35 out there that's just -- he works a lot, but he's
36 instrumental about being out -- luckily he's willing
37 to work a lot, but I mean, he just has to cover up
38 and we got a lot of events going on out there and he
39 has to be there some to cover up. That's one -- just
40 one instance. I know it just blows off the top of my
41 head that he does get a lot of unfortunately
42 overtime.

43 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, Mr. Chair.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Wait just a minute. Ms.
45 Wilson has the floor.

46 TOM ALLEN: Oh, I'm sorry.

47 CINDY WILSON: Well, you know, my main
48 concern is if we can anticipate some of these
49 increases and have them factored in. But on the
50 vacation buy-out and comp time that had no relation

1 to the Civic Center. And I know who you're talking
2 about. That man is indispensable. Thank you.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen?

4 TOM ALLEN: I was just going to say,
5 there may not be right what I'm saying, but on -- we
6 passed that -- those guidelines on utilizing comp
7 time, vacation, what, about two years ago, when we
8 redid -- a year and a half. And I think some of
9 these people, and this may be one of the cases, where
10 this person had been accruing that time over several
11 years and is now getting ready to retire. And, I
12 mean, it's one of those things we're going to have to
13 catch up with.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Yep.

15 TOM ALLEN: And that person we have to
16 pay. The new folks under this will not rack up that
17 type of dollars. Thanks.

18 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
19 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
20 motion carries unanimously. Before you move on, Mr.
21 Chairman, excuse me, Ms. Davis, step up just a
22 second. Mr. Burns, if y'all would, this week or
23 something I'm going to put you on the spot, but --
24 and I know on this -- these budget transfers, some of
25 them can't be helped. But make sure departments
26 understand that we want to know, Council wants to
27 know and approve before you spend money, if at all
28 possible. Because next time they might be taking it
29 out of their own paycheck. Understood? Make sure
30 you get the word out on that. Thanks.

31 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, sir.

32 Appreciate that. I second that.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Now, Mr.

34 Chairman, moving on.

35 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, sir. You
36 received an email really as a reminder to bring your
37 book. I brought mine. This actually contains all
38 the capital stock that was originally discussed
39 during the meetings of the budget workshop. In it,
40 it shows a list of all the equipment that Mr. Hopkins
41 -- well, Mr. Burns and his staff want to buy. This
42 is Administrator's proposed capital budget for both
43 fiscal year 2016 and other to be bought in 2017. But
44 you'll also see that we're going to borrow the money
45 for the capital lease -- lease money -- all at one
46 time and have it available so that when they want to
47 buy this equipment, because it's not expeditious or
48 cost effective if we go to the market and borrow
49 money 2016 and then for 2017.

50 So the Finance Committee went through these

1 very arduous, didn't we, Mr. Allen? Did we really go
2 through these? That's a joke. But since they were
3 contained in the original proposal of the budget,
4 which this Council passed, the Finance Committee
5 recommends that we approve the Administrator's
6 proposed capital budget for 2016, 2017 and the only
7 reason we can do that and not have a 2017 budget is
8 because we already had the money allocated in the
9 capital lease money. Is that all right? Thank you,
10 sir. Just wanted to make sure that was all right.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance
12 Committee it doesn't need a second, but I've got to
13 open up for discussion. I got something, Mr. Burns.

14 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Y'all help me out here,
16 make sure I'm -- all of us on the same page. We vote
17 to approve this tonight, it's still got to come back
18 before we buy it? Come through somewhere or another?

19 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir we will have to
20 have an ordinance. And then after that is approved
21 ---

22 TOMMY DUNN: Present -- let me say
23 where I'm coming from on this. I got no problem. I
24 want to say something here on just a minute. But
25 just like one thing on 2017 year, we got some EMS
26 stuff to buy and it's a capital thing. Well, I don't
27 want to approve no money and y'all go out a buy some
28 EMS stuff and we don't know what we're going to do
29 with EMS system yet.

30 RUSTY BURNS: No, what you have -- what
31 you have is what is proposed. Some of those
32 purchases will be made in 2017. Any purchase over
33 fifty thousand dollars has to come back for Council's
34 vote.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Just being mindful of
36 that. And I would like to add, this is a very good,
37 in my opinion, very good book. Mr. Stone, my hat's
38 off to you. It's very well explained, very well
39 presented and everything. I thought it was very well
40 shown like this. And I want to ask you -- Mr. Stone,
41 if you would come up. I don't want to put you on the
42 spot, but like I said, this was a -- I thought very
43 well done and very well explanatory. And I know
44 you've had -- me and you talked about this I think in
45 the budget process and I think you brought this up
46 before the Finance Committee. But I want to ask you
47 to -- if we buy this stuff, you're going to have some
48 equipment to get rid of.

49 ROBERT STONE: Yes, sir.

50 TOMMY DUNN: You need to present us

1 with a proposal to get rid of this stuff. We don't
2 need to be sitting out there letting grass growing up
3 and letting junk -- way to do things modern. In my
4 opinion we can't have auctions every time we want to
5 get rid of something. Me and you discussed this.
6 Second thing is, is some of this stuff -- if you
7 getting -- we're going to replace is in better shape
8 than what some EMS stuff has got now. That's where
9 that stuff ought to go to, don't you think?

10 ROBERT STONE: Yes, sir, we're going to look
11 into doing that. As we buy a new vehicle, we're
12 going to look at the condition of it and if we can
13 re-purpose it to another department we're absolutely
14 going to do that. We're doing that right now,
15 actually. I'm transferring one to parks now. So
16 they're going to get a vehicle. As far as the online
17 auction stuff that we've talked about before ---

18 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Stone, speak just a
19 little bit ---

20 ROBERT STONE: Hear me now? As far as
21 the online auction stuff that we discussed before, I
22 think that's going to be helpful because we won't
23 have a surplus and a bone yard. We won't need one
24 any more. We can sell it within thirty days and have
25 the money put back into the capital fund.

26 TOMMY DUNN: And I think it's just the
27 way -- it's the way thing are going -- and I don't
28 think explains it, will exclude nobody from being
29 able to participate in it. We got to have a better
30 way to do something to get rid of our stuff instead
31 of letting it sit there because as you know, me and
32 you discussed before. The older -- the longer
33 something sits there that's not being used, the more
34 junk you're getting for lack of term. Least amount
35 of money you're going to get for it.

36 ROBERT STONE: Continues to depreciate
37 until it flat lines. Until it becomes scrape price.
38 And that's what we have right now. I had some
39 pictures, I don't know where they went to, and not on
40 that book about the current condition of the scrap
41 yard. And also, we've been broken into, we've had a
42 lot of stuff stolen. Lots and lots of money gone.
43 So we're in bad shape on that.

44 TOMMY DUNN: I think a few years ago
45 when we -- when the county done the auction, I think
46 we had some catalytic converters stole off some cars.

47 ROBERT STONE: We did. It happens every
48 couple of years. The location of the one we have now
49 is pretty remote. We was hoping we wouldn't have
50 that happen, but it did. I guess anybody can find

1 money, they're going to go get it. They did that.
2 But, yeah, if we can go to the online -- and I'm not
3 saying that's the only option. I'm just saying bring
4 it to the table so that we can do that, so that we
5 don't have to worry with this any more and we don't
6 lose this money.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Yep. Go ahead, Ms. Floyd.
8 Mr. Crowder, you'll be next.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Scott.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Stone.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, Stone. Mr. Stone.

12 First of all, I'm glad to have the opportunity to
13 tell you, again, how pleased and proud I am of what
14 you have given us to work with. I thought it was
15 really, really wonderful. But the best thing that
16 has happened tonight, to me, was when our
17 Administrator said that he was going to get you to
18 look at this particular instrument -- not instrument,
19 what do you call it?

20 TOMMY DUNN: Machine.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Machine. Machine that I
22 need.

23 ROBERT STONE: Most likely a vac truck,
24 but I will look into it.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. Okay. And I'm
26 hoping -- I want to encourage you, and to -- to
27 please do me a good job, just as you did on this one.
28 Okay.

29 ROBERT STONE: I'll do my best.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: But the thing about the
31 money. I, too, have -- I'm hearing people talk about
32 a lot of things that are taken away from our county
33 that's costing us money. And I think you have put a
34 good -- a good brakes -- you put -- you applied good
35 brakes to this one and I'm hoping that we can, we can
36 put our arms around that problem and get it stopped
37 period so we can keep what belongs to Anderson
38 County. But I just took the opportunity to say, you
39 go, boy.

40 ROBERT STONE: Thank you.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder.

42 FRANCIS CROWDER: Nothing.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Appreciate it, Mr.
44 Stone. Thank you a lot. All in favor of the motion
45 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
46 motion carries unanimously.

47 Moving on now, Item number 11, Request by
48 all Council members. Ms. Wilson.

49 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

50 The only two that I have for tonight out of the

1 District 7 rec account would be five hundred dollars
2 appropriated to T.L. Hanna band and three hundred
3 dollars to the Balloons Over Anderson. And that I
4 put in the form of a motion.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Have a
6 second?
7 TOM ALLEN: Second.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
9 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show
10 of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
11 carries unanimously. Any thing else, Ms. Wilson?
12 CINDY WILSON: ???
13 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Crowder.
14 FRANCIS CROWDER: I'd like to appropriate
15 out of District 1's recreation report one thousand
16 dollars to the Parks, Recreation and Tourism -- is
17 that the way you want it, Mr. Burns? --- one thousand
18 dollars so that they can do a special project over at
19 the ---
20 TOMMY DUNN: You'd just like to
21 transfer some money over to that department, what
22 you'd really like to do.
23 FRANCIS CROWDER: That's correct. Yep. So,
24 let me see if it's another one. My Apple is acting
25 up.
26 TOMMY DUNN: Mine did, too.
27 FRANCIS CROWDER: I would like to trans --
28 approve twelve hundred dollars to the T.L. Hanna band
29 -- high school bands. Bands. So those are the only
30 two I have, Chairman.
31 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
32 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show
33 of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
34 carries unanimously. Mr. Cole?
35 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
36 allocate five hundred dollars to Iva rec twelve and
37 Under girls there. They stand a good chance of being
38 state champs. We should get them back and recognize
39 them a little later. But to help cover part of their
40 cost of going to Bluffton, South Carolina to play in
41 the state tournament.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second?
43 KEN WATERS: Second.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
45 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
46 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
47 carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Cole? Ms.
48 Floyd?
49 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't have any at this
50 meeting.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. Mr.
2 Allen?
3 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chair. I have
4 four. I would like to do three of them together and
5 then the fourth one separately. The first one is for
6 the Town of Pendleton to help celebrate their two
7 hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary, I'd like to
8 take twenty-five hundred dollars out of my rec
9 account for that. For the T.L. Hanna band I'd like
10 to take three hundred out. And for Balloons Over
11 Anderson a thousand dollars. I put that in the form
12 of a motion.
13 KEN WATERS: Second.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second from Mr.
15 Waters. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion
16 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
17 motion carries unanimously. Mr. Allen?
18 TOM ALLEN: Okay. And I had a fourth
19 one I overlooked last week. I had so many new ones
20 coming in last week. But for the Distinguished Young
21 Women I'd like to do two hundred dollars out of the
22 recreation account. Put that in the form of a
23 motion.
24 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second, Ms. Wilson.
25 Any further discussion? All in favor of the motion
26 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
27 motion carries unanimously.
28 TOM ALLEN: That's all I had.
29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters?
30 KEN WATERS: Also had one that was
31 overlooked last month. I'd like to out of the
32 District 6 recreation fund appropriate three hundred
33 dollars to the Distinguished Young Women of Anderson
34 County. I bring that in the form of a motion.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Ms. Wilson. Any
36 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
37 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
38 carries unanimously. Mr. Waters, anything else?
39 KEN WATERS: That's all.
40 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Out of District 5's
41 rec account, I didn't overlook it last week. I just
42 wanted some time to study anything. I will give
43 District 5's rec's account I think they requested
44 twelve hundred dollars. And got a lot to weigh, a
45 lot to decide about who gets what and what's it good
46 for. I know all these groups are good, good -- do
47 good stuff and everything, but sometimes you got to
48 decide what's best for the taxpayers and what's good
49 for the whole. But saying that, going back and
50 reviewing things and studying, I will finish out the

1 request of twelve hundred dollars and give three
2 hundred dollars to the Distinguished Young Women.
3 Put that in the form of a motion out of District 5's
4 rec account.

5 MITCHELL COLE: Second.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Cole. Any
7 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
8 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
9 carries unanimously.

10 Moving on next, Administrator's Report, Mr.
11 Burns.

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

14 TOMMY DUNN: Got nothing; no roofing,
15 no nothing?

16 Moving on to Item number 13, citizen
17 comments. If you would at this time, Mr. Harmon
18 calls your name, please step forward, state your name
19 and district. You have three minutes.

20 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first
21 speaker is Faith Line.

22 FAITH LINE: Hi, I'm Faith Line,
23 District 1, also with Anderson County Library. And I
24 gave each one of you a poster about our Electric City
25 ComiCon that's coming up on August 8th. I'd like to
26 invite all those that are here for the meeting to
27 come on the 8th. We'll have lots of fun. We've got
28 nationally known authors that are coming. We're
29 doing cosplay, if you'd like to come dressed up as
30 your favorite cartoon comics, graphic novel
31 character. Mr. Burns I think is coming as Superman.
32 Silver Surfer, excuse me, let me get that one right.

33 TOMMY DUNN: I think we've got some
34 stretch superman there now.

35 FAITH LINE: Be a good day of fun, good
36 afternoon. It's from one to five on the 8th and we'd
37 love to see all of you there. It's a great program.
38 Our staff has worked really hard on this so I hope
39 some of you can come and see what exciting things.
40 We hope we have lots of people from around the
41 community.

42 I also have another hat. I'm on the Board
43 of Anderson Lifelong Learning Institute and just gave
44 you their catalogue. We'd love for people to be
45 involved with this also and come take a class with
46 us. Thank you, very much.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Appreciate
48 what all you do. Next.

49 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, the next
50 person signed up is Tom DeAgostino.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Think that's the fellow I
2 spoke to later about the highway down at Homeland
3 Park.

4 LEON HARMON: Next person is Ms. Youko
5 Simmons.

6 YOUKO SIMMONS: My name is Youko Simmons.
7 I live in District 5, Tommy Dunn. The reason why I
8 come up here today is for three weeks ago I attended
9 the Civic Center Park with my nephew and four other
10 kids, my cousins. Well, there was a lady there --
11 actually two ladies there -- smoking. And I'm like,
12 in a park? And I sit here fanning because I have a
13 hard time breathing around smoke. So I saw a Sheriff
14 come up in a van, and I said, ma'am, ma'am, I said
15 can you smoke on the parking lot? And she was like,
16 no, they're not supposed to be smoking in the park.
17 So she's like I'm not for sure whether we can do
18 anything about it. And I was like why? So I ended
19 up going back and I ended up calling County
20 Councilman Ms. Gracie Floyd. I said, Ms. Gracie, I
21 said, we have children who are here playing. I said,
22 you have -- I'm out here. I have a hard time
23 breathing around smoke. And there was family who, I
24 guess couldn't take the smoke, so they ended up
25 moving on down. So my thing is that, reason why I
26 come to you today is because we need to make sure
27 that ordinance is in place where there's no smoking
28 in the parks. Those who may have asthma, have an
29 asthma attack. So we need to make sure if this
30 ordinance is in place, we need to make sure that it's
31 being fulfilled and monitored. Make sure no one is
32 doing this.

33 And also, another thing, too, is to have
34 signs out there. No smoking. I didn't see that at
35 all. So, thank you.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Burns, can
37 you see if we can get some nice signs out there, you
38 know, look presentable about no smoking and make sure
39 to follow up no ?? about the Sheriff's office but,
40 you know, we had a little incidence here a while back
41 few weeks ago about Sheriff's -- communications stuff
42 ain't real up to -- be about our ordinances and what
43 they should be enforcing and what they know and make
44 sure the Sheriff and them knows this and they can do
45 it on roll call and this thing and they'll be -- even
46 though it's in the city limits now somebody ought to
47 be -- and they need to know it, too, the city police
48 and that is in the city and they'll patrol that and
49 check it a little bit. Our ordinance. Thank you.

50 Next, Mr. Harmon.

1 LEON HARMON: The final person signed
2 up, Mr. Chairman, is Elizabeth Fant.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, sir.

4 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District
5 3. Excuse my scratchy voice. I agree about
6 ordinances and laws. If you have an ordinance or a
7 law everybody needs to be following it. We shouldn't
8 be selective.

9 I think the events that have happened down
10 in Charleston are horrific. I applaud the people
11 down there of how they have handled it. We've had so
12 many cases it seems like in this last year of
13 killings. That's what it is, folks, is killing
14 somebody. So that's against our law and it's against
15 God's law. The man who did that dastardly deed in
16 Charleston, in my opinion, was mentally off. That
17 needs to be dealt with.

18 Likewise, this last week we had Black
19 Panthers and Klu Klux Klan both descend on Columbia
20 trying to protest. Protesting by your voice is fine,
21 nothing wrong with saying what you want to say. But
22 when you put violence into the picture it's wrong.
23 On facebook today, there was a story about how in
24 Mississippi two African Americans who are supportive
25 of the Confederate flag were waving the flag and some
26 African American hustlers ran them off the side of
27 the road, or whatever, anyway, one of them was
28 killed. The event with the Marines. All of these
29 things are wrong. The thing with Planned Parenthood.
30 Harvesting baby organs for money. It's wrong. It's
31 just disgusting. But you're never going to be able
32 to legislate and change all of these things with
33 people. It has to come from the heart. And I know
34 that my friends don't behave that way.

35 However, when you're talking about
36 ordinances and laws, I want to talk about another
37 subject real quickly. And that is following traffic
38 laws. I think I referenced a couple of months ago
39 when I was out at the shopping center at Pets Smart,
40 our Sheriff's deputy came right in front of me and
41 didn't even -- heed the stop sign. He almost hit me.
42 I turned around and I went to him and I said, Sir, do
43 you realize that you just went through a stop sign?
44 He had a cell phone in his hand. No, I wasn't paying
45 attention. Anybody else would have gotten a ticket
46 for that.

47 This evening when I came to park my car ---

48 TOMMY DUNN: That'll be time, Ms. Fant.

49 Thank you.

50 Moving on citizens comments -- I mean, I'm

1 sorry -- remarks from Council members. Mr. Waters.

2 KEN WATERS: Tonight, when we
3 recognized the young men from the bass fishing
4 winning the world championship bass fishing, we've
5 had a good year as far fishing. We had the young man
6 that won the Bass Masters and then -- that was a
7 world championship. And then the high school team,
8 so we just got to work on our college teams a little
9 bit, I believe, and we can do all right. But proud
10 to see that.

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

12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen?

13 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, Mr. Chair, just very
14 quickly. It was handed out tonight some information
15 on the Lifelong Learning programs over at Anderson
16 University. I've taken one of these and they're
17 really neat. And I would encourage anyone that would
18 like to pick up some additional information on just
19 about anything you might be interested in. And they
20 have a very good program over there and it's quite
21 interesting. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd?

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Do you have to take a
24 test?

25 TOM ALLEN: No. No tests. That's why
26 I took that class.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Good. First of all, it's
28 good to be back. I want to -- I really want to do a
29 heartfelt thank you to two of my colleagues, Mr. Dunn
30 and our Administrator, for checking up on me and
31 helping me through what I had to go through. It's
32 been excruciating. I was not sick, but I was in
33 pain. And today I almost had my first full day
34 within three weeks of no pain. But I messed up when
35 I bent over today.

36 But I want to do something a little
37 different. You know, I live in Anderson; I don't
38 have family but I've got a whole passel of friends.
39 And I want to introduce you to two ladies who I could
40 not have gone through what I did without them. My
41 friend, Ruby Banks. Ruby, would you stand up,
42 please. Don't make me have to ask you twice. Okay.
43 This is Ruby Banks. She lives next door to me.
44 During the entire time when I couldn't move, she sat
45 there and watched me cry. She helped me get around
46 as best I could. She helped me when I went to the
47 emergency room, i had to call EMS to come and get me
48 because it was just that bad. She helped me get
49 ready for that. Ruby, words cannot express to you
50 how much -- how much you did for me and how grateful

1 I am. I would not have been able to make it if you
2 had not been there. And I thank you. You're good.
3 And my other friend Yoko. Yoko kept calling
4 me, telling me what to do. Now you can't do this and
5 you can't do that. You behave and how you feeling
6 and everything. But she was there as my -- as the
7 kind of person you want to hold you as you go through
8 your stuff. And those telephone hugs, Yoko, I just
9 thank you so much for that. But the whole matter is,
10 I was doing all right before I came to Council
11 meeting tonight. But tomorrow morning I'll be all
12 right again. And I just want to thank -- I just want
13 to thank those of you who called me and those of you
14 who showed me you care. Thank you so much. And
15 that's all I have.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. Mr.
17 Cole.

18 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chairman, fellow
19 Councilmen, I agree with the young gentleman back
20 there. When you ain't supposed to smoke, you
21 shouldn't smoke. I've got a concern about all the
22 vape shops that are showing up everywhere. First of
23 all I don't know if that stuff is safe and I don't
24 know if we can control it, but probably something we
25 need to look at. See if we can limit some of that.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Get Mr. Harmon to see if
27 we can -- what we can do on that. Mr. Crowder.

28 FRANCIS CROWDER: ???

29 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder.
30 Ms. Wilson?

31 CINDY WILSON: Just a quick note. Our
32 county's getting some very positive press, I guess,
33 and coverage. What is it, we're now seventh in the
34 nation as a retirement place to locate. And we're
35 the top one hundred fishing lakes now. And we had
36 the two young people here winning that award. We're
37 so blessed with young people. And it has to be noted
38 that Mr. Burns has selected a number of wonderful
39 young interns to help this year, and what a stellar
40 group those young people are. Our two graduates,
41 Chase and Justin, Chase is practically running, I
42 think, the Anderson paper now. And Justin is in MUSC
43 medical school. I mean, just amazing young men.
44 We've got others here now. I'm just so encouraged
45 when we have great young people like that. And boy,
46 isn't their enthusiasm contagious? Thank you.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
48 And also, we've got the start out with interns, now
49 we're speaking on economic development. Justin, too,
50 he's doing a great job over at economic development.

1 Just want to say, tagging on a couple of
2 things. I hope we will have a big announcement, but
3 it is out, what you call it, you know we have --
4 Anderson County has been elected to host the 2016,
5 it'll be at Green Pond, FLW Walmart Tour, that's a
6 big thing. We've got the convention bureau, Mr. Neil
7 Paul, is doing an excellent job over there in getting
8 this. This is great -- it's going to be a great
9 thing for Anderson County. We've had something come
10 up here of a company in Anderson County, Tactical
11 Medical Solutions, they've just gotten a contract for
12 five years of Homeland Security thing. That's a
13 great company, great news for Anderson County, great
14 for citizens of Anderson County.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Whose area?

16 TOMMY DUNN: I believe it's Mr.
17 Allen's, I think it's Mr. Allen's. Also, good news
18 to come along this last month. I know people can say
19 what they want to, but the good thing for us here in
20 Anderson County we've been had three hundred jobs
21 added. And over two thousand jobs added in Anderson
22 County since last June. That's pretty good. Things
23 looking up. That's in Anderson County. Those jobs
24 added, ain't what you call it thing.

25 If no Council member has an objection, I'd
26 like to ask Mr. Burns and Ms. Kim, see if you can get
27 this done. We had -- first year I've been able --
28 wasn't able to make it down to the Joe Brown Center.
29 But Amos Wells was our Senior Citizen of the Year
30 this year. I'd like to, if we would, get a card or
31 letter out to him. All Council members sign it and
32 congratulate him for getting that. Mr. Wells has
33 been a great steward of Anderson County for years.
34 Has been our farmer's county agent. And done an
35 outstanding job. And I wished I could have been
36 there to see it, but unfortunately I was unable to
37 make it, but I think the Council as a whole ought to
38 congratulate him and the job they doing down there.

39 I'm going to bring up, we've got a free
40 paper shredding at the Civic Center, Saturday, August
41 22nd. Kind of stuff that can be on our TV station,
42 get the word out, we need to make sure all stuff --
43 appreciate Mr. Burns y'all putting that together.
44 That is great and need to get the word out and be
45 good.

46 Other thing up in District 1, District 2,
47 the Career Center. There was an article in the paper
48 this week. We've got an intern here at the county
49 doing that and I think that is outstanding. I think
50 they do excellent work at the Career Center up there.

1 Hopefully 3, 4 and 5's going to have one soon,
2 hopefully. But this guy, I think's done a -- had an
3 nice article in the paper about him. I think he's
4 doing a good job for the county and he's in a
5 department helping them out that's dear to my heart,
6 the IT department. And I hope they don't mess him up
7 too bad. He's probably learning them a lot down
8 there.

9 I appreciate everybody's hard work and hope
10 everybody's family's doing well and everybody gets
11 their health -- all of us being in our prayers and
12 our thoughts and appreciate us all working together
13 and look forward to next meeting.

14 KEN WATERS: Mr. Dunn, one more thing.
15 How many jobs since last June, did you say?

16 TOMMY DUNN: Two thousand. Anderson
17 County.

18 KEN WATERS: I just wanted to hear you
19 say that again.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Meeting be adjourned.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:02 P.M.)