

State of South Carolina)
County of Anderson)

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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2015

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
KIM POULIN

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time, I'd like to
2 call the Anderson County Council meeting of November
3 the 3rd, the presentation portion of our meeting, to
4 order, and welcome everyone here. At this time, first
5 item on the agenda will be a Resolution Proclamation
6 R2015-059, a Resolution to recognize and honor Dogwood
7 Garden Club, Ms. Cindy Wilson, on their 75th
8 anniversary. Ms. Wilson.

9 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
10 And what a wonderful group of ladies this is.

11 **WHEREAS**, Dogwood Garden Club of Honea Path was
12 established September 27th, 1940 and accepted into the
13 South Carolina Garden Club in November 1941 and is
14 celebrating their 75th anniversary of educating the
15 Upstate and surrounding area of the importance of
16 beautification projects; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the garden club is a 22 member
18 organization dedicated to promoting horticulture,
19 environmental conservation and historical preservation
20 in Anderson County; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the garden club's innovative and
22 industrious civic planning and planting initiatives
23 have transformed many areas and have become a source of
24 pride displaying the creative spirit of our region
25 through floriculture; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the garden club's community service begins
27 at the natural beautification of Anderson County, and
28 continues through participation in litter control, tree
29 planting projects, maintaining Dogwood park,
30 volunteering at the food bank and providing for
31 children to attend Camp Wildwood each year; and

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County
33 Council of Anderson does hereby recognize and commend
34 the Dogwood Garden Club for their unwavering devotion
35 to the promotion of the County's natural beauty and
36 horticulture preservation; and Is Hereby resolved this
37 3rd day of November, 2015.

38 And may I put that in the form of a motion, please.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion, have a
40 second?

41 TOM ALLEN: Second.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Further
43 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,
44 right hand. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
45 carries unanimously. Ms. Wilson.

46 CINDY WILSON: And if we may have our
47 Garden Club members to the front and our Council
48 members to come down for the presentation.

49 **(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)**

50 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll be moving

1 on to Item number 2(b) on the agenda, Proclamation
2 proclaiming November Epilepsy Awareness Month, Mr.
3 Cole. Councilman Cole.

4 MITCHELL COLE: Thank you. I'd like to
5 offer this up as Proclaiming November '15 as Epilepsy
6 Awareness Month.

7 **WHEREAS**, epilepsy is a neurological disorder
8 producing brief disturbances in the normal electrical
9 functions of the brain that temporarily affects a
10 person's consciousness, bodily movements and/or
11 sensations, while creating long-term effects on the
12 lifestyle of individuals with epilepsy; and

13 **WHEREAS**, 1 in 26 people will develop epilepsy and 1
14 in 10 people will have a seizure in their lifetime; and

15 **WHEREAS**, epilepsy can affect anyone no matter what
16 their gender, race, age, religion, educational
17 background or socioeconomic status; and

18 **WHEREAS**, epilepsy is more common than Parkinson's
19 disease, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy and
20 cerebral palsy combined; and

21 **WHEREAS**, epilepsy affects more than 65 million
22 people worldwide; and

23 **WHEREAS**, while there is no cure for epilepsy, drug
24 therapy, surgery and other non-pharmacological
25 treatments exist allowing approximately 80 percent of
26 individuals with epilepsy to lead a normal life with
27 either no seizures or a significant reduction in
28 seizures; and

29 **WHEREAS**, epilepsy is a complex disorder that
30 requires further research to find a cure and
31 prevention; and

32 **WHEREAS**, the annual observance of Epilepsy
33 Awareness Month advocates for the rights, humane
34 treatment and appropriate education of all persons with
35 epilepsy, while raising awareness with families,
36 professionals, and the general public to better
37 understand this lifelong disorder.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, Anderson County Council does
39 hereby proclaim the month of November 2015 as "EPILEPSY
40 AWARENESS MONTH" and call upon all citizens, government
41 agencies, public and private institutions, businesses
42 and schools to recommit our community to increasing
43 awareness and understanding of epilepsy through
44 education while ensuring that all individuals with
45 epilepsy lead a full and productive life.
46 FOR ANDERSON COUNTY, this the 3rd day of November,
47 2015. And I offer this as a motion.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Motion. Second Mr. Crowder.
49 Any further discussion? All in favor of the motion
50 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion

1 carries unanimously.

2 MITCHELL COLE: If Ms. Melanie Hicks will
3 come down front and our Council people.

4 **(PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION)**

5 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we're going to
6 adjourn our -- what we do -- we got a young lady here
7 from Oakwood Christian School -- glad to have her --
8 doing a government class. And just want you to know,
9 we do -- from 6 to 6:30 we do a presentation
10 proclamations, and at 6:30 is when we start our regular
11 Council meeting. So we're going to adjourn now, we'll
12 start back here at 6:30 for our Council meeting.

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14 **(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:13 P.M.)**

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1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to
2 call the regular Anderson County Council meeting to
3 order of November the 3rd. At this time, I'd like to
4 ask Ms. Wilson if she'd lead us in the Invocation and
5 Pledge of Allegiance. If we'd all rise.
6 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CINDY WILSON)**
7 TOMMY DUNN: At this time before we go
8 any further I'd just like a couple announcements. Ms.
9 Floyd, I understand, is unable to attend tonight.
10 She's under the weather. Keep her in our thoughts,
11 prayers. Also I'd like to welcome I believe Ms.
12 Kaitlyn, from Oakwood Christian School is here doing a
13 government class for her school and hope we don't bore
14 her too much and keep things up and glad to have you
15 and your father here. Also like to recognize and very
16 glad to have Grayson Kelly here from Tri-County Tech.
17 Appreciate you. Welcome everyone else. At this time
18 we'll be moving on with approval of minutes. Are there
19 any changes or corrections to our October 20th, 2015
20 meeting? Ms. Wilson?
21 CINDY WILSON: None right now. Thank you.
22 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder?
23 FRANCIS CROWDER: For once, no, sir.
24 TOMMY DUNN: Hearing none, do we have a
25 motion to accept?
26 KEN WATERS: I make a motion we accept.
27 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson and second
28 by Mr. Waters. All in favor of the motion show of
29 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
30 unanimously. At this time we'll ask for citizens
31 comments. Any citizen signed up, Mr. Harmon?
32 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one has
33 signed up.
34 TOMMY DUNN: Not going to ask again.
35 KEN WATERS: Would you like for me to
36 make some?
37 TOMMY DUNN: We'll be moving on to Item
38 number 5, Anderson County Economic Development
39 Challenges. Mr. Crowder.
40 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, Chairman. May I
41 have the opportunity to go to the podium?
42 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.
43 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you. Put it on the
44 screen, please, sir. All right. Thank goodness we've
45 got an able-bodied high tech person here. We
46 appreciate you being here, sir. If you will cut on
47 your little monitor, please.
48 KEN WATERS: Want me to turn that on for
49 you?
50 TOMMY DUNN: Didn't you hear we had a

1 high tech person in the room; he's talking about me.

2 KEN WATERS: I knew that.

3 FRANCIS CROWDER: That's good. Thank you,
4 sir. Well, ???(microphone is cutting out) I don't know
5 why, because I wasn't a Tennessee native, but my wife
6 and I went up to Knoxville and stayed at a certain
7 hotel and they actually had all the warm-up for the
8 Tennessee at home games. And I hope ??? go inside and
9 watch the activity ?? the thing. So you might say this
10 ?? warm-up activity for you gentlemen. We really don't
11 need it because you're already ?? as much or more.
12 But, you know, I'm a father, a dad, a granddad, a great
13 grandfather. And one of my greatest concerns is when
14 my children and grandchildren get through school, will
15 they have a job? Will they have a job?

16 Now, of course, that's conditional upon a lot of
17 decisions that people have to make in their lives. The
18 decision as they go through school, what do you want to
19 be? I regret that we live in a society where a goodly
20 number of people don't face that decision early, and
21 for the lack of a better word, go through life only
22 years later to discern what they want to be. And there
23 are others, like me, who decide what you want to be --
24 a chemist -- and you get your degree, but you're never
25 a chemist, and you go back to school.

26 But then there are those who go through school and
27 they want a job. And today I hear more and more that
28 my child finished school or tech or college and they
29 don't have a job. I know education is not our
30 responsibility as County Council members, although we
31 do readily support Tri-County Tech and other
32 activities, we are not involved there. But we are a
33 catalysis to promote the availability of good paying
34 jobs when our future generations get out of school.
35 That's big time for me.

36 I think that when I went to the Tri-County Tech
37 annual luncheon, as you did, some cover of their
38 magazine was well laid out and I saw the smiling faces
39 that were going to school in there. That reemphasized
40 the fact, Anderson County, I think, is headed in the
41 right direction. Right direction, not because of what
42 they are doing, but because we are partners with them,
43 because we're the job creators. People say ??
44 government do, do not create jobs. That is true. But
45 we create the opportunity and the incentive for the job
46 to come our way. And what plagues you and I are the
47 fact that ?? a product to sell. Imagine a person who's
48 got peanuts and they're selling peanuts to the Clemson
49 football game this week -- they play Florida State --
50 and the car pulls up and it says, I have no peanuts.

1 Well, we have -- Anderson County has no peanuts,
2 especially in certain categories.

3 Now, it's true, people can ride up and down Main
4 Street and find a lot of empty stores, empty buildings,
5 but in general, those are not the kind of venues that
6 industries coming into the Upstate or the state are
7 interested in. And what concerns us together -- and
8 I've heard you all articulate it -- so I'm really
9 echoing things that you have said -- that we have to
10 get this inventory built in order that our economic
11 development team -- Mr. Burns and Mr. Burriss Nelson --
12 can continue to do their job. I don't know why this
13 thing keeps whatever, but it does.

14 Now, keep in mind, having been in the marketplace
15 years ago, you have competition. Competition.
16 Anderson County has competition. And so tonight, I
17 want to bring you two stories, three stories, and I'll
18 shut up, about competition. Recently our distinguished
19 Burriss Nelson had the opportunity to have multiple
20 people coming into our area wanting the possibility of
21 placing advanced manufacturing facilities especially
22 for BMW level, tier one and tier two provider. And to
23 some degree we thought we were going to get them.
24 That's a good thought. And our staff did all that they
25 could, I'm sure, to try to make a successful sale. But
26 we failed. We failed, not because of the efforts, but
27 we failed because we did not have the product. We did
28 not have the product.

29 And so consequently, jobs went to our neighboring
30 state right across the line. And before you get to the
31 board, if you'll pick up your big piece of paper, you
32 will see the Hart County I-85 Industrial Park where
33 they have two plants, one quite a big size already
34 there and another one pretty good size and they've got
35 an industrial park that they own. See, I've heard
36 people say, well, why are you doing this? Why not let
37 private sector do it? Well, we've talked about it, but
38 I haven't heard nobody from the private sector say I'm
39 going to build one. And secondly, if we already have
40 adjoining counties that have their own industrial park,
41 why do we not have one? And so, that firm is going
42 over to our friends in Georgia. Well, we like Georgia.
43 But I'm not worried not about Georgia; I'm worried
44 about Anderson County. And you are, too. And I know
45 you do. And so, that's one of our competitors.

46 Now our second competitor you will see on your
47 screen. Now, Oconee County actually has three county-
48 owned industrial parks. Three. Not one; three.
49 Secondly, they have two private owned industrial parks.
50 They have five. Anderson County, we have none. We

1 have none. And so we could sit here and say, well,
2 we're going to send -- try to sell thin air. People in
3 today's economy and today's world where they're making
4 big investments, they do not buy thin air. And so,
5 consequently, I'm sharing with you stuff right off of
6 the Oconee County website. This is not bells and
7 whistles. This is real time and you can see their --
8 one of their pride and joys, which they call the Oconee
9 Industrial and Technology Center. I'm sorry, I'm a
10 little shaky tonight. No, I'm not on drugs. And
11 you'll see that it's two miles from US 123 and 76, on a
12 four lane highway, fifteen miles from I-85, a hundred
13 and fifteen miles from Atlanta, hundred and forty-six
14 miles from Charlotte. You can read as good as I can.
15 And then we go down here and you'll see, what have we
16 got there? I'll tell you what. I'm going to have to
17 eat more grits. They've got an industrial site. Well,
18 this is just part of that industrial site. At that
19 industrial site, they have not only an industrial park,
20 but they've got not one but two pads. And here's an
21 aerial view of one of the pads. And so, I'll give a
22 little motion and click on here and let the computer go
23 round and round and round and out. We see in real time
24 -- with music -- look there. You and I have been up
25 that highway before. Look at it. Look at that
26 beautiful sign; Industry and Technology Park. Oconee
27 County. I know I'm being a little overly dramatic
28 tonight. But I'm a visual person. I would love to see
29 this kind of stuff. And you see where all they've done
30 is put in the entrance road, the access road to the
31 pad, and a nice highway and they've got an entrance
32 that's landscaped and with ??.

33 Now we could come down here and look at one of the
34 other sites. Now, see here's another one that we're
35 seeing more. Here's a forty-eight point nine one acre
36 site. Now, of course, it doesn't have a pad. But it's
37 a site. Now, the company that we lost, one of the
38 reasons we lost it was they had a pad, they didn't have
39 to cut down trees, they didn't have to do a lot of
40 grading, they could jump start and keep going now.
41 Okay. Thank you. How about that. Oconee Economic
42 Alliance.

43 All right. Now we'll come down here. I'm about
44 through. That's the main one. And here's the Golden
45 -- one of their others called the Golden Corner
46 Commercial Park, that again, is a certified site.
47 Certified park. It's only two point five miles from I-
48 85. All right. And here, they are in the process of
49 developing that site. They do have part of the
50 amenities there. Now, I meant to go back and tell you

1 before I forget that previous -- they had a seventy-
2 five -- they have a fifty thousand square foot pad and
3 a three hundred thousand square foot pad and they
4 actually have a page in the presentation that says
5 their price for the land is forty-eight thousand
6 dollars an acre. Forty-eight thousand dollars an acre.
7 Okay. And I'll follow up on that when we get to the
8 Finance Committee meeting later on to see that if we
9 make a decision to do something, that we are actually
10 highly cost competitive with that land. Cheaper, in
11 other words. And, of course, I won't go through all
12 the rest because they're all symbolic of the concept.

13 In my mind, and I think that y'all have the same
14 passion, we have a passion for our county. And we want
15 to have good jobs. And to attract jobs, we've got to
16 create the environment and the incentive and I think
17 one of the ways to do it is to -- for Anderson County
18 to acquire an Industrial Park and develop it and we
19 will be discussing that in the Finance Committee.

20 Thank you. I appreciate it. Any questions?

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder.
22 Appreciate it. Now, would you mind getting those
23 light, Mr. Allen? If you could get them. Y'all don't
24 let Mr. Waters get next to them, they'll all go off.

25 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, sir.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder.

27 Moving on to Item number 6, Report from the
28 Homeland Park -- report on the Homeland Park Festival.
29 Ms. Floyd, and her not being here tonight, I'm sure
30 she'll do this when she returns, probably next Council
31 meeting. I just -- would just like to say, there was a
32 lot of folks down there. I think it was a big success.
33 More people than I ever thought would be. So it was a
34 -- done an excellent job of getting that together.

35 Moving on to Item number 7, Ordinances Third
36 Reading. Number 7(a) 2015-029 An Ordinance to amend an
37 agreement for the development of a Joint County
38 Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park) of Anderson
39 and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.
40 This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak
41 on this matter, please step forward, state your name
42 and district and address the Chair and keep matters on
43 this right here. We're now in a public hearing.
44 Anyone at all wish to step forward? Hearing none,
45 seeing none, public hearing will be closed. You have
46 anything you need to add on this, Mr. Burriss?

47 BURRISS NELSON: No, sir.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. We have a motion?

49 FRANCIS CROWDER: I make a motion.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder. Second from

1 Mr. Waters. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all
2 in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
3 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

4 Moving on to Item number 7(b) 2015-030 An Ordinance
5 to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint
6 County Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park) of
7 Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the
8 park. Again, this is a public hearing. Now in a
9 public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak forward --
10 step forward and speak on this matter, please state
11 your name and district. Anyone at all? Hearing none,
12 public hearing will be closed. We have a motion?

13 MITCHELL COLE: So moved.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Cole. Second by
15 Mr. Allen. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all
16 in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
17 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

18 Moving on to Item number (c), 7(c) 2015-031 an
19 ordinance authorizing an Infrastructure Financing
20 Agreement on behalf of Palmetto Engineering &
21 Consulting, LLC (the "company"); the expansion of the
22 boundaries of the Joint County Industrial and Business
23 Park jointly developed with Greenville County, South
24 Carolina to include certain real property located in
25 Anderson County. Again, this is a public hearing.
26 Anyone wishing to speak on this matter, please state
27 your name and district and address the Chair. Public
28 hearing. Anyone at all? Hearing none, public hearing
29 will be closed. Do we have a motion?

30 TOM ALLEN: So moved.

31 KEN WATERS: Second.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen, second Mr.
33 Waters. Any discussion? You have anything?

34 BURRISS NELSON: ??? (No audio at all)

35 TOMMY DUNN: Great news. Have any more
36 discussion? Then all in favor of the motion show of
37 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
38 unanimously.

39 Moving on to 7(d) 2015-033 an ordinance authorizing
40 execution and delivery of an Infrastructure Financing
41 Agreement between Anderson County, South Carolina and
42 Lakeside Steel and Machine, Inc (the "company"),
43 granting certain infrastructure credits to the company;
44 the expansion of the boundaries of the Joint County
45 Industrial Park jointly developed with Greenville
46 County, South Carolina to include certain real property
47 located in Anderson County, South Carolina. Again,
48 this is a public hearing. Anyone wishing to address
49 this, please step forward, name and district and
50 address the Chair. Public hearing. Anyone at all?

1 Anyone? Hearing and seeing none, public hearing will
2 be closed. At this time we have a motion to move
3 forward?

4 TOM ALLEN: So moved.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen.

6 CINDY WILSON: Second.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Burriss
8 Nelson, you got anything you'd like to add?

9 BURRISS NELSON: Jack and Brad Jenkins have
10 been great community partners and super corporate
11 citizens in Anderson County for many years. And their
12 growth, it just adds more to our community. These jobs
13 are paying well above our county average of sixteen
14 forty-three. They're paying seventeen fifty-four an
15 hour. Great opportunity for us in the county in jobs
16 creation and capital investment.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it and just like
18 to add, they also are good people. Do a lot of civic
19 work in the county and that just -- their business
20 location happens to be in a great spot in the county.
21 Being District 5.

22 BURRISS NELSON: Your district.

23 TOMMY DUNN: All -- hearing any more
24 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
25 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
26 unanimously.

27 Moving on to Item number 8 (a) Second Reading 2015-
28 032 an ordinance to amend an agreement for the
29 development of a Joint County Industrial and Business
30 Park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so
31 as to enlarge the park. Mr. Nelson, you have anything
32 left?

33 BURRISS NELSON: This is just an expansion of
34 the park, like 7(a) and (b). The project is actually
35 in Greenville going into our park and providing cash
36 for us into our general fund.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.

38 Anyone make a motion?

39 FRANCIS CROWDER: I make a motion.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder makes the
41 motion. Ms. Wilson seconds it. Any discussion? All
42 in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
43 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

44 Again, we'll be moving on to Item number 8(b) 2015-
45 034 ordinance second reading. This is an ordinance to
46 authorize and accept the transfer of authority to
47 conduct municipal elections scheduled for November of
48 odd numbered years in the city of Belton to the
49 Anderson County Registrations and Elections Board.
50 Have a motion to move this forward?

1 TOM ALLEN: So moved.
2 KEN WATERS: Second.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen, second Mr.
4 Waters. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of
5 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
6 the motion carries unanimously.

7 Moving on to 8(c) 2015-036 an ordinance to provide
8 for the creation of The Farm Special Tax District; to
9 establish the nature of services to be performed
10 therein; to designate the uniform service charge in the
11 arm Subdivision Special Tax District; to provide for
12 the operation of the Farm Subdivision Special Tax
13 District. This is -- they can have their own special
14 way to upgrade their roads and bring them into the
15 county system. Do we have a motion?

16 TOM ALLEN: So moved.
17 KEN WATERS: Second.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen. Second
19 Mr. Waters. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in
20 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
21 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

22 Moving on to Item number 8(d) 2015-037 an ordinance
23 authorizing an amendment to the Infrastructure
24 Financing Agreement on behalf of Tetramer Technologies,
25 LLC and South Mechanic Street Properties, LLC (the
26 "Companies") so as to accurately reflect the intention
27 of the parties regarding the economic incentives for
28 the project formerly known as Project CHOCO. Mr.
29 Nelson, you have anything?

30 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr.
31 Chairman. This is just a correction of and a change of
32 the technical language. It does not change the deal in
33 any way. It still remains as it was when you passed it
34 several months ago.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion to move this
36 forward? Mr. Allen.

37 KEN WATERS: Second.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters seconds it. Any
39 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
40 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
41 unanimously.

42 Now we'll be going to Ordinance first reading.
43 9(a) 2015-035 an ordinance to amend an agreement for
44 the development of a Joint County Industrial and
45 Business Park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville
46 Counties so as to enlarge the park. (Project Rampart)
47 Mr. Burriss Nelson.

48 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, sir. This is
49 another project in Greenville that's being added to the
50 park and just as the last three or four we've had

1 tonight. But it brings additional cash to the general
2 fund.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion?

4 TOM ALLEN: So moved.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen. Second
6 Ms. Wilson. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all
7 in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
8 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

9 Moving on to 9(b) 2015-042 an ordinance authorizing
10 the execution and delivery of an amended and restated
11 Fee in Lieu of Tax agreement by and between Anderson
12 County, South Carolina, Watson Engineering, Inc., as
13 sponsor, and 1350 Shiloh Properties, LLC, as sponsor
14 affiliate. Mr. Burriss Nelson. Don't wake him up.

15 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, members of
16 Council, I apologize and I didn't realize this. This
17 is -- what I'm giving you is normally the presentation
18 in 2012 when we passed this project. These are my
19 notes. And I didn't realize I had not -- was not doing
20 the detailed presentation that I had give to Council
21 today. And I apologize; I don't have that. But this
22 is a project that we passed in 2012, Watson
23 Engineering. We called it Project Shelby GT350. In
24 their language they had set up a capital investment
25 amount and a jobs creation amount. None of that has
26 changed. The deal is the same. However, they didn't
27 anticipate the growth of product demand that they are
28 -- have received. They've had to build another
29 building, buy another piece of dirt up there in the
30 Exit 35 Upstate Industrial Park and have added a new
31 building. This new building has to be captured in the
32 fee agreement. And so that's what we're doing here, is
33 adding that address and that property to the agreement
34 to make it technically correct. And they can still
35 receive their incentives, as we promised, and they're
36 on track for their capital investment and jobs
37 creation, as they promised. Does not change the deal
38 in any way. Thank you, sir.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Have a motion?

40 FRANCIS CROWDER: I make a motion.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Crowder, second
42 Mr. Waters. Any discussion?

43 CINDY WILSON: May I?

44 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

45 CINDY WILSON: It was very tedious,
46 confusing reading. Does this mean an addition of three
47 new jobs since the baseline as of 12-31, 2011 was 82 or
48 does this mean 85 new jobs period? I got really
49 confused trying to read through that.

50 BURRISS NELSON: There -- well, at the time I

1 think they promised -- they guaranteed the 82, promised
2 the 85. This is what they're just saying, they're
3 going to do the 85 jobs. It's not 85 new jobs.

4 CINDY WILSON: Okay. And so when they
5 purchased this new property, that goes in with all the
6 existing incentives.

7 BURRISS NELSON: Exactly.

8 CINDY WILSON: And there was some new
9 language, I didn't know if I overlooked it the first
10 time; may have.

11 BURRISS NELSON: You probably did not. It's
12 -- you're right, it is new language.

13 CINDY WILSON: Control group; and then
14 under full time employment it had a different caption
15 there. It said a job requiring a minimum of forty
16 hours of an employee's time per week for the entire
17 normal year of the company's operation. For the
18 purposes of this definition two half time jobs are
19 considered one full time job and three third time jobs
20 are considered one full time job. That was confusing.
21 What does that mean?

22 BURRISS NELSON: Well, that simply means that
23 they do have part time help. If they have two people
24 hired ---

25 CINDY WILSON: Shifts or something.

26 BURRISS NELSON: In school, apprenticeship
27 job opportunities that are out there. And they're very
28 open to that. It's a great company and they have good
29 vision for our community as well. The original
30 language was a little convoluted. But anyway, the
31 language -- the new language helps straighten out the
32 original language in the original documents.

33 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder?

35 FRANCIS CROWDER: Does this mean that they're
36 going to have 85 full time equipment jobs? Or 85
37 combinations of full time and part time?

38 BURRISS NELSON: The majority of those jobs
39 -- and I don't know the number -- last time I talked to
40 them, they had almost 80 full time jobs, 80 employees
41 and they still have two years left to fulfill their 85
42 number. But that language, the original language, I
43 think may have even said just part time jobs in a
44 number. But that qualifies that. Mr. Harmon and an
45 associate of his, Jim Price, took great pains in going
46 through that document, making sure that it protected us
47 to the best position that we should be in.

48 FRANCIS CROWDER: But the bottom line is,
49 we're expecting them to deliver 85 full time equivalent
50 jobs.

1 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. That's correct.
2 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you.
3 BURRISS NELSON: And we anticipate they'll do
4 that.
5 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else? All in favor
7 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
8 Show the motion carries unanimously.
9 Moving on to Item number 10, Report from the
10 Planning and Public Works Committee. Ms. Wilson.
11 Thought we just done 9(c).
12 BURRISS NELSON: You do 9(b) and (c). Is
13 that right?
14 TOMMY DUNN: Did I do -- did I skip (c)?
15 LEON HARMON: I think you did, Mr.
16 Chairman. You did -- that was 9(b).
17 TOMMY DUNN: You're awful picky tonight.
18 We'll go ahead and do it then, right quick. I been
19 hanging around Mr. Waters today and I got my alphabet
20 messed up.
21 KEN WATERS: He's using that new math
22 again.
23 TOMMY DUNN: My apologies. Item number
24 9(c) 2015-043 an ordinance authorizing the execution
25 and delivery of an amended and restated Special Source
26 Revenue Agreement by and between Anderson County, South
27 Carolina and 125 Hollow Properties, LLC, an affiliate
28 of Watson Engineering, Inc. Mr. Nelson.
29 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, this is the same
30 project, same company and this is the new address and
31 the new building location that's being added to the
32 infrastructure credit agreement.
33 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion?
34 TOM ALLEN: So moved.
35 KEN WATERS: Second.
36 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen, second Mr.
37 Waters. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
38 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
39 unanimously.
40 Now, if it will please y'all two down yonder, can
41 we go on to Item number 10 now?
42 KEN WATERS: Just however you want to do
43 it, we're fine with it.
44 TOMMY DUNN: You say that now.
45 KEN WATERS: It's in the candy.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Item number 10, Report from
47 the Planning and Public Works Committee meeting of
48 October 27, 2015, Chairman Ms. Cindy Wilson. Ms.
49 Wilson.
50 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1 Our committee met on the 27th of October at one in the
2 conference room. And the committee's composed of Mr.
3 Ken Waters and Mr. Mitchell Cole and I. The first item
4 on our agenda was an update on a review of sloping and
5 setbacks standards potential upgrades for our county's
6 development standards. Department head expected to
7 present this work was unable to attend our meeting due
8 to the passing of a close family member. Second item
9 was a report from our Development Standards department
10 head, Ms. Alesia Hunter, who provided a copy of an
11 October 12th letter from Mr. Hubert McClure, Chairman
12 of the Land Use Board of Appeals regarding the
13 disposition of an item heard by this board at its
14 October 8th meeting.

15 If y'all have not gotten a copy of this in your
16 cubicle, please let us know and we'll make sure you get
17 it. This situation involved a PD approved in 2006 with
18 specific requirements, including the brick cladding
19 required on the homes to be constructed in the Arbors
20 at Cobbs Glen. The board and staff interpret the
21 wording verbatim. The developer wanted to change the
22 wording and thus what was originally approved. The new
23 developer has thirty days to appeal. The county now
24 has in place a process and staff to review what is
25 permitted as compared to what is actually being
26 constructed. The committee then heard from our
27 planning department a review of chapter 8 Land Use of
28 the County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The
29 committee voted three to zero to approve this chapter
30 with some amendments as to an expanded menu of zoning
31 classifications for future use and a list of resources
32 for farmers and owners of agricultural land. This
33 chapter will go back to the Planning Commission before
34 it is sent back to County Council with the other
35 chapters for a complete plan for the Council's final
36 approval.

37 The final item was an update of the County's plan
38 for the Americans with a Disabilities Act as it relates
39 to public access. Our county attorney is reviewing the
40 proposed plan, which should come before us soon for a
41 final vote.

42 This concludes our report. Do my fellow committee
43 members have any comments or additions or do we have
44 staff who need to add anything? Otherwise, thank you
45 all for all the help in putting this together. We've
46 got more diligence and perseverance.

47 TOMMY DUNN: I got a question, Ms.
48 Wilson.

49 CINDY WILSON: Yes.

50 TOMMY DUNN: On the review of Chapter 8,

1 Land Use, going back to the Planning Commission. Is it
2 going back, like a chapter at a time or are you going
3 to wait and do the whole thing -- give it to them all
4 at one time? How are y'all doing that?

5 CINDY WILSON: The way Mr. Foreman has
6 recommended is that the Planning and Public Works
7 Committee takes a chapter or two or three chapters at a
8 time and we go through and make whatever adjustments,
9 updating it. And then it goes back to the Planning
10 Commission for their adoption. Then it will come back
11 to Council as a complete document.

12 TOMMY DUNN: I think it will be better,
13 work better that way and not give it to them -- they
14 can work on it a bit at a time. That's a good idea. I
15 was just curious. Thanks.

16 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. If we could, if
18 there's no objection, before we get into Item number
19 11, it might be a little bit lengthy. We've got
20 executive session, I think, on there. So, we're going
21 to take a short break, if that's -- don't hear no
22 objections to that. Y'all two got a problem with that
23 down there?

24 **(BREAK FROM 7:06 P.M. TO 7:17 P.M.)**

25 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll call the
26 Council meeting back into session.

27 Moving on to Item number 11, Report from the
28 Finance Committee, Chairman Francis Crowder. Mr.
29 Crowder.

30 FRANCIS CROWDER: Here I am. October 29th,
31 2015, two o'clock at the ???, and took up the items
32 that are contained within Council's agenda tonight.
33 You will notice Item 3 in your packet, there's a spread
34 sheet of two pages that consist of the recommendations
35 from the ATAX Advisory Committee to County Council.
36 Finance Committee did not take any action on that, but
37 referred -- brings them to you tonight for your study
38 and review.

39 One of the reasons that the Finance Committee did
40 not make any recommendations was there was an item
41 contained within the packet desiring a significant
42 amount of money for the roof of the museum. And once
43 it was determined that that money was not going to be
44 utilized for that purpose, I will paraphrase what Mr.
45 Glenn Brill stated in the meeting. The balance of the
46 money was, quote, thrown at many small projects. And
47 so, consequently, we would like to bring this back up
48 at the next Council meeting, giving Council members the
49 opportunity to look at what went on. Also, are there
50 any questions relative to that?

1 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder. I'd
2 just like to add, would everybody take this and look at
3 this and study this. We need to make a decision next
4 Council meeting. Keep in mind, take money from
5 something or other, we've got x amount of dollars
6 that's got to be used. If you take money from
7 something, it's got to be placed somewhere or another.
8 That's what Mr. Crowder was talking about on the money
9 for the roof. And also, I've asked Ms. Davis to
10 clarify a couple of things, what that ATAX money could
11 be spent on on a couple of things. As soon as she gets
12 an answer on that, I'll make sure on what I asked all
13 the Council members to be aware of that, you get that.

14 But please -- and I would like to -- if Council
15 members would, study this and if you got any changes or
16 whatnot, how about talk to staff where they could sort
17 of put this thing in some kind of form for next Council
18 meeting. I'm just saying, if we get in here, make it
19 easier on everybody, get in here and start taking a
20 thousand dollars from this or that right here, you
21 know, we could be shot out of a calculator. And Mr.
22 Waters might take his shoes off and start counting to
23 keep up with this, this money. Might make it a little
24 bit easier, we could -- what we have to keep up with
25 and everything, if we got a little outline to start
26 with, if we could. Thank you, Mr. Crowder.

27 FRANCIS CROWDER: May I make one comment?

28 TOMMY DUNN: Let ---

29 FRANCIS CROWDER: Oh, I'm sorry.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

31 FRANCIS CROWDER: Go ahead, Ms. Wilson.

32 CINDY WILSON: It would seem unfair that
33 District 7's representative was unable to attend this
34 meeting, having a new person in place. And there were
35 two items that appear to be underfunded or getting no
36 funding and that was a request from Pelzer and a
37 request from Honea Path. And I'll get that written up
38 and ask y'all's indulgence to see if something could be
39 provided for them. Thank you.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Crowder.

41 FRANCIS CROWDER: Just one thought. If you
42 will notice, staff made a recommendation and in many
43 cases, the wishes of the Advisory Committee parallel
44 that of what staff recommended, which is a good thing,
45 because that means we're on the same wave length.
46 These advisory committees are very, very important. So
47 just for a thought process, one of the things I thought
48 was, that we look at the possibility of thinking about
49 the staff's recommendation and then have that free
50 amount of money that would then fill the hole and also

1 address the issue that you're looking at with Ms.
2 Davis. But that's just a thought.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thanks.

4 FRANCIS CROWDER: All right. Moving on, to
5 the bid documents. Mr. Carroll's not here tonight, but
6 anyway, we have bids for the Dog Park. The Finance
7 Committee did not recommend, but we did say that we
8 would bring it to the full Council since they are
9 really the final decision making in all matters.
10 You'll notice that the low bid would have been to Moats
11 Construction. And if you'll look at the second page --
12 well, four of four -- you'll notice that they were
13 going to deduct some landscaping that would amount to
14 seven thousand seven hundred and six dollars. Meaning
15 that the dog park would cost less. And so, so it's
16 open for discussion tonight as to what Council wants to
17 do with the dog park.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder. If
19 I may, keep in mind, a fact, this money's coming from
20 money we get from the city. They've committed. We
21 have to -- they've agreed to pay -- to keep up with the
22 bond issue that the things. This is their part and it
23 comes through, and the city does have to, one
24 stipulation, agree how that money is being spent. But
25 in looking at the Civic Center -- and it can't be an
26 agreement for us, not to be used for day to day upkeep
27 of the Civic Center. But in looking at this and
28 hearing from the Finance Committee, I'd like to make a
29 motion that we ask staff to come back with at least
30 three more recommendations maybe that money could be
31 spent on and look at back and see what it would be. I
32 just, in talking or something, and maybe the dog park
33 would be the best thing to do. But I'd just like to
34 look at maybe two or three other options out there what
35 we might be, be better suited to use. Not saying that
36 ain't. I put that in the form of a motion.

37 FRANCIS CROWDER: I second it.

38 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Make a motion and second.
40 Mr. Crowder and -- Mr. Allen.

41 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, I just wanted to note,
42 too, being on the Finance Committee when we talked
43 about this. I've been a -- probably one of the
44 strongest advocates for the animal protection, if you
45 will, helping to rewrite ordinances and so on. And
46 maybe I'd even be called an animal lover, I suppose.
47 But I had a little bit of trouble spending a hundred
48 thousand dollars on a place for the dogs to walk, you
49 know, to put up a fence and do a little bit of grading.
50 We've got walking trails over there. There are waste

1 stations over there where people can walk their dogs.
2 And those stations have plastic bags in them so that
3 the owners can clean up. And I would like to see that
4 maintained better and use this hundred thousand dollars
5 on something more effective right now over at the Civic
6 Center. So as you said, if they can come up with a
7 couple three more recommendations, I'd certainly like
8 to hear those. Thank you.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen.
10 Anyone else? Mr. Crowder?

11 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, we're very fortunate
12 to have the East-West Connector. And as you'll recall,
13 Council, we did approve the placement of poop bags,
14 trash cans and benches so that people who walk their
15 dogs or just probably like me, ran out of walking, so
16 we, in essence, have a walking trail. And I do see,
17 from time to time, if the weather is clear, people out
18 there walking their dogs. So I just put that in as a
19 comment.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

21 FRANCIS CROWDER: All right. Moving on --

22 TOMMY DUNN: We got to vote on that
23 motion.

24 FRANCIS CROWDER: Oh, yeah.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Leon's fixing to hammer me
26 down. If we -- any more discussion? Hearing none, all
27 in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
28 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

29 Now, Mr. Chairman.

30 FRANCIS CROWDER: All right, thank you, Mr.
31 Chairman. The bid 16-014 was for a new or used medium
32 duty diesel truck and you have noticed that the bid is
33 awarded to Christopher Trucking. And so Finance
34 Committee recommends to Council for their consideration
35 approval of purchasing the new truck or used truck from
36 Christopher Trucks in the amount of eighty thousand
37 nine hundred dollars.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion coming from
39 Finance Committee doesn't need a second. This will be
40 going to waste water management division. Is that
41 correct?

42 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All in
44 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
45 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

46 Moving right along, Mr. Chairman.

47 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir. The next, we have
48 a fairly significant request -- well now -- yeah,
49 that's the one, where we want to pave four parking
50 lots. And other county routinely takes off and I think

1 these cover the parking lots such as down at the
2 McCants, Farmers Market and a couple other places. And
3 so the winning bid was from King Asphalt in the amount
4 of three hundred and twenty-seven dollars -- three
5 hundred twenty-seven thousand three hundred ninety-
6 three dollars and ninety-five cent. Finance Committee
7 makes a motion that this be approved.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion coming from
9 Finance Committee, again, doesn't need a second. Are
10 there any discussion? All in favor of the motion show
11 of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
12 carries unanimously.

13 Moving right along.

14 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir. Well, you can
15 notice in your packet pictures actually of the Civic
16 Center parking, the health department parking, the
17 Anderson Farmers Market parking and the old McCants
18 school.

19 The next item, Chairman, is major acquisition
20 of traveling stock vehicles for the Sheriff's
21 Department. And the Finance Committee recommends that
22 we award the contract to Vic Bailey Ford in the amount
23 of one million four hundred fifty-nine thousand three
24 hundred and eighteen dollars.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion, again, coming
26 from Finance Committee doesn't need a second. Are
27 there any discussion? I just want to make the
28 statement, this is coming out of the Sheriff's capital.
29 Is that correct?

30 FRANCIS CROWDER: That's correct.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. Any more discussion?
32 All in favor show of hands. All opposed like sign.
33 Show the motion carries unanimously.

34 Moving right along.

35 FRANCIS CROWDER: All right. The next item on
36 the agenda is at the DP department -- IT Department
37 needs a new data storage and backup facility. The one
38 that they current have is very old architecture and
39 does not have all the bells and whistles that it really
40 needs. And as we know, government puts a lot of data
41 in and it supports a wide variety of activities. So
42 they went out on a bid and Finance Committee recommends
43 that we award the bid to NetApp Solutions -- well, Data
44 Network Solutions in the amount of one hundred fifty-
45 two thousand six hundred and sixty-three dollars and
46 seventy-three cents.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance
48 Committee, again, doesn't need a second. This is going
49 to the IT Department?

50 FRANCIS CROWDER: IT Department.

1 TOMMY DUNN: That's been the problem,
2 then, okay. We need -- any more discussion? All in --
3 I'm just astonished. Moving on. All in favor of the
4 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
5 motion carries unanimously.

6 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

7 Moving on to Item number (c), capital.

8 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir, thank you,
9 Chairman. There's a request from the Sheriff's office
10 to transfer money out of uniforms into capital in the
11 amount of fourteen hundred and fifty dollars so that
12 they can purchase a Whelen light bar for the HAZMAT
13 department. Finance Committee recommends that for your
14 Council's consideration.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion, again, coming
16 from Finance Committee doesn't need a second. Are
17 there any discussion? All in favor of the motion show
18 of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
19 carries unanimously.

20 Moving right along to Item number (c)2, Mr.
21 Chairman.

22 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir. The Finance
23 Committee reviewed the request from administration for
24 a live Christmas tree. And let me get to that page,
25 sir. I've lost that. There we go. You see a picture
26 of it. It's a pretty beautiful picture, and of course,
27 I'm a kid at heart. So the Finance Committee
28 recommended the purchase of a twenty-eight foot
29 Christmas tree with the large ball ornament package for
30 -- and a three D snow burst tree topper in the amount
31 of twenty-nine thousand seven hundred and eleven
32 dollars and seventy-five cents, which is significantly
33 less than the original proposal that we had previously.
34 And we do have copies of the warranty in it.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance
36 Committee, it doesn't need a second. Is there any
37 discussion? I'd just like to -- I'd like to say I
38 appreciate all the hard work staff done on this and
39 all, but I still think -- for Council pleasure -- but I
40 still think, myself, I have a hard time talking to
41 community and paying thirty thousand dollars for a
42 Christmas tree. I know we need to -- I think it'd be
43 great to move the fountain over there and get it, and I
44 still think the most economical idea right now is the
45 -- trying to sell it to the public -- is a Christmas
46 tree like you put in your house. You know, put a tree
47 up -- I ain't talking about planting one. Putting a
48 tree over there and taking it down when the season's
49 over and either mulch it or make crappy bed out of it.
50 But I understand other people's ideas and wanting to do

1 something, but I always said, you got to have, I think
2 the will of the peoples, sometimes you got to show
3 leadership, but in talking the last time when it come
4 up on the fifty thousand dollar one, I got more
5 conversation on that Christmas tree than I have on a
6 lot of other things; people talking about it. But it's
7 neither here or there. Each got to vote his own
8 conviction. I know on paper when you lay it out, talk
9 about it'll last and the warranty and all this, and do
10 good, but again, thirty thousand dollars is a pretty
11 good thing. And the average person just can't, you
12 know, wrap around it, what we -- economics time and
13 having to work for our money. But that's enough said.
14 So anymore discussion from anyone else?

15 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, Mr. Chair.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?

17 TOM ALLEN: I had a quick question.

18 What was the price, again, Mr. Crowder? The one we
19 were looking at was a twenty-eight? Was it twenty-
20 four?

21 TOMMY DUNN: I thought it was twenty-nine
22 something. Thirty thousand dollars, I thought.

23 TOM ALLEN: With everything, maybe.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. I thought I heard him
25 say twenty-nine counting everything.

26 TOM ALLEN: That's what I was looking
27 at. It seemed like the tree was twenty-four ...

28 FRANCIS CROWDER: The tree was twenty-eight
29 foot tree -- well, eighteen thousand nine oh five.
30 Tree topper was twenty-five thousand two twenty-three
31 seventy-eight.

32 TOM ALLEN: The total -- that's for
33 everything.

34 FRANCIS CROWDER: That's right. I made a
35 mistake. Thank you, sir.

36 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, because I'm really
37 straddling the fence on this. I'm looking at this from
38 the standpoint, you know, if you can keep the thing
39 twelve or fifteen years, it would pay for itself. It
40 would be all the ornaments, lights, and everything are
41 there. It'd be a lot easier to put up. It is a chunk
42 of money. And on the other hand, too, I don't know
43 what you can get a live twenty-foot Christmas tree for
44 and have it hauled in and what kind it would be and
45 would it be something that could be easily decorated.
46 A lot of trees, you know, the limbs are too flimsy.
47 You can't really decorate them. So, I'm really
48 straddle the fence. I don't know if anybody else has
49 got any comments or not. But that's all I had, Mr.
50 Chair.

1 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, I -- may I?

2 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

3 FRANCIS CROWDER: Of course, you have a copy
4 of the letter, each Council member, I assume, from the
5 town of Pendleton, that said the person, Steve Miller,
6 said I saw the article about the Christmas tree. You
7 know that Pendleton spent twenty, twenty-five thousand
8 dollars for a tree over ten years ago. That was the
9 best money we could have spent. Not only are we having
10 to try and trim the tree every year or keep one alive
11 but it also saves us the cost of lights, it's easier to
12 install, decorate, looks good every year. Blah, blah,
13 blah, blah, blah. Well, anyway...

14 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor
15 of the motion show of hands. All opposed. Show the
16 motion carries with Mr. Crowder, Mr. Cole, Ms. Wilson
17 and Mr. Allen in favor. Opposed Mr. Dunn and Mr.
18 Waters.

19 Moving on. Mr. Chairman, moving on.

20 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir. All right. The
21 next item is, you will recall that we went out on a
22 request for quotation, well, qualifications, for
23 companies to come in and ---

24 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder, budget
25 transfers will be next.

26 FRANCIS CROWDER: Oh, my finger got too heavy.
27 I apologize. I'm the fast gun of the west tonight.
28 That's a joke. Anyway, there was a keypunch mistake
29 made by someone -- an elf, we'll call it -- is that
30 true? Okay. I don't mean that derogatory, I meant it
31 in the Spirit of Christmas; okay, that it should have
32 been seventy-five thousand, but it was fifteen thousand
33 dollars. And in order to get the money up to the
34 amount of money that is required to be able to pay the
35 bill, we -- they need to transfer from the contingency
36 fund sixty thousand dollars. Finance Committee
37 reviewed that and recommends it to Council for their
38 approval.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion coming from
40 Finance Committee, again, doesn't need a second. Any
41 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
42 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
43 unanimously.

44 Moving right along, now. Now we're on the Item
45 (e), EMS study.

46 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir. All right. We
47 have -- I've already told you what it's about. But
48 Fitch Company was selected to actually give us a price
49 quotation and they came back with a price quotation.
50 You will recall that we did, to some degree, outline

1 the scope of work that they were to accomplish. In
2 reviewing their original offer back to us, if you'll
3 look at your page one of two, at first they only had
4 items one through five. That was reviewed, and it did
5 not comply with the scope of work that we had asked
6 them to do. And so we reminded -- Mr. Burns reminded
7 them of that. And they added number six, because if
8 you stopped at number 5, all they would have to do is
9 decide that you need to make changes or consolidate
10 response zones. Whereas, in essence, we wanted that,
11 but we also wanted their input as to whether or not we
12 needed a new model or a new approach. Okay? So the
13 Finance Committee does recommend eighty thousand
14 dollars be transferred out of EMS to professional
15 services and two thousand nine hundred and sixty
16 dollars to be transferred out of capital purchases to
17 professional services to pay for the EMS study and to
18 award that contract to them.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from Finance
20 Committee, again, doesn't need a second. Any
21 discussion? Mr. Allen?

22 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, I was just going to
23 say, when we talked about this, I know it seems like a
24 good bit of money, but the Emergency Services is an
25 extremely important aspect of what the county's
26 responsible for. And I think this will be a very good
27 overall view of where we stand with all the different
28 departments. Some of them do things a little bit
29 differently than others. Some are in dire straits when
30 it comes to finances. And we don't know for certain
31 what will come out of it, but the company that's going
32 to do this is a professional organization. They've
33 done these studies all over the country. They can give
34 us an idea of where we stand, what way we may need to
35 go with emergency services. And it may be a
36 combination of input from the current emergency
37 services. Maybe some input from AnMed, some input
38 from MedShore, plus what these guys come up with. But
39 overall this will give us a really good baseline going
40 into the future as to where our emergency services
41 stand and what routes we might be able to take so that
42 we will have the most efficient and effective service
43 possible. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

45 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

46 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

47 CINDY WILSON: This was a very
48 comprehensive effort to come up with an appropriate
49 baseline. I did want to request that maybe the
50 physician that the county engages for quality control,

1 or whatever they call that, might have some input once
2 they get into the study to make sure we have that part
3 of it better, you know, better addressed.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. They're going
5 to look at the whole shooting match. That's going to
6 be looked at. And I just want to add, everybody will
7 have -- still will be contacted; all the players, they
8 going to talk to all the EMS providers, they going to
9 talk to AnMed, they going to talk to the EMS
10 commission, talk to everybody; so everybody will be
11 involved and do a comprehensive.

12 This is, as Mr. Allen said, a good bit of money.
13 Some of this money will be coming from money we're
14 saving right now from the Williamston rescue squad EMS
15 being shut down. Other thing, this money be well worth
16 it if this will solve our problem for the next Council,
17 or the one after that, or after that; ain't got to come
18 back and revisit the EMS issue that we've had to keep
19 coming back to and revisit.

20 We had a meeting today and we was talking about the
21 health care industry and this is part of it. Has
22 evolved and is changing so much and it's going to get a
23 handle on this and what we need. The best thing what
24 we want to do is I think all of our goal is, safe to
25 say, the best quality service for the citizens of
26 Anderson County. And hopefully we can get a -- right
27 now we got, as I said before, dead spots in the county.
28 Hope we can come up with something that will be --
29 whatever we come up with or they come up with and
30 recommend and Council finally adopts, we will have a
31 blanket system that will cover all of our citizens in
32 Anderson County. Everybody, whether you live at the
33 north end, the south end, the east, west, will get the
34 same medical care and response time is what we'll get.

35 Mr. Burns, may I ask, too, before we vote on this,
36 if you would please make sure -- write a letter, or Mr.
37 Stoller knows, that EMS personally, our EMS appointed
38 commission, knows the action that this Council has
39 taken tonight. Any more discussion? All in favor of
40 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
41 the motion carries unanimously. If it's all right with
42 you, Mr. Crowder, I'm going to -- I know this is coming
43 from the Finance Committee, but I'm going to make this
44 next motion, if that's all right.

45 FRANCIS CROWDER: Go right ahead, sir.

46 TOMMY DUNN: I move that the Council goes
47 into Executive session to discuss economical
48 development matter and a personnel matter involving
49 compensation for the County Administrator. Put that in
50 the form of a motion.

1 FRANCIS CROWDER: Second.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Crowder. Any
3 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
4 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.
5 If y'all will bear with us, we'll probably be in
6 there a few minutes. And we're going to be going back
7 here in the conference room, Administrator's conference
8 room.

9 **(EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM 7:43 P.M. TO 8:29 P.M.)**

10 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Chairman.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Waiting on a couple more.
12 FRANCIS CROWDER: Oh, I'm sorry. I make a
13 motion ---
14 TOMMY DUNN: Wait a minute, we got one
15 playing hooky.
16 FRANCIS CROWDER: Oh, I'm sorry.
17 TOMMY DUNN: Still got one playing hooky.
18 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, I apologize. Keep me
19 straight.
20 TOMMY DUNN: I thought the fire
21 department might have called you; you was on the way
22 home to put your house out.

23 At this time we're back in session and I will make
24 a motion we come out of executive session. We took no
25 action in executive session. Have a second?

26 CINDY WILSON: Second.
27 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. All in
28 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
29 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
30 Chairman Crowder.

31 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, Chairman. I move
32 to direct the County Administrator to negotiate a
33 purchase agreement for a tract of land known as the
34 Thrift property for development of a county industrial
35 park, the Gateway site on Clemson Boulevard, for
36 approval by County Council and to have a reimbursement
37 resolution prepared for consideration by Anderson
38 County Council.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Have that in the form of a
40 motion. We have a second?

41 KEN WATERS: Second.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen. Any discussion?
43 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands.
44 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
45 unanimously. Mr. Crowder.

46 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Chairman, I move to
47 increase the salary of the County Administrator to the
48 mid point of the grade level which is -- do I say --
49 which is one hundred and thirty-six thousand five
50 hundred and thirty-nine dollars.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Crowder
2 and second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? I do want to
3 say, make a comment on this, make it perfectly clear.
4 When Mr. Burns first come on board of Anderson County,
5 he was brought on -- word I'm looking for ---

6 MITCHELL COLE: Interim.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Interim -- thank you, Mr.
8 Cole -- interim administrator. And he's worked at that
9 salary throughout the time, even after we hired him
10 over a year ago full time. Hasn't had pay raises when
11 some others was given. He's justified, I think very
12 well earned this pay raise. Like I said, it's mid
13 grade compared and you look at compare to what other
14 administrators make and even right here in our own
15 town, around the city. Very justified and doable and
16 has it. We have been -- and I want to point out that
17 in no way, shape or form, did Mr. Burns solicit or ask
18 for this. This come from the Council, because he's
19 that kind of guy and humble and hasn't had one from the
20 time that he's been here. I know I'm one and I think I
21 can speak for the entire Council, appreciate his job
22 and his duty, because I can vouch Mr. Burns does not
23 work five days a week. He works seven days a week for
24 this county. He breathes it, sleeps it, Anderson
25 County got the citizens best at his heart. I've seen
26 him at Bass Masters when it was what, Mr. Waters,
27 single digits temperatures in February. Let him go out
28 and meet citizens, complaints, never ?? nobody, and
29 smooths things out. And take calls and go out and do
30 things on Saturdays, weekends, when there's storms,
31 flooding, he's at the Central Command, what you call
32 it, on Bleckley Street. Always around. And we're very
33 fortunate to have somebody that's very outgoing.

34 Wasn't fortunate enough to be born here in God's
35 country, in Anderson County, but he did move here, his
36 choice, so that's very good. And has took to it and
37 got a good kind spirit for the citizens of Anderson
38 County. And what he and his staff and Mr. Burriss
39 Nelson have done for Anderson County in the economic
40 development field is unparalleled to none.

41 And I just want to say one other thing while we're
42 talking about this and I want Mr. Burns or Mr. Nelson
43 to step up and correct me on this, because I want this
44 to get out very much. In the short period of time the
45 average salaries of the citizens of Anderson County
46 workers has risen how much? What period of time?

47 BURRISS NELSON: Five years ????

48 TOMMY DUNN: In only -- in less than five
49 years has raised almost two dollars and fifty cents an
50 hour. That is great in that short period of time and

1 working very hard and very diligent to do this. So
2 hopefully we can move this forward. Mr. Waters?
3 KEN WATERS: Just in case somebody didn't
4 get those numbers, would you say those again?
5 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. 2009 ????
6 KEN WATERS: Would that be touching on
7 history or anything for Anderson County?
8 BURRISS NELSON: ???
9 KEN WATERS: I just wondered. You know,
10 that's pretty big deal, I would say then; wouldn't you?
11 Thank you, sir.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Big thing is that's putting
13 real money out in the economy for Anderson County.
14 That's buying power. What that does when you go out
15 here. Mr. Crowder.
16 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, I would equally like
17 to thank Mr. Burns and his staff for working with us in
18 such a great way. It's always good to have someone
19 around you that is challenging. And I mean that in a
20 very positive way. And is professional and has an
21 insight and also has connections to make things happen.
22 That's important. You can know everything and do
23 everything and what have you, but if you don't have the
24 network to get stuff done, it don't get -- it don't
25 happen. And so I think we're very, very fortunate to
26 have Mr. Burns and you, too, Mr. Nelson. And so I'm
27 very thankful for you and I hope we can continue to
28 have this same kind of relationship. Okay?
29 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? I think that's
30 ---
31 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, can I say one
32 thing?
33 TOMMY DUNN: Well, your head's filled up
34 big enough now, but I'll bring you back down in the
35 morning when I give you a call about ---
36 RUSTY BURNS: I figured you would. I
37 didn't worry about that, but I just wanted to say I'm
38 very humbled and I'm very appreciative and thank y'all
39 very much. Thank you.
40 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. Now, hearing no
41 more, we'll vote on the motion. All in favor show of
42 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
43 unanimously. Does that conclude your report from the
44 Finance Committee?
45 FRANCIS CROWDER: Chairman, I think I've done
46 my dastardly deeds. Thank you, sir.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Thank the Finance Committee
48 for all their hard work and guidance from Mr. Crowder
49 as Chairman.
50 Moving right along now to Item number 12, requests

1 by Council members. We're going to start, Mr. Waters.
2 We'll wake him up down there.
3 KEN WATERS: Yeah, I have one request for
4 the Genealogy Society. I'd like to appropriate three
5 hundred dollars to that. And I'll bring that in the
6 form of a motion.
7 TOMMY DUNN: From your rec account.
8 KEN WATERS: From the rec account.
9 TOMMY DUNN: District 6's rec account.
10 So puts that in the form of a motion. Mr. Allen
11 seconds it. Any discussion? All in favor of the
12 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
13 motion carries unanimously. Mr. Allen?
14 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, I have two of them I'd
15 like to do. From my recreation account, I'd like to
16 take three hundred dollars for the Genealogical
17 Society. And also a thousand dollars for the Humane
18 Society. I put that in the form of a motion.
19 TOMMY DUNN: And is that for the --
20 Humane Society, is that for the Fur Ball thing?
21 TOM ALLEN: Fur Ball. Yeah.
22 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Ms. Wilson seconds
23 that. Any further discussion? All in favor of the
24 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
25 motion carries unanimously. Mr. Cole?
26 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chairman, from District
27 3, I'd like to do the same thing; three hundred for the
28 Genealogical --
29 TOMMY DUNN: And I can't help you out. I
30 wish I could. And how much for the Humane Society?
31 MITCHELL COLE: Three hundred.
32 TOMMY DUNN: Three. Three hundred for
33 each one. We have a second?
34 CINDY WILSON: Second.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
36 further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the
37 motion show of hands. Thank you. Mr. Crowder?
38 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to do
39 three. I'd like to do three hundred dollars to the
40 Genealogical Society and three hundred dollars to the
41 Humane Society and five hundred dollars to be
42 transferred to the ---
43 RUSTY BURNS: Eight hundred, Mr. Crowder.
44 FRANCIS CROWDER: Eight hundred?
45 RUSTY BURNS: For the advertisement?
46 FRANCIS CROWDER: Eight hundred dollars. Wow.
47 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
48 FRANCIS CROWDER: Eight hundred dollars to the
49 appropriate account to finish up the advertising for
50 the Farmers Market. And I encourage, if you haven't

1 gone to the Farmers Market, it's probably only got a
2 couple more weeks, but they really, really, really got
3 some good stuff out there. So ...

4 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder.
5 Have a second by Ms. Wilson. Any further discussion?
6 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed
7 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. You
8 got anything else?

9 FRANCIS CROWDER: No, I was voting for my own.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Ms. Wilson.

11 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
12 District 7 would like to appropriate from the District
13 7 rec account three hundred dollars to the Anderson
14 County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical
15 Society and three hundred dollars to the Anderson
16 County Humane Society. And I put that in the form of a
17 motion.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Have a
19 second Mr. Cole. Any further discussion? Hearing
20 none, all in favor of the motion show of hands.
21 District 5's rec account would like to put five hundred
22 dollars to the Humane Society and three hundred dollars
23 to the gener -- what they said. Have a -- thought I
24 had it there for half a second. Ms. Wilson seconds it.
25 Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of
26 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
27 the motion carries unanimously. Thank y'all.

28 Moving on Administrator's report. Number 13.

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

31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Moving on to
32 Item number 14, Citizens Comments.

33 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one has
34 signed up tonight.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

36 Moving on to Item number 15, Remarks from Council
37 members. Ms. Wilson.

38 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
39 have to concede that the amount of money that we had to
40 vote on tonight was enough to choke a horse. But I
41 believe that with the efforts of everyone discussing
42 and all the research, I feel assured now that the
43 county's -- the county taxpayers' funds will be put to
44 good use and will have a really good return on the
45 investment.

46 I do want to thank our county staff for the
47 extraordinary measures and efforts they took last night
48 in the Pelzer area. There was fear of the Pelzer dam
49 being breeched and flooding and an entrance into a
50 subdivision in Williamston. I understood that there

1 were people out there all night long waiting and
2 watching. And I don't think we can put a price or a
3 value on that kind of service to the people in this
4 county. So I just want to say thank you.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Second that. Mr. Crowder.

6 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, I would like to thank
7 my fellow colleagues for indulging me tonight. Maybe
8 I'm still in the Halloween spirit, pumpkins and candy.
9 But I would like to say I think Council tonight has
10 done a great piece of work -- a great piece of work --
11 on behalf of the future generations of Anderson County.
12 That's important.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

14 FRANCIS CROWDER: Generations. And secondly,
15 I think that we should let it be known that the intent
16 that the purchase of the industrial park will not
17 require a tax increase. That we can get that out right
18 now so that we won't have people saying, well, my tax
19 bill's going to go up. Cause the intent of the
20 presentations were that financial resources were --
21 would be intact to be able to purchase the land and do
22 the improvements without any tax increase. That's all
23 I have to say.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder. Mr.
25 Cole?

26 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chairman, fellow Council
27 persons, and Mr. Burns, I do want to thank you for
28 being a part of this fine group. I think we're headed
29 in the right direction for Anderson County and I do
30 appreciate how each of you -- how we've worked well
31 together for betterment of the county. Thank you.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Cole. Mr.
33 Allen?

34 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, I'd like to also kind
35 of echo what Ms. Wilson said about the monies tonight.
36 And thank Mr. Crowder. I know he did a lot of work on
37 this; has been wanting this industrial park to get
38 moving for some time. And also to Ms. Davis for the
39 financial advice that we had. And I agree; this is
40 going to be a great investment for Anderson County and
41 something we really need to do.

42 I'd also just like to comment on this past weekend.
43 We had here in Anderson County over at the Civic Center
44 the Bluegrass Fest. It was a Bluegrass festival, three
45 days. It was a great festival and they hope to bring
46 it back next year and I hope that any and everybody
47 gets to go to that. They had some awesome talent there
48 including Bluegrass bands from as far away as Italy.
49 And we had people that I talked to over there from
50 Charleston; Buffalo, New York; Alabama. They had come

1 in from all over the country for this and it was a
2 really nice event. So just wanted to put that plug in.
3 Thank you.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Mr.
5 Waters.

6 KEN WATERS: It's Genealogy Society.
7 Just to ---

8 TOM ALLEN: Just call it family history
9 society, Tommy.

10 KEN WATERS: I couldn't help it. I had
11 to do that.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Who woke you up?

13 KEN WATERS: Just found out -- I don't
14 know if anybody knows -- but Clemson is ranked number 1
15 in the college football thing. Now, I'm with the coach
16 on this one. You haven't won a game until after it's
17 over. But anyway, it's just nice to see that. I
18 believe it was what, about 1980 something when this
19 happened last time, so anyway. That's pretty good
20 news.

21 And just have to follow up with some of the
22 comments made here. This group works very well
23 together. We disagree and we're respectful about it.
24 We don't always agree on stuff and we're detailed with
25 why we don't agree and even when we do, when we finish
26 if we still disagree, we're respectful to each other
27 and that's saying a lot. We've come a long way.

28 TOM ALLEN: We take it outside to the
29 parking lot.

30 KEN WATERS: That's right. We take it
31 out to the parking lot. But in saying that, a lot of
32 good things have happened to Anderson County. We've
33 come a long way and I'm very proud to be a part of
34 this. It's something that when you look back the
35 majority of the time, a lot of us have the same
36 qualities; we get our nose to the ground and we work.
37 And every once in a while we forget to stop and look
38 back at the good results that have happened. And as
39 Mr. Crowder said tonight, we work very hard and
40 tonight's been one of those nights to look back at the
41 results that have been accomplished with this Council.
42 And as Mr. Burns said, I'm humble in saying that
43 because a lot of good stuff has happened and there's a
44 lot of good stuff going to happen in the future.

45 One of the things, if you notice on our fee in lieu
46 ofs, those are thirty year agreements. That's very
47 good because I have three kids that I would really like
48 for them to work for about thirty years so they can pay
49 my social security. You know, we may need a little
50 help with the federal taking a look at some of the

1 issues there, because I would like to retire. But
2 anyway, just the comments that everyone's made. It's a
3 pleasure working with everybody here because we do get
4 along very well. And it's nice to have somebody if you
5 disagree that they show you some good points because
6 everybody's not always right and when we talk about it
7 -- except Mr. Dunn, I'm sorry, I didn't mean to say
8 that -- and we have a good time at what we do. I mean
9 what you see up here is what happens all the time and
10 I'm happy to be a part of that. Thank you, Mr.
11 Chairman.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters. I'd
13 just like to say I regret I was remiss last Council
14 meeting. I meant to thank a very important group and I
15 forgot to. I had it wrote down and in a hurry, but I
16 want to thank all the county employees and staff that
17 went all over the state and especially down around
18 Columbia during the flooding. They done outstanding
19 work and they was well thought of. And I tell you, our
20 emergency preparedness team and that thing is well
21 thought of throughout the state and thought of in the
22 job they done. And a lot of high remarks. Angie
23 Stringer and all has done an outstanding job down
24 there. Hopefully, they won't have to do it again. And
25 I know that last night, as Ms. Wilson said, they was at
26 it again here on the locally front doing things. And
27 it does good to see the dedications and the well
28 trained and dedicated employees we got here in Anderson
29 County.

30 I want to touch -- I said a few years ago, when
31 First Quality was coming to Anderson it was going to be
32 a game changer. I think this, tonight, is the next big
33 game changer for Anderson County; it's going to be.
34 we've got a lot of good things on the horizon. I'm
35 excited about the economic development and the future
36 of Anderson County, about it. And it's done, not no
37 one person or two persons; it's a team effort. Had a
38 meeting today talking to some folks and it truly is a
39 team effort. We're very fortunate to have the
40 delegation that we have, the school systems that we
41 have and all five school districts and they're working
42 together now for the first time, probably ever. And
43 it's great. Our technical college, Anderson
44 University, like I said, Clemson, and our citizens and
45 our workforce. That's what it's all about. And that's
46 what makes us and gets us here. So really excited
47 about it, and a game changer.

48 Very proud to be a part of this Council that I've
49 been part of for these few years and working as
50 everybody said here tonight to be able to work together

1 and we don't always agree, as Mr. Waters said. But we
2 get along and we move on to the next project and get up
3 on it. And I'm very happy about that and very
4 fortunate to have such a -- keep in mind, we all, I
5 really honestly say, think we all in it to do what's
6 best for the citizens of Anderson County and try to do
7 it and I'm very thankful. Thankful for my fellow
8 Council members for being here tonight and doing what
9 you done tonight and studying it and getting this down.
10 Because I really do believe this is a game changer.

11 I also think the EMS vote tonight on the
12 consultant's going to come in, in years to come, going
13 to look back and I think that's going to be a part of
14 the game changer, too, to improve our system and our
15 quality of life here in the county in our health
16 things. And I want everybody to know that everybody
17 will take part in this. It's not out to punish, it's
18 out to get our best system that we can get for our
19 citizens and to do it because we are in a changing
20 evolving complex world now in the health industries.
21 So we can get that.

22 But we got more work to do, more things coming,
23 want to keep it up. Keep things. We've got problems
24 ahead of us, as we all know some things coming up we
25 have to deal with, but if we'll stick together as a
26 team we can do it.

27 And I also want to mention, you know, we was
28 talking about county employees and praise them also,
29 we're very fortunate here to have good legal counsel.
30 Mr. Harmon, appreciate the job you do for us. And I
31 tell you, when you walk into a meeting or a room and
32 Mr. Harmon comes in with you, it just -- the people --
33 his name's out there, people know him, people know the
34 law firm he works for, and he's very well respected and
35 we're very fortunate to have him. And he has served
36 Anderson County well and he is an Anderson County
37 person and his heart too is in this right thing.

38 When we talk about our team, as somebody said
39 tonight, I think it was Ms. Davis, talking about what
40 Mr. Harmon and one of his fellow attorneys done working
41 to make sure the language was right in something or
42 other, he really took this, makes sure it's right and
43 guides us and we're very fortunate to have this team
44 we've got in Anderson County right now. I hope we keep
45 the -- as I said -- couple of meetings ago, you know,
46 keep this momentum, we need to keep it moving and
47 moving forward, because if you're not moving you're
48 going backwards. And I think this will be an eyeopener
49 for the counties around us and our people hearing
50 tonight what we've seen and what we've done to lay the

1 groundwork to attract some more very attractive jobs
2 for the county. Because I think we should not rest
3 until we get everybody that wants a good paying job in
4 the county get one and get them trained up.

5 Again, want to thank everybody and meeting will be
6 adjourned.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:52 P.M.)