

State of South Carolina)
County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2015

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
KIM POULIN

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to
2 call to order this part of our council meeting that
3 does our resolutions and proclamations, the first one
4 of the year of January 2015. The first one is a
5 resolution R2015-001. At this time I'd like to
6 recognize Ms. Cindy Wilson. Ms. Wilson.

7 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
8 This is a wonderful little resolution, as well as our
9 next one. This is:

10 **A Resolution recognizing and commending Mill**
11 **Town Players for Their Involvement in the Pelzer**
12 **Community; for Leading Revitalization and Growth**
13 **Through Performing Arts; and Matters Related Thereto.**

14 WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council desires
15 to recognize and honor those residents who give
16 unselfishly of their time and talents to enrich the
17 lives of their fellow man and make Anderson County a
18 better place to live and work; and,

19 WHEREAS, Mill Town Players' mission is to
20 entertain, inspire, and enrich the lives of its
21 community by providing quality and affordable live
22 theater; and,

23 WHEREAS, Mill Town Players allows
24 individuals the opportunity for self-expression in
25 varied arts, which broadens their cultural
26 understanding while featuring and developing local
27 talent that fosters an environment of inclusion and
28 creativity inspiring individuals and families to make
29 live theater an active part of their lives; and,

30 WHEREAS, Mill Town Players recently
31 performed "The Dark of the Moon" at the 2014 South
32 Carolina Theater Association Community Theatre
33 Festival; clinched first place, advanced the company
34 to perform in the regional competition, and,

35 WHEREAS, Mill Town Players' rehearsals and
36 performances are under the direction of its Executive
37 Artistic Director Will Ragland. Will is a graduate
38 of Wren High School; he holds a BA in Studio Art from
39 Davidson College, an MA in Theatre Production from
40 Central Washington University, and is currently
41 pursuing an MA in Arts Administration at Winthrop
42 University; and,

43 WHEREAS, Will Ragland has performed and
44 worked in Upstate theaters for two decades; Ragland's
45 career spans from the role of an actor, a scenic
46 designer, and an educator of theater at Woodmont High
47 School; and,

48 WHEREAS, Will Ragland has transformed
49 Pelzer's theatrical arts persona locally, regionally,
50 and across our State; Will Ragland encourages

1 cohesiveness by encouraging and engaging the
2 community to be active in the performing arts,
3 thereby stimulating economic growth in our local
4 community; and,

5 WHEREAS, Anderson County is fortunate to
6 have citizens of vision and commitment that step
7 forward to lead, guide and energize our community;
8 and,

9 WHEREAS, the County Council of Anderson
10 County are pleased to recognize the Mill Town Players
11 for its expression in varied arts and broadening
12 cultural awareness in the Pelzer community.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anderson County Council
14 acknowledges that the key to success in a community
15 is its people; the Anderson County Council applauds
16 your expressions of diversity through the performing
17 arts; and, we appreciate your efforts in making our
18 community a better place to live, work and play.

19 This resolution shall take effect and be in
20 force immediately upon enactment; RESOLVED in meeting
21 duly assembled this 6th day of January, 2015.

22 And, Mr. Chairman, may I put that in the
23 form of a motion?

24 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, you may. We have a
25 motion. Do we have a second?

26 FRANCIS CROWDER: Second.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Crowder. Any
28 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion
29 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
30 motion carries unanimously. Ms. Wilson.

31 CINDY WILSON: And Mr. Chairman, if I may
32 have all of our fellow council members to come down
33 and Mr. Ragland and any of his players who might be
34 accompanying him. Thank you.

35 **(PRESENTATION)**

36 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll move on
37 to 2(b). Resolution R2015-002.

38 **A Resolution to Acknowledge and Congratulate**
39 **Anderson County Sports and Entertainment Center,**
40 **Recipient of the Southern Region Complex of the Year**
41 **Award; and other matters Relating Thereto.**

42 WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council
43 considers it a privilege to recognize and applaud the
44 Anderson County Sports and Entertainment Center,
45 specifically the Sports Complex, and its employees
46 for their resourcefulness and dedicated service not
47 only to Anderson County government but to its
48 residents and visitors; and,

49 WHEREAS, The Sports Complex encompasses 64
50 acres that surrounds the Civic Center of Anderson

1 comprised of seven softball/baseball fields, three
2 soccer fields, eight tennis courts, miles of paved
3 walking paths, nature trails, disc golf course, and
4 picnic areas; and,

5 WHEREAS, the Sports Complex is home to
6 various youth and adult baseball, softball leagues
7 and associations that keep the Sports Center bustling
8 with activities year round; and,

9 WHEREAS, the Sports Complex staff ensures
10 that its fields and facilities are constantly
11 maintained and in the best condition providing a
12 complex that is enjoyed by the athletes, their fans,
13 and our community; and,

14 WHEREAS, the Sports Complex recently
15 recognized by the Independent Sports Association
16 (ISA) at the 2014 ISA Convention in Tupelo,
17 Mississippi, which designated the Anderson Sports and
18 Entertainment Center, namely the Sports Complex, as
19 the Southern Region Complex of the Year; and,

20 WHEREAS, the Anderson Sports Complex was
21 nominated by the ISA's South Carolina Director noting
22 the commitment of the sports complex staff, who
23 continuously offered courteous and timely assistance
24 working in concert with the association and
25 tournament directors, and by giving the teams the
26 best place possible to play ball; and,

27 WHEREAS, Anderson County Council is pleased
28 to recognize and applaud the employees of the
29 County's Sports Complex for being innovative,
30 hardworking individuals who seek to provide optimal
31 services to Anderson County's residents, athletes,
32 and visitors to the Anderson County's Sports Complex;
33 and,

34 NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that:
35 Anderson County Council commends and congratulates
36 the employees of the Anderson County Sports Complex
37 for your commitment to excellence in service to our
38 community; we are appreciative of your endeavors and
39 salute your most recent recognition and distinction
40 as the ISA's Southern Region Complex of the Year
41 Award.

42 This resolution shall take effect and be in
43 force immediately upon enactment, RESOLVED in meeting
44 duly assembled this 6th day of January, 2015.

45 It give me great honor and privilege to put
46 that in the form of a motion. Have a second? We
47 have any discussion? I'd just like to start off and
48 I would like to say at this time that it's -- we're
49 very fortunate in Anderson County to have the great
50 ambassadors and employees that we have in Anderson

1 County. And what they've done at the Civic Center, I
2 know a lot of times the Civic Center gets short
3 changed, and some things about this and that, but as
4 Mr. Burns has so fondly quoted as in the paper, that
5 is our Central Park in Anderson County. If you go
6 out there, there are people from all over the county
7 use that complex. It's a shining star for Anderson
8 County and our employees make it that way. Mr.
9 Burns' leadership since he's come here has put a
10 great time and effort in making that Civic Center to
11 be the thing under Glen Brill's direction, Mr. Terry
12 Gaines, they've done an outstanding job out there.
13 And I be remiss to say under Todd McCormick. If
14 you've ever played ball out there or anything at all,
15 he's just outstanding, him and his staff what all
16 they do and they go beyond to try to make the people
17 feel at home and do whatever is necessary. He takes
18 pride -- it's not just a paycheck to them. He takes
19 pride, him and his staff to get those ball fields up
20 and working. And it's not just the fields and
21 everything. The outside people at the Sports
22 Complex, Mr. Simpson and Clarence and them people
23 they work as a team out there. If one of them needs
24 something or other, they always pitch in. That's
25 what makes it a special place to me and all the
26 benefits. But it really is an outstanding -- and
27 this award is really great for Anderson County and
28 shows a shining light on Anderson County. And with
29 this and with Green Pond thing coming up and our bass
30 master tournament, it just says great wonders about
31 Anderson County and look forward to great things to
32 be in the future for Anderson County. Especially
33 with the great dedicated employees that we have.
34 Anyone else like to have anything -- any
35 comments or anything? If not, at this time I'd like
36 to ask just the employees to step up here and Council
37 members if you would step down.

38 **(PRESENTATION)**

39 TOMMY DUNN: If you would indulge me in
40 my haste -- got lost in my words a little while ago.
41 I failed to call for a vote. So if you would, all in
42 favor of that resolution, show of hands. All opposed
43 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

44 This meeting will be adjourned and we'll be
45 starting back at our regular council meeting at 6:30.
46 Thank y'all.

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48 **(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:16 P.M.)**

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1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to
2 call to order the January meeting of 2015 of the
3 Anderson County Council to order. And at this time
4 I'd like to call on the Honorable Mr. Francis Crowder
5 if he'd lead us in the Invocation and Pledge of
6 Allegiance. If we'd all please rise.

7 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY**
8 **FRANCIS CROWDER)**

9 KEN WATERS: Mr. Chairman, could we
10 present something to you for your ...

11 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

12 KEN WATERS: At this time, the citizens
13 of Anderson County, the County Council and
14 Administration gratefully acknowledge the services of
15 Tommy Dunn, Chairman, Anderson County Council 2014.
16 Your leadership ability has been effective and your
17 insight and effort has contributed greatly in making
18 Anderson County a more progressive county. We look
19 forward to your continued service as a contributing
20 member of County Council. Francis M. Crowder, Gracie
21 S. Floyd, Eddie Moore, Tom Allen, Ken Waters, Cindy
22 Wilson, Rusty Burns, Linda Eddleman, and Kim Poulin.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters, I
24 appreciate that. Means a lot. Thank you all.

25 **(APPLAUSE)**

26 FRANCIS CROWDER: Chairman Dunn.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Could we before we get
28 into -- one thing, I just would like to say before we
29 move on to the agenda, I would just like to make it
30 official. I know we've all said, last regular
31 meeting, but to make it official, and welcome Mr.
32 Cole on. Appreciate it and look forward to working
33 with you, Mr. Cole, and good to see you sitting up
34 here. We'll be moving on, now. You got -- Mr.
35 Crowder, I'm sorry.

36 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
37 nominate the Honorable Tommy Dunn to be the Chairman
38 of County Council for this year.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it. Have a
40 second? Ms. Wilson. Any further nominations?
41 Hearing any? Nominations will be -- any more?
42 Nominations will be closed and I'll be elected by
43 acclamation, will that be right, Mr. Attorney?
44 That's the way it is, but if y'all want to vote, we
45 can vote. All in favor of Mr. Dunn for Chairman,
46 show of hands. All opposed. All abstentions. Show
47 the motion carries with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr.
48 Dunn, Mr. Cole, Mr. Crowder and Ms. Wilson in favor
49 and Ms. Floyd abstains.

50 Now we'll be moving on. For Vice Chairman

1 I'd like to make -- start off the nominations with
2 Mr. Ken Waters. Ask for a second. Second Mr. Cole.
3 Any other nominations?

4 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to nominate
5 Mr. Tom Allen.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Nomination Mr. Allen.
7 I'll second that. Any more nominations? All in
8 favor of Mr. Ken Waters, show of hands. Let the
9 record show Ms. Wilson, Mr. Crowder, Mr. Cole, Mr.
10 Dunn, Mr. Waters in favor. And so he would have it
11 with five to two. He ain't got to. We'll make it
12 official. All in favor of Mr. Allen. Okay, Mr.
13 Allen and Ms. Floyd. Okay.

14 I want to say just starting off, appreciate
15 the Council's confidence.

16 And at this time we'll be moving on.
17 Approval of the minutes of December the 16th, 2014.
18 Are there any changes or corrections that needs to be
19 made at this time?

20 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Chairman.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder, you want the
22 floor?

23 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes. Let me see where I
24 can find it. Well, it's on page 18, not of the
25 minutes, but of the following part of the agenda,
26 line 32. The missing word is materialize. Hopefully
27 it will materialize. Thank you.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any other
29 change or corrections? We have a motion to accept
30 the minutes with those -- with that correction? Hang
31 on. We got a motion Mr. Allen. Do we have a second?

32 KEN WATERS: Second.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Waters. Any
34 more discussion?

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. There was something
36 I got a letter saying I don't know if we are going to
37 ???

38 TOMMY DUNN: I don't neither.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Huh?

40 TOMMY DUNN: I said I don't neither. I
41 have -- I will try to find out, though.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Are you talking about the
43 same thing? The letter in the mail from the ex-
44 council member from District 3 concerning ---

45 TOMMY DUNN: I don't know about that.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: You didn't get a letter
47 about that?

48 TOMMY DUNN: If I did, I haven't got it
49 yet. Must be in there. Must be in there.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. In the letter he

1 states that he asked the Administrator if he could
2 refrain from writing grants. And at that night the
3 Administrator said yes. But ??? -- how do you refer
4 to him, ex-council member?

5 TOMMY DUNN: Former council member.

6 GRACIE FLOYD: Former council member
7 wrote the letter saying that in the minutes that Mr.
8 Burns said, yes, but it wasn't in there at all. So
9 it was brought up by ex-council member. At the time
10 he wrote the letter it was legit because it was
11 December the 30th and he was a council member at that
12 time. But Mr. Chair, I honestly don't know how we
13 are going to deal with that. Do we deal with it or
14 do we just let it go?

15 TOMMY DUNN: I think we'll let it go
16 and we'll deal with it -- we'll get with the -- I'll
17 get with the attorney and other council members and
18 we'll -- if it needs to be dealt with, we'll -- I
19 don't think the world's going to come to an end. We
20 can deal with it next council meeting.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I don't think the
22 world's going to come to an end, either. But I did
23 get the letter. And I just thought that we could
24 address it or just state that we're not going to
25 address it.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I think it needs to
27 be -- you know, it's the first I've heard of it about
28 this letter. I ain't got one, so I need time myself.
29 I don't know how the other council members feel about
30 it, but I need time to study it and look at it. I
31 wished I'd -- got to have time.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Anybody else get a letter?

33 KEN WATERS: I just read it.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Anything else on
35 the minutes? All in favor of the minutes show of
36 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion to
37 approve the minutes was unanimous.

38 Moving on. Item number 6, Citizens
39 comments. Ask Mr. Harmon will call your name. When
40 you do, please step forward and state your name,
41 address the Chair and keep it -- and district --
42 please keep it on the agenda items. And you've got
43 three minutes.

44 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, there are
45 two citizens signed up to speak. First person, Frank
46 Pressley.

47 FRANK PRESSLEY: Thank you, sir. I come,
48 it pertains to Items number 3 and 4, even though they
49 have already passed. I think it probably would have
50 been appropriate to have allowed citizens possibly to

1 have made some comments or give input about how they
2 felt about who would be nominated and elected to the
3 chairmanship. That's done but input would have been
4 good.

5 I'd like to encourage you all, this is a new
6 council, new year, new day, we hope. Every one of
7 you vote your own conscience. Once you start trading
8 your vote or promising it to someone else for
9 something else, you've given it away. And you were
10 each elected individually by the constituents in your
11 district, and I encourage you not to walk as a block
12 or to operate in concert with each other, trading
13 favors or whatever the case might be. Vote your own
14 conscience. Be an individual. Don't be led. Follow
15 your own scruples, your own background and do the
16 right thing. Thank you.

17 LEON HARMON: Chairman, next person is
18 Elizabeth Fant.

19 ELIZABETH FANT: I'm speaking on Item
20 number 2, the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
21 And the Administrator's report. I'm so glad to hear
22 that type of invocation that was given this morning
23 -- this evening. Likewise, also, when we had the
24 inauguration of new folks and investiture of
25 everybody. I thought Pastor Rigby's message was
26 apropos because that's really where it's at. Each
27 one of you has been elected, selected to be your
28 council area person. I do want to remind you,
29 though, that you're always to look for all the
30 citizens, the welfare of all the citizens and not
31 just to be partial to your own. I welcome Mr. Cole,
32 District 3. And I hope he will be an asset to the
33 Council.

34 The other thing that I want to mention is on 13.
35 The administrator's report, item number 2 to Jessica
36 Cwynar. Some of you may not be on facebook or be
37 aware, but this year our shelter had a big push on
38 trying to get all the animals out of cages for over
39 the Christmas holidays. They did just that. I
40 believe all of the adoptable animals got adopted or
41 they went to rescues or in some form or another they
42 went to a safe haven. The Greenville shelter also
43 did the same thing and several other facebook groups from
44 areas around the country, I believe Pennsylvania and
45 one in Georgia, were all working on the same page.
46 And it's wonderful to see that it's at the beginning
47 of January that we start working on budget, and I
48 would hope that this year, Mr. Burns, under his
49 direction, you can donate even more money to Anderson
50 County Humane Society, which is doing a jam-up job of

1 spaying and neutering, which is having a big effect
2 of what does come to the shelter. So I applaud PAWS
3 for doing what they did and hope we can continue that
4 on this year. And I welcome all of you and hope that
5 we're going to have a very good year and that the
6 things that really make us be one are the things that
7 we work for. Not so much the divisive things, but
8 the things that we all agree on that we can work
9 towards those goals for the people in Anderson County
10 because we've really got some citizens out here that
11 are hurting.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Is that it, Mr. Harmon?
13 Thank you, sir.

14 Be moving on to item number 7, Ordinance
15 third reading, 7(a). #2014-042 an Ordinance
16 amending Ordinance #99-004, the Anderson County
17 Zoning Map to rezone from R-20 (Single-Family
18 Residential) to R-D (Residential-Duplex) +/- 1.59
19 acre parcel of land, identified at the corner of Club
20 Road and Beaverdam Road, and further identified as
21 TMS #221-00-02-001.

22 Mr. Forman, you got anything to add before
23 we vote on this?

24 MICHAEL FORMAN: No, sir.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion?

26 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second
28 by Mr. Waters. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in
29 favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
30 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

31 Moving on to Item number 7(b) Resolution,
32 Ordinance 2014-043, an Ordinance amending Ordinance
33 #99-004, the Anderson County Zoning Ordinance, as
34 adopted July 20, 1999 by amending the Anderson County
35 Official Zoning Map to rezone from R-20 (Single
36 Family Residential) to R-D (Residential-Duplex) 6
37 parcels of land totaling +/- 3.52 acres, identified
38 on Breazeale Drive, Club Road and Beaverdam Road.
39 Do we have a motion?

40 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Motion, Ms. Wilson. We
42 have a second?

43 KEN WATERS: Second.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters. Any further
45 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion
46 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
47 motion carries unanimously.

48 Moving on to Item 8(a). This will be an
49 Ordinance First Reading #2015-001, Request by Midway
50 Road Properties, LLC for major amendments to Midway

1 Ridge's Statement of Intent. Amendments relate to
2 the range of allowable house square footage, change
3 in housing materials and addition of a monument sign
4 at the subdivision's entrance. Before we go into
5 public hearing, it might help a little bit, I'm going
6 to ask Mr. Forman if he would, do your presentation
7 and then we'll stop and then we'll go into a public
8 hearing and then we'll have things for council
9 members. Mr. Forman.

10 MICHAEL FORMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
11 Just real quick. Just going over the staff report.
12 The applicant for this rezoning request is Midway
13 Road Properties, LLC. Property's located on Midway
14 Road approximately five hundred and thirty feet from
15 Oakhill Drive. It's in the Hammond School precinct,
16 Council District 1. Approximate acreage is 13.18
17 acres. Currently zoned PD. Surrounded to the north
18 -- zoning to the north R-20 and R-8, to the South R-
19 20, to the East R-8 and to the West R-20. Evaluation
20 of this request is to make three changes to the
21 approved statement of intent that was originally
22 approved in 2005 under Ordinance 2005-014. The first
23 revision is to change the range of allowable house
24 square footage from a range of eighteen hundred to
25 twenty-one hundred square feet to a range of fifteen
26 hundred and sixty square feet to thirty-nine ninety-
27 four square feet. Revision two is to change the
28 housing materials from brick and stone fronts and
29 vinyl sides in rears to vinyl with brick and stone
30 accents. And revision three is to add a monument
31 sign at the subdivision's entrance. These changes
32 have been determined by the zoning administrator to
33 be considered major changes as per section 522.8.A of
34 the County Code of Ordinances. Revised subdivision
35 plat decreasing the number of lots to thirty-eight
36 and redesigning the subdivision's layout was approved
37 by the Planning Commission in March 2014. The
38 established homes in surrounding area are of similar
39 size and build as the request shown in the revised
40 statement of intent.

41 As such staff does recommend approval of the
42 requested changes to the statement of intent. The
43 District 1 zoning advisory group recommended approval
44 at their meeting on December 3, 2014 by a vote of
45 three to zero with one absent. Planning Commission
46 -- the Anderson County Planning Commission met on
47 December 9th and recommended -- December 9, 2014,
48 excuse me -- and recommended approval of these major
49 change requests by a vote of five to zero with one
50 absent. And that concludes my staff report.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. At this time
2 we'll go into a public hearing. Anyone wishing to
3 speak to -- speak on this matter, please step forward
4 and state your name. And address the Chair, please.

5 PAUL HARRISON: Thank you, sir. Paul
6 Harrison, 19 Washington Park. I'm here tonight,
7 speaking on the behalf of Midway Road Properties,
8 LLC. And just kind of wanted to touch on a couple of
9 other things. We are requesting the minor change in
10 the square footage of the homes and the previously
11 approved square footage was eighteen hundred to
12 twenty-one hundred square feet. We only have one
13 floor plan that's going to be less than that eighteen
14 hundred square foot range. All of the other floor
15 plans, which we have twenty or thirty other floor
16 plans, will be above the original approved eighteen
17 hundred square feet. So I just wanted to mention
18 that. And I think one of the other changes that Mr.
19 Forman called out was the entrance monument. I'm not
20 really sure why the original developer did not have
21 that in the statement of intent, but we're just -- we
22 just added the fact that we're going to be putting in
23 entrance monuments into the subdivision. And really,
24 I don't know that I have anything else to add, but I
25 did want to step forward and see if anyone on
26 the Council had any questions for me or the
27 developer; he's here as well.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone? Ms. Wilson?

29 CINDY WILSON: May I? How many houses
30 will be proposed at fifteen hundred and sixty square
31 feet? And each increment up to thirty-nine hundred
32 ninety-four. How many of each?

33 PAUL HARRISON: It's just, I mean, there's
34 really no way of determining that because they can --
35 a client comes in to buy a house and they can choose
36 from these floor plans. I can tell you that the
37 floor plan that's the fifteen sixty square feet is a
38 one story floor plan. All of the other floor plans,
39 which are above the eighteen hundred square feet, are
40 two stories. But there's no way to put a -- you
41 know, to determine exactly how many of those will be
42 built. I mean, it's kind of based on what the
43 individual buyer comes in and wants to purchase.

44 CINDY WILSON: And the next question.
45 How will you prevent mud and water from washing from
46 one lot to the next and into the street?

47 PAUL HARRISON: Oh, well, we'll have to do
48 -- let me make this point, too. Not sure if everyone
49 on the Council is aware that this subdivision is
50 actually already built. The property's been graded,

1 the roads are in, curb and gutter storm drainage,
2 everything's in place. And we just recently recorded
3 a final plat on the property last week. So when the
4 builder comes in, we've done erosion control measures
5 to satisfy the county and to satisfy DHEC. But the
6 builder will also be responsible. He'll be like a
7 co-permitee under my client's permit and they will do
8 individual lot erosion control measures during the
9 home building activities. So they'll have silt fence
10 around each lot, they'll have a construction entrance
11 into each lot and, you know, we'll do -- we'll be in
12 compliance with the Anderson County and overall
13 general construction permit by SC DHEC.

14 CINDY WILSON: Does this project have any
15 connection with the Bucklin at Rivendell project? It
16 was a really nice development and there's been some
17 issues there.

18 PAUL HARRISON: No, I'm not aware of --
19 I'm not even familiar with that development. But we
20 -- this has nothing to do with that.

21 CINDY WILSON: All under D.R. Horton;
22 aren't you?

23 PAUL HARRISON: Well, I'm not -- we don't
24 work for D.R. Horton. I work for a private developer
25 who is selling lots, individual lots, to D.R. Horton.

26 CINDY WILSON: So he's your builder? I
27 mean that company is the builder?

28 PAUL HARRISON: D.R. Horton is the home
29 builder. My client just develop the lots. He sells
30 individual lots to D.R. Horton. And then they build
31 the houses.

32 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Dunn? Excuse me, Mr.
34 Chairman.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd. Yes, ma'am.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman. I have a
37 couple of questions here, also. First of all, you
38 said that these were minor changes, sir. You said
39 that these were minor changes. Okay?

40 PAUL HARRISON: Yes, ma'am.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: But let's clear this up.
42 According to the Zoning Administrator these are
43 considered to be major changes, as written on page 1
44 of 2 of the Anderson County Planning Commission. The
45 three changes are major changes. Okay. I don't
46 understand building, and I will be up-front about
47 that. I'm a layman. Usually I depend on my Chairman
48 who is a builder to answer, you know, certain
49 questions for me. But this was just put at my desk
50 tonight. All right. So I haven't had time to go

1 over it. Okay. To ask questions of him. But I do
2 have a question here. I don't understand why you are
3 reducing the lots from one thousand eight hundred to
4 one thousand five hundred and sixty. That's a
5 smaller house, is it not? To a larger three
6 thousand nine hundred and ninety-four, and I don't
7 understand where the land is coming from to build a
8 bigger house. I don't understand that.

9 PAUL HARRISON: It's just the difference
10 in -- you know, we're not changing any of the lot
11 size. We actually, when we -- when this project was
12 preliminary -- or previously approved, they were
13 approved for forty-something lots. I forget exactly.
14 Forty-two or forty-three lots. So we actually
15 resubmitted the project to Planning Commission, and
16 we reduced the lots to thirty-eight lots. So we
17 decreased the density, therefore we made our lots
18 bigger up front from the original approved drawings.
19 But the square footage that we're talking about is
20 the homes themselves. The fifteen -- the thousand
21 five hundred and sixty square foot unit or home that
22 we're requesting is a one story house. All of the
23 other foot prints that we have are two story homes.
24 They're either -- well, they're two stories and they
25 may be a little deeper, as well. So we've got more
26 heated square feet. There's a wide variety. I'm ---

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. You've answered my
28 question, and if you go on much further, you're
29 losing me, okay? All right.

30 Now, another question. Why are we changing
31 the house materials from brick to stone fronts and
32 vinyl sides rear to vinyl with brick and stone
33 accent? To me, now this is how my thought processes
34 is go, because I have not had a chance to talk with,
35 you know, my chairman about it. But why is it that
36 you submitted one thing on the sheet and now you want
37 to change it? Are we going from something better to
38 something cheaper? Is that what's happening here?

39 PAUL HARRISON: Well, what was submitted
40 before was not submitted by us. I was not the
41 original designer for the original neighborhood, nor
42 my client was not the original developer for the
43 neighborhood. We basically came in and took a
44 distressed piece of property that nothing was built
45 on the property, but everything was originally
46 approved.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, alright. So the
48 other person submitted this; right?

49 PAUL HARRISON: We basically -- the other
50 person submitted this ---

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
2 PAUL HARRISON: --- the original
3 information. And it just didn't comply with what we
4 were trying to do ---
5 GRACIE FLOYD: So are you going from
6 something that was better -- not better -- but more
7 expensive to something cheaper. Are you moving from
8 something to something cheaper?
9 PAUL HARRISON: I can't speak to that,
10 because I'm not sure exactly what they were proposing
11 to build as long as -- from the homes and the
12 architectural look of what they were proposing to
13 build. I've never seen that information. The only
14 information I saw was the square footage that they
15 requested and the brick fronts with the vinyl sides
16 and rears. And all we're asking to do is -- we're
17 just asking to be able to do not all brick fronts.
18 We've got some elevations that have brick fronts with
19 shake and stone accents and our builder and our
20 client feels like that it's a more marketable
21 product. It fits in better with the surrounding
22 neighborhood. And that it's something that's in the
23 right price point of what's actually selling right
24 now. I mean these homes, I would picture these homes
25 starting from two hundred thousand and going up. So
26 it's not going to be a cheap product.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: You've done very well in
28 answering my questions. I wish, like I said, I had
29 had a chance to look at it before we got here
30 tonight, and I would have had the questions answered.
31 But young man, you did a -- I'm satisfied.
32 PAUL HARRISON: Thank you, ma'am.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: And I thank you. Thank
34 you, Mr. Chair.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
36 Mr. Crowder.
37 FRANCIS CROWDER: I'd like to make a motion
38 that we deny ---
39 TOMMY DUNN: We're in a public hearing,
40 Mr. Crowder.
41 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, my fellow colleagues
42 have already eloquently asked all the questions.
43 TOMMY DUNN: I'd just like to ask --
44 have y'all been out there? Have you been out on the
45 property lately?
46 PAUL HARRISON: Yes, sir.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Been out there this week?
48 PAUL HARRISON: I'm aware of the mud and
49 stuff. We actually had somebody on that ---
50 TOMMY DUNN: I was just referring to

1 what Ms. Wilson was talking to. I was out there,
2 too. I was out there Monday, myself.
3 PAUL HARRISON: Yeah. We've got a pretty
4 significant amount of rain and we ---
5 TOMMY DUNN: We did, no doubt about it.
6 PAUL HARRISON: I've got a contractor on
7 it right now.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
10 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
11 GRACIE FLOYD: I was looking at this.
12 The staff recommend -- the staff recommendation, Mr.
13 Forman, is approval, is that ---
14 TOMMY DUNN: That's the staff, yes,
15 ma'am.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: And then at the District
17 wanting ---
18 TOMMY DUNN: District Advisory Board.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Advisory Committee
20 approved it.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
22 GRACIE FLOYD: And the Planning
23 Commission also approved it. So it has been -- it
24 has gone through the cycle. What about the people
25 out there? Has anybody -- has the people come
26 forward to say anything?
27 TOMMY DUNN: You have to ask Mr. Forman
28 on that.
29 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Forman?
30 MICHAEL FORMAN: We have not received more
31 than three or four phone calls on this, just
32 requesting what the information is. Nobody's given
33 us any indication of their thoughts either for or
34 against.
35 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good.
36 TOMMY DUNN: You have anything else on
37 the public hearing?
38 PAUL HARRISON: I don't.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
40 MITCHELL COLE: One question.
41 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Cole.
42 MITCHELL COLE: Your initial statement was
43 only one house is going to be less than the original
44 agreed upon square footage. Correct?
45 PAUL HARRISON: Yes, sir.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Now I think that's
47 incorrect. I don't want to put words in your mouth,
48 but I think your intent was you only had one plan
49 that was fifteen hundred.
50 PAUL HARRISON: We're only got one plan
51 that ---

1 TOMMY DUNN: It so happen, taking what
2 you was talking about, I don't want to put words in
3 your mouth. It depends on the market driven.
4 PAUL HARRISON: That's right.
5 TOMMY DUNN: If the market comes up
6 that developer which you can't speak for, if every
7 lot in there happens to be marketed at fifteen
8 hundred square feet, that's what will be thirty-eight
9 houses of that.
10 PAUL HARRISON: You're correct. The
11 chances of that happening, I would think, were very
12 slim, but you're exactly correct. I should have said
13 that we only have one house plan that is less than
14 eighteen hundred square feet. If for some chance
15 every single client that walks in there wants a
16 fifteen hundred square foot house, you know, I guess
17 that could happen. You're exactly right.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else?
19 PAUL HARRISON: I'm good.
20 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thank you, sir.
21 PAUL HARRISON: Thank you, guys.
22 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. Please step
23 forward and state your name and the floor is yours.
24 RANDY BREWER: Good evening. My name is
25 Randy Brewer. And I'm the developer. Just to
26 address a couple of quick issues, for this lady, Ms.
27 Wilson. Anderson County has kindly asked me to put
28 up a hundred and nineteen thousand three hundred and
29 fifty dollar cash bond to make sure that the streets
30 are clean and everything -- the roads are taken care
31 of during construction, etcetera, as a maintenance,
32 you know, bond, which we've done. And I deal with
33 the builders more than Mr. Harrison. And I developed
34 across 81, Sterling Meadow, for D.R. Horton, also.
35 They just happen to be the same builder. And if you
36 ride through there, there's, what Paul says,
37 theoretically twenty people -- out of thirty-eight
38 could ask for. But it's not going to happen if you
39 look at Sterling Meadow. Out of those thirty lots,
40 there's not more than three or four that are one
41 story. But what it would allow is the builder to
42 build that one story house. The only floor plan they
43 have in that series is that one that's a little bit
44 less than sixteen hundred square feet. And we were
45 told by Anderson County, Alisha Hunter, etcetera,
46 that as far as the top range being thirty-seven
47 hundred, that wasn't a problem. That they could
48 build as big as long as -- the only major change that
49 we're making was for the minor.
50 And, again, you look at many subdivision
51 that Horton is involved in, most of their homes are a

1 brick or stone front. Some of the larger ones are
2 vinyl to keep the cost down, you know, for people.
3 But the way the HUD was originally approved, it kind
4 of made it like everything had to be brick or stone
5 and then, you know, you can't have brick or stone
6 soffits. I mean, you got to -- accents what we're
7 trying to change. But with that exception, it could
8 be a few that would be all vinyl, if that's possible.
9 Any other questions?

10 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have anything?
11 Gentlemen? Thank you, sir. Appreciate it. Anyone
12 else have any comments in the public hearing? Anyone
13 at all? Hearing none, the public hearing will be
14 closed. And the floor will be open for Council to
15 open for a motion.

16 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Dunn.
17 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder.
18 FRANCIS CROWDER: I make a motion that we
19 deny the ordinance.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder makes a motion
21 that we deny. Do we have a second?

22 KEN WATERS: Second.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Waters. Now
24 any discussion?

25 GRACIE FLOYD: I'd like to know ---
26 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
27 GRACIE FLOYD: I'd like to know his
28 reasons for denying. The man said -- it was said
29 that it was approved by all of the committees
30 involved. That he has not heard anything from the
31 people out in that area who have a stake in this.
32 I'd like to know why, you know, he just up and said
33 let's deny it. Give me a reason.

34 TOMMY DUNN: You like to comment,
35 that's strictly up to you, Mr. Crowder, if you'd like
36 to address that or not.

37 FRANCIS CROWDER: I believe I'll withhold my
38 comments until I have the opportunity to talk with
39 the -- I'm sure they'll come back with an
40 alternative.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Any other
42 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
43 hands. All opposed?

44 GRACIE FLOYD: All opposed to deny it?
45 TOMMY DUNN: That's right. That's
46 right.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: I mean this has already
48 been planned.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Show the motion carries,
50 Mr. Waters, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Cole, Mr. Crowder and Ms.

1 Wilson in favor. Opposed Mr. Allen and Ms. Floyd.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I just don't
3 -- I, I don't mean to, I don't mean to -- I just
4 don't understand because ---
5 TOMMY DUNN: Well, Ms. Floyd, I'll tell
6 you, I'll be glad to discuss this with you after the
7 meeting. I've been out there and looked around the
8 road. Have you?
9 GRACIE FLOYD: No, because ---
10 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.
11 GRACIE FLOYD: --- nobody told me about
12 it. I just got this tonight.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Wasn't in the agenda?
14 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't know if it was in
15 the agenda.
16 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. It was in
17 there we was going to vote on this tonight.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, it was my fault. I
19 missed that, just like you missed ---
20 TOMMY DUNN: Exactly. Exactly.
21 Exactly.
22 GRACIE FLOYD: But the thing is, when
23 somebody says I deny and everybody raise their hand
24 for no reason at all. I was not there, but just tell
25 me why we're going to deny this.
26 TOMMY DUNN: All I can speak for is
27 myself. And I told you I would speak to you after
28 the meeting. I'll be glad to talk to you.
29 GRACIE FLOYD: We can't do it in ---
30 TOMMY DUNN: It's over with. It's done
31 been voted on.
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me.
33 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on. Moving on to
34 Item number 9. Resolution 9(a) R#2015-003, a
35 Resolution endorsing a Blight Elimination and
36 Revitalization Strategy for the South Carolina
37 Housing Office Neighborhood Initiative Program. Mr.
38 Steve Newton. Mr. Newton.
39 STEVE NEWTON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
40 The Neighborhood Initiative Program is offered by the
41 State Housing Office. It offers funding for efforts
42 related to the acquisition of residential properties
43 upon which substandard structures are located. Funds
44 can be used for acquisition, demolition of these
45 substandard structures and the maintenance of such
46 properties for a three-year period of time.
47 Truly this offers a unique opportunity for
48 Anderson County to obtain supplementary funding for
49 its existing demolition program. And the purpose of
50 this program is promoted by the state. These efforts

1 are expected to promote blight elimination and
2 overall neighborhood stabilization.

3 As part of this process I am asking the
4 Council to adopt the resolution that is before you.
5 What this resolution will do is offer your support
6 for an application submitted by staff for the
7 Neighborhood Initiative Program. Attached to the
8 resolution is a blight elimination and revitalization
9 strategy that is specific to the Neighborhood
10 Initiative Program application. We have defined --
11 the staff has defined eleven proposed target areas
12 within this revitalization and blight elimination
13 strategy. The target areas were selected based on
14 several criteria, including a number of known
15 qualifying properties, foreclosure rates, declines in
16 property values and several others you can see listed
17 on page two of the plan. Just for the record, the
18 target areas proposed are the Appleton/Equinox area,
19 the Belton area, the Broadway Community, the county
20 portion of the Gossett Street area, that portion
21 that's in the unincorporated county, Homeland Park,
22 Honea Path, Iva, the Morningside and Orr Mill
23 Community south of town, Pendleton area and the
24 Piedmont area and the Williamston/Pelzer/West Pelzer
25 communities.

26 Also as part of this, towards the end of the
27 revitalization strategy on page 19, there are listed
28 revitalization and new strategies that may be
29 considered for any parcels that we obtain as part of
30 this program, if we're selected to participate in it.
31 There was also additional information on this in your
32 packets for the last meeting in December, in the
33 Administrator's report.

34 I'll be happy to answer any questions that I
35 might have. I would appreciate your endorsement of
36 this strategy as presented through your adoption of
37 the resolution in front of you. And we will see to
38 getting the -- getting an application submitted for
39 Anderson County.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

41 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

42 A quick question. Just so we'll all understand.
43 This will probably -- if we are fortunate enough to
44 obtain the grant, the same process of notifying
45 landowners or homeowners or property owners that
46 their complaints against the property would be
47 followed. In other words, there would be title work
48 and notification where, if property owners did not
49 want to take care of their property issues like some
50 of them are so dilapidated, some are burned, a number

1 of these properties are drug houses, it would still
2 follow the same legal tracks. Sometimes it takes
3 months to go through the process.

4 STEVE NEWTON: An important element to
5 remember about this program is that any properties
6 that we acquire with these funds from the
7 Neighborhood Initiative Program, we must acquire
8 those through the voluntary cooperation of the
9 property owner. I think that there are several
10 property owners who may live out of town, who may be
11 motivated to make an arrangement with us so that we
12 may obtain the properties that they have that have
13 derelict structures.

14 Another thing that I would like to point out
15 is there are forty-one residential sites with
16 substandard houses on them in Anderson County that
17 are owned by the Forfeited Land Commission. We can
18 -- so those forty-one houses, I would consider to be
19 the long-hanging fruit, so to speak. We could easily
20 obtain those and begin proceeding with the work on
21 those houses straight-away.

22 But, yes, ma'am. There will be -- we'll be
23 doing this in conjunction with Mr. Harmon and his --
24 and the resources that he has available through his
25 office to make sure that all proper and due steps are
26 followed in acquiring these properties.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
28 Any questions, comments for Mr. Newton? Have a
29 motion? Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a second?

30 MITCHELL COLE: Second.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Cole. Now, any
32 further discussion? I just want to say I think this
33 is a great opportunity for Anderson County and be a
34 good shot in the arm. Appreciate the staff going
35 after this, and I think it can do us a lot of good.
36 Not only saving us money but the main thing is taking
37 care of some projects and getting them cleaned up and
38 making Anderson County a better place to live and
39 revitalizing some neighborhoods. Nothing like doing
40 that to a neighborhood, having some run down or half
41 burnt houses and whatnot and getting them cleaned up
42 and what-you-call-it. So I think this will be a
43 great shot in the arm. All in favor of the motion
44 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
45 motion carries unanimously.

46 Thank you, Mr. Newton.

47 STEVE NEWTON: Thank you for your
48 support, Council members.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Now Item number 10.
50 Moving on to various boards and commissions. Ms.

1 Wilson?

2 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Mr. Rick Bell
3 has kindly offered up his name for the Museum Board,
4 and I'd like to put his name in nomination. And his
5 back-up information is in the packet.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?
7 Second Mr. Crowder. Any discussion? All in favor of
8 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
9 Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else
10 Ms. Wilson? Mr. Crowder?

11 FRANCIS CROWDER: I have none. Thank you,
12 Mr. Chairman.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Cole?

14 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chairman, I have none
15 at this point.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thank you. Ms.
17 Floyd?

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I have one.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to -- I have
21 a member on the Library Board whose time has expired
22 and I would like to reappoint Yuko Simmons (phonics)
23 back to the Library Board.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Put that in the form of a
25 motion?

26 CINDY WILSON: Second.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
28 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
29 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
30 carries unanimously. Ms. Floyd? That's the way it
31 should be. We'll take care of it. Anything else?

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Other than that, other
33 than the other thing I had.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Okay, no appointments?
35 Mr. Allen?

36 TOM ALLEN: No, I have none at this
37 time.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters?

39 KEN WATERS: I have none at this time.

40 TOMMY DUNN: District 5 has none at
41 this time. But let's look -- please let me make a
42 statement on this. I think, if I'm not mistaken and
43 y'all can correct me if I'm wrong, I think Clerk to
44 Council, Ms. Kimberly, made a notebook for each
45 council person give them out about what the
46 appointment was. Please look at that and try to get
47 -- if you've got any vacancies, because some of these
48 boards, these people, these citizens are taking their
49 time that's going to meetings and they're not being
50 able to have meetings cause of due to quorums issues

1 about certain things. I know we've got the chairman
2 of the Civic Center Board here tonight and I know
3 they're had that issue couple of times. We do
4 appreciate what all they do. So we need to try to
5 make sure we do the -- get these boards, try to do
6 our best about filling them up.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, but Mr. Chairman.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: How are we to know that
10 our appointees are not attending?
11 TOMMY DUNN: I think ---

12 GRACIE FLOYD: We don't get a sheet that
13 tells us who's been absent and who's been -- so we
14 have no way of knowing.

15 TOMMY DUNN: We'll take care of that.
16 Should have been -- I thought last time I talked with
17 them, but anyway I do know a couple that hadn't, but
18 anyway I'll make sure we get attendance on that right
19 there.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: ??? any of mine except
21 for the Museum Committee and that's because of the
22 timing.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Get that done. Mr.
24 Burns, you make sure we follow up on that right there
25 about getting that if you would. That would be Item
26 number 12, request by council members. Yes, ma'am.

27 Now moving on to Item number 10(b)
28 appointment of Clerk to Council, Kimberly Poulin.
29 Put that in the form of a motion. Make this
30 official.

31 FRANCIS CROWDER: Second.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't understand this.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Make Ms. Kimberly acting
34 Clerk to Council.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, okay. I thought we
36 ---

37 TOMMY DUNN: And who second that?
38 TOM ALLEN: I did.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen second it.
40 Okay. Any further discussion?
41 TOM ALLEN: You had about six seconds
42 on that.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Everybody seconded that.
44 Okay.

45 KEN WATERS: You got a third and a
46 fourth, too.

47 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
48 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
49 motion carries unanimously. And, again,
50 congratulations. She has done an outstanding job.

1 Item number 11, approval of the 2015 County
2 Council meeting schedule, and we all know that every
3 once in a while it might have to be tweaked when we
4 come up with something or another, but anybody got a
5 problem with the way it stands now? Mr. Cole makes a
6 motion to accept. We have a second? Mr. Crowder.
7 Any further discussion? All in favor of the motion
8 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
9 motion carries unanimously.

10 Now, Item number 12, requests by council
11 members. Mr. Waters.

12 KEN WATERS: I have none at this time.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?
14 TOM ALLEN: None at this time.
15 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
16 GRACIE FLOYD: I have one.
17 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to make two
19 appropriations for the same thing. One I'll make
20 tonight. The other one I'll make after I have seen
21 my rec balance because I'm not quite sure. Okay.
22 But I would like to allocate three thousand dollars
23 to the Parks and Recreation Department to be used at
24 the Haynie Park on Broadway Lake. We're getting
25 ready to do some things out there and they're going
26 to need some funds to do it. So I put that in the
27 form of a motion with the Council's vote to give me
28 permission to spend that money on that park.

29 CINDY WILSON: Second.
30 TOMMY DUNN: And just for clarification
31 that's more or less of a transfer. Same thing, but
32 it'll be going over there. They've done that. So
33 anybody--any more further discussion? Ms. Wilson
34 second that motion. All in favor of the motion show
35 of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
36 carries unanimously. Anything else, Ms. Floyd?

37 GRACIE FLOYD: That's it, thank you.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Cole?
39 MITCHELL COLE: None at this time.
40 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder?
41 FRANCIS CROWDER: None, Chairman.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?
43 CINDY WILSON: Not at this time.
44 TOMMY DUNN: District 5 has none.

45 Moving on to Item number 13, Administrator
46 report, Mr. Burns.

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

49 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number
50 14. Citizens Comments. Please Mr. Harmon calls your

1 name, again, please step forward, state your name and
2 district and address the Chair, and you have three
3 minutes. Mr. Harmon.

4 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, the first
5 citizen signed up is Frank Pressley.

6 FRANK PRESSLEY: Thank you. Frank
7 Pressley, District 2. Looking back over tonight's
8 agenda, this blight elimination and revitalization
9 strategy sounds like a good project. I know we've
10 done or tried to do some other projects that are
11 similar in the past. What my observation is being as
12 that some hot contractors roll in and that money gets
13 spent up pretty fast. Blight elimination and
14 revitalization sounds like a good kick-off for labor
15 pools. And if you can't trust a man with much of
16 anything else, at least you can trust them with a
17 hammer to knock a building down. Maybe we can look
18 into trying to spend some of that money to give some
19 jobs to some people, especially down in District 2,
20 who can't get those FILOT jobs up the other end of
21 the street.

22 The other thing I want to speak to is we all
23 know there is a nine hundred pound gorilla in the
24 room and it's what's coming up in March. And you
25 know when Preston first got his contract two
26 sentences were spoken in this council chamber before
27 he got it. When he came about to get his exit
28 contract about as much discussion was to be had. We
29 really need an open town meeting, public meeting
30 about this, more than just these three minute quips
31 that we're allowed to give here. Because it's
32 something that's important to all of us. And we
33 really need to all get together and talk about it and
34 have a full discussion where people are asked hard
35 questions and, you know, you follow your conscience
36 but it needs to be discussed about it. Don't
37 surprise us with something just show up one day at a
38 meeting and say this is what we're going to do.
39 Because it's going to leave a real blight on this
40 county if we don't talk it out. So, let's give that
41 opportunity. Have a public meeting, you know, let's
42 talk about it before we do it. Whatever we do, let's
43 talk about it first, or give us the opportunity to
44 talk about it. Thank you.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

46 LEON HARMON: Next person signed up, Mr.
47 Chairman, is Elizabeth Fant.

48 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District
49 3. You've heard me talk about areas before where we
50 have pulled down buildings and how I applaud that

1 because I think it takes away rats, drug houses,
2 places for prostitution; so I applaud this blight
3 grant if we can get it. I know you have to go
4 through due process because you're taking away
5 somebody's property in many cases, or they're
6 relinquishing it, and I would hope that once that
7 happens and the buildings are torn down, that the
8 property that has been relinquished would go back on
9 the tax books for sale so that maybe the adjacent
10 property owner might want to buy it and then put it
11 back on the tax rolls so it can give us some tax
12 relief.

13 Mr. Burns, I know that this is January and
14 we'll generally start thinking about budgets. You
15 know that gas prices have plummeted over almost a
16 half of what they were six months ago. So I would
17 appreciate and applaud you working with your budget
18 divisions and ask them up front that any savings on
19 gas not be spent on other things. I'm going to say
20 it again. That the savings on gas not be spent on
21 other things. Just because you've got the money in
22 the budget doesn't mean you need to be go spending
23 it. We need to save that money. It needs to roll
24 over to next year because the taxpayers in Anderson
25 County are really going to get hit hard because of
26 all the FILOTs and many other things that we've done
27 in the county that we have tried to bolster the
28 economic activity and get jobs. But at the same
29 time, those things are being pushed on the landowners
30 and landowners can't stand any more. We cannot
31 afford for taxes to go up.

32 Seemed like I had a third thing. Oh, I want
33 to applaud the division with Glen Brill the -- what
34 is that? Recreation Parks and Recreation. December
35 had the highest record of activities that went on --
36 paid activities at the Civic Center in years. Ms.
37 Sharon Nicometo and Peanut have done a wonderful job
38 down at the Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market has
39 remained viable all the way from May until just
40 recently when they had the gift market, whatever you
41 want to call that. And also I understand from Mr.
42 Brill that the Broadway Lake Pavilion has also had a
43 jam-up sign up period that we're signed up, I believe
44 on Saturdays, all the way, I think he said, through
45 November of next year. And all those things help us
46 to diminish the debt on some of those areas that we
47 really need to work on. Thank you.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else, Mr. Harmon?
49 LEON HARMON: That's all, Mr. Chairman.
50 TOMMY DUNN: All right. Now moving on

1 to item, next item on the list. Comments from
2 Council members. Ms. Wilson.

3 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you, Mr.
4 Chairman. Welcome, Mr. Cole. And we're all looking
5 forward to a busy year. Mr. Cole's already jumped in
6 on a meeting last week. And it's really going to be,
7 I predict, a much better year for all of us in our
8 great effort to serve the people of this county.
9 We've got a lot of issues, and I look forward to
10 working with everybody to resolve as much as we can
11 to better the county and our citizens. Thank you.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Crowder.

13 FRANCIS CROWDER: Chairman, I do also want
14 to welcome Mr. Cole. He's been in the audience, so
15 he knows what goes on up here already. He's probably
16 already been tested by fire out there and so he's
17 ready for the challenge.

18 We do have some remarkable opportunities in
19 the coming future and I'm sure Mr. Burns and his
20 staff are up to the task of meeting those challenges.
21 I thank you, the citizens of District 1, for allowing
22 me to serve one additional term. And I thank each
23 council member here who are my colleagues. Thank you
24 for you putting up with me one more term. And I know
25 that we'll have a good time this year getting some
26 great things done in all of Anderson County, not just
27 in District 1. So, with that, Chairman, thank you.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder.
29 Mr. Cole.

30 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
31 thank all my friends and family that showed up here
32 for support tonight. And I'm just amazed at the
33 support and the openness that I've gotten from each
34 person. I certainly appreciate that. The staff,
35 they've all welcomed me with open arms. I certainly
36 appreciate that, too. Thank you.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
39 First of all, I want to congratulate Mr. Dunn as --
40 for being our Chair this year. He led us very well
41 through the last year and I was looking for -- once
42 he was declared the Chairperson tonight, I was
43 looking for us to have the same type of things go --
44 to go like it did last year.

45 But I was a little disappointed on the vote
46 that was taken on Item number 8, the Midway Road.
47 Mr. Chair, you told me that it was in the book, and
48 did I read it. This was the only thing that was in
49 the book.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am

1 GRACIE FLOYD: That's it. And the only
2 thing this one says is may I please have an ordinance
3 number for the request below. All of this didn't
4 show up until tonight.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, I apologize
6 about if you misunderstood me. I was talking about
7 what was on the agenda. When I look at something on
8 the agenda, then I go look and find out things if I
9 don't get -- that's what I was talking about.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Well,
11 remember I did say that I didn't get a chance to look
12 at it until tonight and it was all kind of confusing.
13 But what I -- I have always been open and honest with
14 you as you have been with me.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: But the thing that I did not
17 understand tonight is that everybody who was supposed
18 to approve this thing, approved it. And I had no
19 problem with that. What I had problems with, the
20 Council member from District 1 said, I vote that we
21 don't do this, and with no explanation to those of us
22 who didn't have any knowledge of it whatsoever. And
23 when I asked for an explanation why, I didn't get it.
24 And it seems to me -- but when it was time to vote
25 everybody raised their hands as if they were voting
26 against it because he said so. Because I didn't get
27 the information. I asked Mr. Rusty Burns, every time
28 I talk to him, is there anything going on I need to
29 know. But I just feel like -- in all due respect to
30 you -- this is nothing against you because had I seen
31 this before I would have called you. You are a
32 builder. You could have answered these questions for
33 me. But that didn't happen because I just got this
34 tonight. But the fact that the gentleman from
35 District 1 said I vote -- I make a motion we vote
36 against it. And everybody raised their hand to vote
37 against -- why? That was my only question. I might
38 had raised my hand, too, had I known why. But I
39 didn't know, sir, I didn't know. That's why -- but I
40 think that you got upset with me for asking the
41 question and you've never done that before.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I apologize if I
43 come across that way. It wasn't my intent.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I accept your
45 apology. Okay. But I won't be -- you know I ask
46 questions when I don't understand. I'm not one of
47 those who will just go along to get along. I'm going
48 to do the work for District 2 that everybody else is
49 doing, you know, for their particular district. And
50 that's the part that -- I'm not upset about it. I'm

1 really not upset about it because I don't know what
2 happened. We had a lot of things to go wrong
3 tonight, but I always thought tonight that we would
4 get a chance to talk about it as we have before. I
5 call you, you call me back and we talk. But anyway,
6 I still don't understand why. What was the reason we
7 voted against this? Because the man said not to vote
8 for it? I need more than just that.

9 And again, Mr. Cole, welcome. Welcome. We
10 have to talk about something, too. Okay. And again,
11 I'm hoping that we're going to have the same type of
12 working relationship we've always had. And to that,
13 I'm finished.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. Mr.
15 Allen.

16 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
17 Yeah, I, too, wanted to welcome Mr. Cole. Look
18 forward to working with him this year and I think we
19 can get some great things done.

20 And I'd also like to give a hats off to the
21 Parks and Rec folks. You know, the Civic Center and
22 that whole development over there has kind of caught
23 a lot of heat over the past several years. And it
24 has lost money, that's one of those things, but I
25 think the crew we've got in there now is really doing
26 a great job and I look forward to even better things
27 coming up this year. So, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Mr.
29 Waters?

30 KEN WATERS: I, too, would like to
31 welcome Mr. Cole. And I think you've already seen
32 that this is just a part of the decisions and the
33 work happens every day that goes along with this.
34 And I think we'll be able to work fine together.
35 Going to enjoy working with you.

36 Also, I had a question. I believe the Parks
37 and Rec, the SESA tournament -- that's a new -- is
38 that a new function, Mr. Burns, or do you know about
39 that? I believe that's new, isn't it?

40 RUSTY BURNS: No, sir, we have had
41 tournaments in the past, but this is going to be one
42 of the larger ones. And the fact that it's going to
43 be on the same weekend to bring in, as was pointed
44 out, the highest occupancy rate in the state, so this
45 will probably make it even higher than that.

46 KEN WATERS: That's a big club, so
47 that's a good deal. So looking for more good things
48 like that. That is a big step and those guys are --
49 really have worked hard and I'm trying to think of
50 good words to use for it. But they've made a cake

1 out of mud pie I guess you could say. Is that a good
2 term? So sometimes using some bad stuff, you can
3 make some pretty good stuff out of a mess and they're
4 doing a good job of it.

5 Thank you, Mr. Dunn, I think that's all I
6 have.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters.
8 Just say right quickly, on the issue of the vote
9 tonight. I can only speak for myself and myself
10 only. I do -- whoever's district it is, I weight
11 very heavily that person's district and give him
12 utmost respect. I know what happened in District 5
13 about six years ago right before I got on County
14 Council, I wish that that Council at that time would
15 have give the gentleman that was on Council a little
16 consideration because we've got a monstrosity in my
17 District because they didn't. That's number one.
18 Number two is I went out there and looked and rode
19 around and I was on the Planning Commission when the
20 zoning first went in and that district and that area
21 out there voted overwhelmingly ten to one about the
22 zoning. Zone lots and everything. I don't know how,
23 I think it was 2005, I believe tonight, that property
24 got put into a PD and what-you-call-it. If you go
25 out there and look anywhere around that district,
26 that does not fit into that neighborhood out there.
27 You can call it anyway you want to or whatnot. And
28 there's a reason, there's a process that it goes to
29 the neighborhood advisory board, it goes to the
30 Planning Commission. If that's all it was, it
31 wouldn't never come to us. Buck stops with us.
32 People vote for us. We appoint those people to make
33 decisions, but the ultimate task lies on us and I
34 take it very seriously. That's the reason I took
35 time out of my schedule Monday to go out there and
36 ride and look at that. And I urge y'all to go out
37 there and look because this probably will, as Mr.
38 Crowder alluded to, will probably come back up at
39 some point and time. And we need to take a look at
40 Anderson County. We had a -- a few years ago when I
41 was on the Planning Commission about some junk going
42 on in Anderson County and coming around here and how
43 our county was going to look. We need to make a
44 stand, I think, and what our county's going to look
45 like and what it's not going to look like. And
46 that's -- and to plainly look on here when somebody
47 tells me that it's only going to be -- they've only
48 got one plan for fifteen hundred. Well, every house
49 in there could be fifteen hundred and that's not
50 conducive to that thing. And you go with brick or

1 whatnot. We need to -- we hear it all the time.
2 Instead of sitting here -- I'm a builder. Done a
3 little bit in Belton. There's good ones and bad
4 ones, like doctors and lawyers, but it's more than
5 about somebody lining their pockets. It's going to
6 be here today and gone tomorrow. And so I think we
7 need to say it and that's the reason I done that and
8 done my homework. And the reason I didn't call no
9 other council members to go through this was because
10 I looked -- anybody got any questions, because it was
11 on the agenda. Simple as that. Didn't think
12 anything about it. And I apologize if any
13 misunderstanding.

14 But now moving on, I hope -- this is a new
15 council and I hope each and every one of us look
16 ourselves in the mirror and take a new day. We got
17 different agreements and make different priorities up
18 here, but let's try to do what's best for Anderson
19 County, turn the cheek, put our best foot forward and
20 do what's best for the people of Anderson County and
21 study it and all.

22 And you know, these couple of comments made
23 tonight. One resonants with me, one about having a
24 public hearing about something that's coming up in
25 March that I don't know nothing about. Or debate or
26 something or other. You know, I think we got a
27 debate every time we go out here in the public and we
28 see our citizens talk to us and ask us questions and
29 all. Everything's been out in the open. Won't
30 nothing come up and somebody's worried about a vote.
31 It ain't going to just come up one night and nobody
32 know nothing about it. Everything will be on the
33 agenda and above board.

34 Secondly, about taxes and about people in
35 Anderson County having a hard time. I know that and
36 understand it very much. That's the reason we don't
37 like to talk about it. But a year ago we had a tax
38 reduction in our millage rate in Anderson County.
39 We've also -- I hear a lot about these fee-in-lieu,
40 fee-in-lieu's killing everybody. I want you to give
41 me one example, talk -- people like to use talking
42 points for fee-in-lieu as harming. Pros far outweigh
43 the cons what this Council has voted on to do with
44 fee-in-lieu of, I can promise you that. And I would
45 ask, as I stated I think last council meeting,
46 working on some proposals along with the Finance and
47 the staff, about coming up. I hope that the Finance
48 Department will have finalize some numbers the next
49 few days talking to Mr. Burns. Staff will be
50 contacting each Council. Please look on your

1 calendar about scheduling a workshop meeting to
2 present some ideas. Be no votes, nothing, just fully
3 discussion about several topics and everybody will
4 have agenda. Open to the public. We'll have it at a
5 place. Be a day time meeting. Maybe we can do
6 lunch. Please keep that in mind. It'll be coming
7 up.

8 Look forward to working with each and every
9 one of you. I want you to know I humbly appreciate
10 the confidence Council members have showed me in
11 being Chairman. I don't take it lightly. I've had
12 several members talk about committees and
13 appointments and stuff like that. I don't take that
14 lightly, neither. I study it and try to do what's --
15 not perfect -- made some mistakes in the past on
16 that, but I try to do what's best to make the Council
17 work as a unit. But I'm only one. Each of us
18 ourself has got to look at it to make this work for
19 people. Whether you like it or not, unless the good
20 Lord says or does us something another different, us
21 seven's stuck with one another for two years. So
22 let's work and make the best of it. I love each and
23 everyone of you and God bless you. Meeting
24 dismissed.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35 P.M.)