

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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**(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 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 then 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.)**