

State of South Carolina)
County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2015

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
KIM POULIN

1 TOMMY DUNN: I'd like to call the October
2 20th meeting to order. Part of our Council meeting
3 that we do resolutions and proclamations honoring folks
4 and events and people. At this time we'll start off
5 with Resolution R2015-055, number 2(a). Ms. Cindy
6 Wilson. Ms. Wilson.

7 CINDY WILSON: Well, this is an honor to do
8 this particular one.

9 **Whereas**, Mrs. Wayne Link was named South
10 Carolina 2015 Horsewoman of the Year by the South
11 Carolina Horsemen's Council; and,

12 **Whereas**, she is known throughout the Southeast
13 for her expertise in equine education matters; and

14 **Whereas**, Mrs. Link was instrumental in trail
15 stewardship projects for the United States Forest
16 Service, South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism
17 and Clemson University Experimental Forest; and,

18 **Whereas**, during her twenty-two year tenure at
19 Tri-County Technical College Continuing Education
20 Division as a Program Director for Enterprise
21 Development, Mrs. Link established the equine program.
22 She organized the Pendleton Area Saddle Club where she
23 currently serves as President. She was an early board
24 member of the South Carolina Horse Council and served
25 as the Chairman of the Education Committee. She was an
26 Anderson County 4-H leader and coordinated the South
27 Carolina Horseman Celebration, the first large scale
28 promotional event for the upstate horse industry in
29 1991 at the Senator T. Ed Garrison Livestock Arena.
30 Mrs. Link and her family continue to farm in the
31 Pendleton area.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the
33 Anderson County Council that:

34 Anderson County Council is proud of your
35 tremendous accomplishments, especially being recognized
36 as South Carolina's Horsewoman of the Year for 2015.

37 This resolution shall take effect and be in
38 force immediately upon enactment; RESOLVED in meeting
39 duly assembled this 20th day of October, 2015.

40 Mr. Chairman, may I put that in the form of a
41 motion?

42 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. We have a
43 second?

44 MITCHELL COLE: Second.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Cole. Any
46 further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of Ms.
47 Wilson's motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
48 Show the motion carries unanimously. Let the record
49 show that Mr. Waters called; he's running a few minutes
50 late. But he'll be here. Ms. Wilson.

1 CINDY WILSON: If we may have Mrs. Link and
2 her family down at the front, and my fellow Council
3 members. Thank you.

4 **(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)**

5 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number
6 2(b) Proclamation Designating Family Promise Week.
7 Great honor to introduce this to Council. Proclaiming
8 the Week of October 18th through the 25th as Family
9 Promise Week in Anderson County and other matters
10 related thereto.

11 **Whereas**, more than 800 children in Anderson
12 County were identified as being homeless during the
13 past school year; and

14 **Whereas**, helping these children and their
15 families during their time of need is a critical task
16 for our community; and

17 **Whereas**, it is the mission of Family Promise
18 of Anderson County to help homeless families and
19 children stabilize their lives in order to gain
20 independence; and

21 **Whereas**, Family Promise of Anderson County
22 achieves this mission by coordinating local faith-based
23 congregations in the Interfaith Hospitality Network
24 Program, which provides congregational spaces for
25 overnight stays as well as volunteers to prepare and
26 share meals and other items with client families; and

27 **Whereas**, staff members coordinate and deliver
28 case management, counseling and other services for
29 their guests; and

30 **Whereas**, the services and programs offered by
31 Family Promise are focused on getting families into
32 more stable housing situations, therein breaking the
33 cycle of homelessness; and

34 **Whereas**, Anderson County has been proud to
35 partner with Family Promise on projects such as the
36 2015 Homeless for the Homeless event at the William A.
37 Floyd Amphitheater; and

38 **Whereas**, the week of October 18th through 25th
39 is recognized as National Family Promise Week in many
40 jurisdictions across our great nation; and

41 NOW, THEREFORE, it is proclaimed by the
42 Anderson County Council that October 18th through the
43 25th as Family Promise Week throughout Anderson County,
44 and encourages all residents to participate in the many
45 special events planned in support of the mission of
46 Family Promise of Anderson County.

47 We put that in the form of a motion.

48 TOM ALLEN: Second.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? I'd just
50 like to say, Family Promise of Anderson County has

1 several forms of events coming up in celebration of
2 this special week, including their inaugural Fall
3 Pumpkin Roll Down Earl Street at 9 on Saturday morning.
4 And their third musical extravaganza at 6:30 on Sunday
5 evening. And I'd like to wish them the very best. I
6 was fortunate enough to go out to the William Floyd
7 Amphitheater when they done their Homeless thing out
8 there. And it was -- a lot of people participated. We
9 have Ms. Yolanda Archuletta, I believe the Executive
10 Director, here tonight. And great work that she does.
11 And I think Board member Darryl Iverson, I believe is
12 here. Pleased to have him. So if you would at this
13 time, I'd like to vote on the motion and go down and
14 give this to him and I'll ask all Council members for
15 them to step up. All in favor of the motion show of
16 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
17 unanimously.

18 **(PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION)**

19 TOMMY DUNN: At this time that will
20 conclude the -- our agenda of events items on the
21 agenda at this time for portions. We'll adjourn and
22 reconvene back here at 6:30.

23 I would just like to recognize we have guest
24 here in the audience tonight, our EMS board member from
25 District 5, Mr. Don Peace. Appreciate and glad to have
26 you here tonight.

27 We'll be adjourned and come back at 6:30.

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(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:12 P.M.)

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LEON HARMON

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to
2 call the regular Anderson County Council meeting of
3 October 20th to order. At this time I'd like to ask
4 Councilman Tom Allen if he'd lead us in the Invocation
5 and Pledge of Allegiance. If we'd all rise, please.

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

7 TOMMY DUNN: At this time, any changes or
8 corrections to the October 6th regular Council meeting
9 minutes? Mr. Crowder?

10 FRANCIS CROWDER: Only have one. That's on
11 page 24 of the minutes, line 5. Where the blank space
12 is, insert the word recess. Thank you, sir.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Ms. Wilson?

14 CINDY WILSON: Also on page 24, lines 37
15 and 38. The name was Mrs. Dino Hicks. D-I-N-O and
16 then Hicks, H-I-C-K-S. And on page 39, the second line
17 down, it should have said none. Thank you.

18 TOMMY DUNN: You make a motion to make
19 those changes -- accept the minutes with those changes?

20 CINDY WILSON: May we accept our minutes as
21 amended?

22 FRANCIS CROWDER: Second.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder seconds that.
24 Any further discussion? All in favor of the motion
25 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
26 carries unanimously.

27 Moving on -- before we move on to Item number
28 4, let me say at the request of the attorneys, Item
29 9(c) that's economic development thing, Industrial Park
30 in Greenville, they've asked for that to be pulled. Is
31 that correct, Mr. ---

32 LEON HARMON: That's correct, Mr.
33 Chairman.

34 TOMMY DUNN: 9(c) will be pulled.
35 We'll be moving on now to Item number 4,
36 Citizens Comments. The attorney, Mr. Harmon, calls
37 your name, please step forward, state your name and
38 district, address the Chair, please keep matters on the
39 agenda items only and you have three minutes. Mr.
40 Harmon.

41 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first person
42 signed up is Frank Kellum.

43 FRANK KELLUM: Mr. Chairman, thank you very
44 much for the opportunity to speak, and other County
45 Council members. I'd like to speak briefly, there's a
46 lot can be said about the refugee resettlement project.
47 I'd just like to hit a few high spots. I'd like to
48 call your attention to a recent article in the October
49 14, 2015 article of the Times Examiner newspaper. This
50 newspaper is published in Greenville, South Carolina.

1 If you're not familiar with this newspaper, I highly
2 recommend it to anyone who's interested in the news.

3 I'd like to call your attention to an article
4 written by Mr. Mike Scruggs and this article is titled
5 Polling for Moderate Muslims -- the high risk of Muslim
6 immigration. Mr. Scruggs points out that a survey
7 conducted of American Muslims thirty-three percent of
8 American Muslims now residing in the United States
9 believe that Sharia Law should be supreme over the U.S.
10 Constitution. Another twenty-four percent of these
11 American Muslims don't know for sure whether they want
12 that or not. Now if you add those two groups together,
13 you've got fifty-seven percent potentially American
14 Muslims that believe that Sharia Law should take
15 precedence over the U.S. Constitution. Possibly over
16 half of Muslims in this country did not come here with
17 the intentions of assimilating into our beliefs and our
18 lifestyle and our laws. That's a dangerous number.

19 Another point I'd like to bring to your
20 attention. In a global survey conducted, sixty-one
21 percent of Egyptian Muslims, eighty-three percent of
22 Palestinians and sixty-two percent of Jordanian Muslims
23 approve -- approve -- of terrorist activities globally
24 from groups like Hamas. You can see why the tiny
25 nation of Israel has to stay on high alert all the
26 time.

27 Another point that Mr. Scruggs brings out is
28 that in the small politically correct country of
29 Sweden, police revealed that Muslim men who constitute
30 only two percent of the population in Sweden, are
31 responsible for seventy-seven percent of the rapes
32 against women. In 1975 there were four hundred and
33 twenty-one reported rapes in Sweden. Now granted, one
34 is one too many. But I give these numbers for
35 comparison only. In 1975 there were four hundred and
36 twenty-one reported rapes in the entire country of
37 Sweden. In 2014 there were six thousand six hundred
38 and twenty reported rapes. Also in 2014 in politically
39 correct Sweden ---

40 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry, Fred; that's the
41 time. We appreciate the comment.

42 FRANK KELLUM: Thank you.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Harmon.

44 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, the next
45 person signed up is Elizabeth Fant.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

47 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3.
48 I, too, am talking on the resettlement of the refugees,
49 which is 10(a). I should have brought my notes, but
50 I've just been kind of moving fast today. I went to a

1 meeting the other night that talked about this
2 resettlement and it was really eye-opening. When I
3 went I wasn't sure. I hadn't made up my mind. But
4 after I left I had made up my mind. Most of the
5 refugees that they're sending out are not women and
6 children. In fact, Christians who have been persecuted
7 are actually being turned away from the United States.
8 Most of the ones that are coming to here, if we let
9 them, and already in Germany, and Sweden and other
10 European countries, are able bodied young men, about
11 twenty to thirty. They're coming with basically no job
12 skills. In Germany, where they have landed in mass,
13 they have refused food that has been given to them,
14 throwing it, in the people who have given it, in their
15 face. They don't like their lodging. They are
16 demanding. And what's going to happen when they get to
17 the United States, as they get here. This meeting that
18 I went to the other night, they're actually called Head
19 Hunters. There are people like you or me that have a
20 job to pick out and get these Muslims over here.
21 They're being paid eight hundred to a thousand dollars
22 per head to get them here. Once they get here, they
23 get a social security number, they get Medicaid, they
24 get a place to live, they get food, and they're not
25 physically, medically vetted until -- a lot of them
26 until they've been here for eight months.

27 All of us, I think, would like to help every
28 single person on this planet that has a bad life. We
29 can't even take care of our own. We've got veterans
30 who have no place to live. We've got people here in
31 Anderson County that have no place to live that are
32 living in their cars. We can't do it. Folks, there is
33 only enough money to go around a certain amount. We
34 can't handle it monetarily, we don't need it
35 humanitarily because these people are not coming in --
36 most of them are not coming in to assimilate. They're
37 coming in to integrate. And when you integrate
38 something that means that everybody else must adhere to
39 whatever your needs are. Assimilation means when you
40 become part of the populace. So we don't need this,
41 folks. Thank you.

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

43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

44 Moving on to Item number 5, Report from the T.
45 Ed Garrison Arena. Mr. Charles Williams.

46 CHARLES WILLIAMS: First of all, I'd like to
47 thank Ms. Wilson for extending the invitation for me to
48 come and certainly to full Council and for County
49 Administrator, Mr. Burns, for your graciously allowing
50 me to come to tell you a little bit about the arena and

1 what's going on at the arena.

2 As I came down the road, I was trying to
3 collect my thoughts on what I wanted to say and I
4 reflected back to a group that I had at the arena this
5 summer, a state wide group that came for a tour and a
6 presentation. And I asked for a show of hands on a few
7 questions that I asked and the first question was how
8 many of you like cows? How many of you like goats and
9 sheep? How about horses? How many of you like horses?
10 It wasn't really a surprise. And most of these folks
11 had never been at the arena before, but all of them
12 raised their hands in affirmation. And I looked back
13 and pointed to our banner that hangs in the arena -- if
14 you've been there, you've seen it -- Welcome to Clemson
15 University and T. Ed. Garrison Livestock Arena. I
16 said, well, that's what it's all about. But after I
17 said that, I remember a book that I used to read to my
18 kids and one of the subtitles was Cows Don't Fly.
19 Well, cows don't fly and horses don't drive cars. So
20 the arena is much more than just livestock. It's about
21 the people that come and produce the programs, and
22 present the programs that we have at the arena. And as
23 hard as it may seem, it certainly does to me at times,
24 we have been in business for twenty-five years. We had
25 our first activity in April of 1991. And I've been
26 very fortunate to have been a part of the arena serving
27 as director since 1991.

28 The arena in 1991 is just a small shell of
29 what it is today. We've had to expand multiple times
30 over the years to meet the demands for our client base
31 and our potential client base. We've added additional
32 housing, animal housing, horse barns, competition
33 arenas. We have completed the cattle complex and in
34 doing so have added show and sale space in there.
35 We've improved the grounds. We've added RV sites. So
36 we did that all in response to what the client base and
37 the potential user base needed. We sell a destination.
38 By selling a destination we also hope to capture an
39 audience and give them an experience that will make
40 them want to return annually.

41 I'm sure all of you are aware of the economic
42 impact study that was done in 2012 and it indicated for
43 that year alone the economic impact of events at the
44 arena contributed about nine million dollars to the
45 economy. Now we're proud of that number, but we
46 recognize that was probably not one of our best years.
47 The economy certainly has affected the livestock
48 industry just like it has -- and that was a
49 particularly bad year. But nine million dollars was
50 very significant. And as proud as we are of that

1 number, and we know you are too, because you've told us
2 so, we know we can do more. And we know we can make it
3 even better.

4 You know the old cliché if you build it,
5 they'll come, we reflect on that quite often. But the
6 other side of that is, if you don't build it, they're
7 going to go somewhere else. And I recognized many
8 years ago, a huge need for our complex was conditioned
9 space. And by that I mean climate control space for
10 meetings, for programs. We have a lot of events that
11 actually go off site to do some of their activities
12 because we don't have that to offer them. We have
13 other events that won't even give us a thought as far
14 as coming to the arena as a destination because we
15 don't have it. And quite frankly, we don't want to be
16 the afterthought; we want to be up on the list. We
17 want to be high on the list. We have so many
18 advantages to offer, location being a major component.
19 Easy travel from all the metropolitan areas in the
20 Southeast, a very supportive business community, and
21 that -- you know, back in 1991, when we opened the
22 doors, Exit 19B and all the business that has grown
23 there was just a pipe dream. And I can assure you that
24 when they see the duallies and the cowboy boots and the
25 hats, you know, they know that we've got an activity
26 going on. And they've been very gracious in
27 accommodating our clients. Even on busy football
28 weekends, they are able to find hotel rooms and that
29 can be a very big challenge, particularly when
30 Clemson's playing good.

31 But you probably saw in the paper -- my boss
32 is Dr. George Askew, and there was an article in the
33 Anderson paper a few weeks ago and it identified a
34 major initiative of Clemson University in the coming
35 budget year to ask the state of South Carolina for
36 eleven million dollars for funds to expand the arena.
37 And a part of that is to transform the arena into an
38 education and conference center. We don't have any
39 plans to discontinue what we're doing now, because we
40 think we've done quite well attracting livestock
41 events. But recognizing the need for exhibition space,
42 for meeting and conference center, for facilities that
43 will enable us to attract portions of the equine
44 industry that we haven't been very good at, we need
45 more competition arenas.

46 So the thrust of our request in the coming
47 year will be a thirty thousand square foot meeting and
48 conference center and exhibition space. An additional
49 forty-five thousand square foot open air arena that's a
50 competition arena and its adjacent schooling areas with

1 all-weather surfaces. And also we want to tidy things
2 up a little bit. We want to provide some paved parking
3 to really complement the new buildings and the new
4 structures that we plan on building.

5 So we're very proud of what we've been able to
6 accomplish. We recognize with the competition in the
7 industry now, we're going to have to do more to be more
8 successful. I remember John Kelly. Ms. Wilson, you
9 may remember John. John was my boss who left I guess
10 the year before last as University President down in
11 Florida. But he called a group of us in about ten
12 years ago and he said, you're going to have to be
13 totally self-supporting. You're not going to get state
14 funds. You're going to have to generate all of your
15 operating expenses through the revenue of the events
16 that you host. And, of course, we all breathed a huge
17 collective sigh at that point. So it was a challenge.
18 And very fortunately it was a challenge that we were
19 able to meet. We get no state funds for operating.
20 But each year it is a stand-alone year. We're only as
21 good as what we've done currently. So it is a very
22 competitive industry. And I can't thank Council enough
23 -- you've supported us through accommodations tax funds
24 for many years now. And we utilize those funds to do
25 regional and national advertising for the events that
26 we host. And these advertisements are targeted to
27 their audience, their exhibitors, and that's a perk.
28 And they recognize it as a perk. It allows us to
29 continue to host some of these large events. So we
30 appreciate your support there. We appreciate your
31 support in your attendance. I know representative Mr.
32 Allen, has been there many times for events, as has Ms.
33 Wilson, and Mr. Burns. And your word of mouth support
34 means a lot and we can't thank you enough.

35 But again, thanks for the opportunity.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Williams.
37 Appreciate what all y'all do up at the arena. Been a
38 big asset for Anderson County. Mr. Allen, you have
39 anything -- I know it's in Mr. Allen's district and if
40 you had anything you wanted to comment.

41 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, just very quickly.
42 Thank you, Charles, very much for those comments. This
43 really is a gem sitting out there in the county. And I
44 know they've been working diligently and a lot of us
45 have trying to get a few more dollars in out there to
46 expand that and it looks like -- well, things are
47 looking a little bit brighter than they were maybe ten
48 years ago. So I wish you the very best and we'll do
49 whatever we can to help. And thank you, Charles, for
50 the great job you do.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?

2 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. And thank you,
3 Charles, that's an incredible boost to this county's
4 economy every year. The year the impact study was done
5 was the trough of the worse recession of our lifetime,
6 so for you to be in the black during that time was
7 amazing.

8 The other thing we'd be remiss if we failed to
9 mention, the Clemson Experimental Forest, that's there
10 also. They work with the arena complex and several
11 organizations. If you want to go up there on a Sunday
12 afternoon to go for an hour hike, you can go look at
13 the map and whatever color that trail is, you can go
14 for an hour walking and it will bring you right back to
15 the trail head. Many Sundays you can go by there and
16 there are maybe fifty to a hundred horse trailer out
17 there, people going out and pleasure riding or people
18 pulling up to go mountain biking or walking. We're
19 very, very blessed to have Clemson in our backyard in
20 Anderson County. It's a great lure for a lot of
21 activity and positive recognition. Thank you.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
23 Anyone else?

24 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I just want
25 to say all those hundred and fifty horse trailer,
26 they're just there to use the outhouse.

27 TOMMY DUNN: We appreciate y'all, what
28 all y'all do.

29 We're moving on now to Item 6, Discussion of
30 District 2 Concerns. Ms. Floyd.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. District 2 is
32 and has been very, very busy. I talked to a man this
33 morning at Roy's Dinner, if you know where that is.
34 The best breakfast in town. This man lived in Homeland
35 Park as well. He said something that I really liked.
36 He said, Mrs. Floyd, it's time for the Homeland Park
37 area to bloom. I like that. I really like that. And
38 we're working hard, not only to make Homeland Park
39 bloom, but to make our entire county bloom, especially
40 my county in District 2.

41 I want to tell you some things that are going
42 on. And I would like very, very much for you to listen
43 to me and see how you can fit into helping us grow the
44 flowers in, especially, Homeland Park.

45 First of all, I want to start off with
46 Broadway Water. When I first started on Council
47 sixteen years ago, Broadway Water was just there. But
48 I hope that you have seen it lately. I always said
49 that it was a diamond in the rough, and we have been
50 polishing it now for sixteen years. And it's shining

1 brightly. We are preparing to do a park out there. Do
2 you know the area called Haynie Park? It's the one
3 where there are people in the water swimming, children,
4 elderly people, young people, everybody is having a
5 good time swimming in the park; Haynie Park on Broadway
6 Lake, right under the sign that says no swimming. And
7 right around the police officer who's standing there
8 talking to them. I say that we can do better than
9 this. Do you realize -- have you ever thought of the
10 fact that we do not have one swimming pool in this town
11 that our kids can get in to swim? If it's not private.
12 They can swim in the lakes. We have two that they
13 usually swim in around here. It's the Wright Park and
14 the Haynie Park. That's sad.

15 So in District 2 we are trying to prepare
16 Broadway Lake and Haynie Park for swimming. The people
17 can come out there and enjoy themselves and bring the
18 children. I saw one lady with her baby in there, which
19 brought back old memories, because in 1972, we still
20 didn't have any swimming pools. And when my older son
21 was born, we took him out to the Wright Park and put
22 him in the water and was teaching him how to swim when
23 he was about two. And he would swim around there. It
24 would have been nice if we had a pool, but we didn't.
25 So if you can see where you can work yourself into
26 this, to help us out there, I'd appreciate it. We are
27 waiting on our architect, it seems like they're had the
28 plans for years. And we're still not ready. But I
29 have set a target date of June the 3rd, 2016 to -- you
30 don't throw out the first ball -- I'll figure something
31 to throw out in the water to get us started, to open it
32 up.

33 District 2 and Homeland Park is planning a
34 festival Saturday and we're going to have a good time.
35 We're putting a lot of things out there that the
36 children can enjoy. I've got big trucks coming. Have
37 you ever wanted to sit up in one of those eighteen
38 wheelers with the bed in the back? Have you ever had a
39 chance to do it? I haven't either. And that's
40 something I always wanted to do. So I thought the kids
41 would enjoy that. We're going to have games for the
42 kids. For the older people, we're going to have a
43 cakewalk. You know what that is, don't you? We're
44 going to have hot dogs and hamburgers and sodas, thanks
45 to Mr. Dunn, because he's part of Homeland Park as
46 well. And District 2, and don't say a word, we're
47 going to have fish and grits. And don't tell me you
48 never heard of fish and grits. Okay. I'm from the Low
49 Country and you eat a lot of fish and shrimp, you never
50 put shrimp with fish -- with grits. It's always grits

1 and fish. That's what we're going to have. You don't
2 like it, well, they outvoted me. So we're going to
3 have fish and french fries. I'm bringing my own grits,
4 okay? Like for you to come down there on Saturday.
5 If you have something you can share with us, or you can
6 share with the people, please bring it along. We will
7 fix up a table for you. Okay?

8 Also, one of my little projects I want to get
9 started, is -- are you ready for this one? I want, in
10 District 2, a golf program for our children. Golf. Do
11 you know how many golf courses that are being closed
12 right in our area and we're supposed to be one of the
13 best golfing place in the state? They're closing them
14 up fast. So why can't we have our children out there?
15 They play football, they play soccer, they play tennis,
16 they play baseball and everything else that they play.
17 Why not play golf on a golf course? We have so many
18 now that's closing. So that's one of the things I'd
19 like to get started in District 2 for our children, all
20 of our children. We're busy. But we can't do it by
21 ourselves. The logo we've chosen for Homeland Park is
22 Together We Will. It doesn't have an ending because
23 together we will spruce up our neighborhood, we will
24 take care of our children, we will have things for our
25 seniors to do, things for our adults to do. Together
26 We Will. So please come out and join me.

27 I met a young guy today who just moved to
28 Anderson. He's been here six months. And he's not
29 married, he doesn't have a girlfriend. But I promised
30 him that if he would come out there we would find one.
31 Okay? So you young ladies, if you're not doing
32 anything, if you're emotionally attached, come out
33 there and help me out. Okay.

34 Mr. Chairman, I thank you.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

36 Moving on to Item number 7, third reading.

37 7(a) will be first, 2015-026 an ordinance amending
38 section 2-351 (membership, terms) of the Anderson
39 County Code as to provide for terms of service at the
40 pleasure of council and to provide that the
41 Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee membership shall
42 meet the requirements of South Carolina Code section 6-
43 4-25.

44 Again, this is third reading. Put that in the
45 form of a motion.

46 TOM ALLEN: Second.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
48 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
49 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
50 unanimously.

1 Moving on to Item number 7(b) 2015-028 an
2 ordinance amending section 2-606 of the Anderson County
3 Code so as to allow for electronic/internet bidding for
4 the sale, transfer and disposal of surplus county
5 personal property. Mr. Tom Allen. Again, this is
6 third reading. Mr. Allen.
7 TOM ALLEN: I don't really have anything
8 to add to it at this time. We've already discussed
9 this a couple of times and it's something we felt would
10 certainly put us into the twenty-first century by
11 allowing electronic bidding. So ...
12 TOMMY DUNN: Put that in the form of a
13 motion?
14 TOM ALLEN: I'll put that in the form of
15 a motion.
16 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second?
17 KEN WATERS: Second.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. I make a
19 -- like to make an amendment to the motion. I think
20 all y'all got it -- should have a copy of this at your
21 desk. We talked about this the last Council meeting
22 and all it just adds is one sentence. Any of these
23 options may be utilized for disposal of obsolete or
24 surplus equipment.
25 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.
26 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
27 CINDY WILSON: There was also a slight
28 change. The line above it, instead of in lieu of, it
29 says in addition to.
30 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. That is highlighted.
31 I'm sorry.
32 CINDY WILSON: That's part of what we ---
33 TOMMY DUNN: Right before that it just
34 says public auction pursuant to public -- proper public
35 notice or by electronic/internet bidding to the highest
36 bidder in addition to sealed or written bids. And the
37 last sentence makes it very plain. Any of these
38 options may be utilized for disposal of obsolete or
39 surplus and Mr. Harmon's the one that come up with this
40 wording. Any -- I put that in the form of a motion.
41 Have a second?
42 KEN WATERS: Second.
43 CINDY WILSON: Second.
44 TOM ALLEN: Second. Mr. Chair?
45 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Mr.
46 Allen, go ahead.
47 TOM ALLEN: No, correct me if I'm wrong
48 on this, Mr. Harmon. But I've heard that on this
49 electronic bidding, if these companies get this, they
50 want to have an exclusive to it. In other words, if

1 you have a sealed bid to go with it, they're going to
2 say, ---
3 TOMMY DUNN: It's either or, Tom.
4 Either, or.
5 TOM ALLEN: No, it says in addition to.
6 That makes it sound like you're going to do both.
7 TOMMY DUNN: No, you're making too much
8 -- I'll let Mr. Harmon explain this.
9 TOM ALLEN: Okay.
10 TOMMY DUNN: He can word this, I went
11 over this -- we went over this, but the bottom, the
12 next sentence plainly says any of these options may be
13 utilized. Mr. Harmon, can you answer the question for
14 Mr. Allen? Make sure ---
15 LEON HARMON: Yes, that is the reason why
16 the second sentence is in there, to make sure that any
17 of these options can be utilized to sell surplus
18 obsolete equipment.
19 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Any of them
20 individually?
21 LEON HARMON: Yes.
22 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Electronic/internet
23 bidding to the highest bidder, in addition to. I don't
24 know, it's not very clear to me. Let me read the
25 sentence. Maybe I haven't had enough coffee today.
26 Auction pursuant to proper public notice or by
27 electronic/internet bidding to the highest bidder in
28 addition to sealed or written bids. So it sounds like,
29 yes, you can do public notice or by electronic/internet
30 bidding to the highest bidder in addition to sealed or
31 written bids. It sounds like you've got to do the
32 sealed or written bids along with the other. Maybe I'm
33 just reading too much into it.
34 LEON HARMON: I think that's cleared up by
35 the next sentence. The idea is to use any one of these
36 four methods to sell surplus equipment.
37 TOM ALLEN: And that's what I would
38 want. And I agree a hundred percent with that, if
39 that's what the intent of this is. Okay.
40 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
41 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the
42 amendment show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
43 motion carries unanimously. Now the original motion.
44 All in favor of the original motion show of hands.
45 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
46 unanimously.
47 Moving on to Item number 8 Second reading.
48 Number 8(a) this will be 2015-029 an ordinance to amend
49 an agreement for the development of a Joint County
50 Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park) of Anderson

1 and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the Park. You
2 have anything new to add, Mr. Nelson?

3 BURRISS NELSON: Nothing new. Just to add
4 another property from Greenville to our park agreement.

5 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion move this
6 forward?

7 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second
9 Mr. Crowder. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in
10 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
11 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

12 Moving on to 8(b) 2015-030 an ordinance to
13 amend an agreement for the development of a Joint
14 County Industrial and Business Park (2010 park) of
15 Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the
16 park. (Project Capacity). Mr. Burriss Nelson. You
17 got anything new on this?

18 BURRISS NELSON: No, sir, nothing new.

19 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to move
20 this forward?

21 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

22 TOM ALLEN: So moved.

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

27 Moving on to 8(c) 2015-031 an ordinance
28 authorizing an Infrastructure Financing Agreement on
29 behalf of Project Liba (the "company"); the expansion
30 of the boundaries of the Joint County Industrial and
31 Business Park jointly developed with Greenville County,
32 South Carolina to include certain real property located
33 in Anderson County, South Carolina. Mr. Nelson,
34 anything new you'd like to explain on this?

35 BURRISS NELSON: No, sir, just the twenty-
36 five excellent jobs with average salary of twenty-two
37 fifty-three an hour. Annual payroll of one point one
38 million.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd?

40 GRACIE FLOYD: How many jobs?

41 TOMMY DUNN: Twenty-five. We have a
42 motion?

43 FRANCIS CROWDER: Motion.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Crowder and
45 second Mr. Waters. Now any further discussion? All in
46 favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion
47 carries unanimously.

48 Moving on to number 9 -- moving on to Item
49 number 9, Ordinance's first reading. Number 9(a) 2015
50 an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development

1 of a Joint County ---
2 TOM ALLEN: 8(d).
3 KEN WATERS: Yeah, 8(d).
4 TOMMY DUNN: Well, if y'all insist. I
5 got ahead of myself. I had that scratched off.
6 KEN WATERS: Mr. Cole, will you watch him
7 over there?
8 TOMMY DUNN: Y'all put that in the form
9 of a motion?
10 KEN WATERS: Second. Put that in the
11 form of a motion.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Sorry, I had it scratched
13 off. I scratched it off too early. Number 2015 --
14 8(d) number 2015-033 an ordinance authorizing execution
15 and delivery of an Infrastructure Financing Agreement
16 between Anderson County, South Carolina and "Project
17 Lab", granting certain infrastructure credits to
18 Project Lab; the expansion of the boundaries of the
19 joint county industrial park jointly developed with
20 Greenville County, South Carolina to include certain
21 real property located in Anderson County. Have a
22 motion to move that forward?
23 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
24 KEN WATERS: Second.
25 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Cole, second Mr.
26 Waters. Any further discussion? I was just making
27 sure y'all was paying attention a while ago. And some
28 of y'all was. All in favor of the motion show of
29 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
30 unanimously.
31 Now, with Mr. Allen and Mr. Waters' indulgent,
32 we'll move on to Number 9(a) now?
33 KEN WATERS: You can go to 9 now if you
34 want to. Or you can go to 10, whichever one you want
35 to go to.
36 TOMMY DUNN: 9(a) Ordinance First
37 Reading, 2015-032 an ordinance to amend an agreement
38 for the development of a Joint County Industrial and
39 Business Park (2010) of Anderson and Greenville
40 Counties so as to enlarge the park. Mr. Nelson.
41 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman and
42 members of Council. This is like the previous two at
43 second reading. Greenville is adding the property to
44 our multi-county park agreement.
45 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion to move this
46 forward?
47 FRANCIS CROWDER: I make a motion.
48 KEN WATERS: So moved.
49 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Crowder, second
50 Mr. Waters. Any further discussion? All in favor of

1 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
2 the motion carries unanimously.

3 Number 9(b) #2015-034 an ordinance to
4 authorize and accept the transfer of authority to
5 conduct municipal elections scheduled for November of
6 odd numbered years for the city of Belton to the
7 Anderson County Registration and Elections Board. This
8 coming from Mr. Cole. Mr. Cole and Mr. Burns. Mr.
9 Cole, you going to put this in the form of a motion?

10 KEN WATERS: Second.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. -- motion Mr.

12 Cole, second by Mr. Waters. Now are there any
13 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion
14 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
15 carries unanimously.

16 Remember 9(c) was pulled.

17 We'll be going to 9(d)2015-036 an ordinance to
18 provide for the creation of the Farm Special Tax
19 District; to establish the nature of services to be
20 performed therein; to designate the uniform service
21 charge in the Farm Subdivision Special Tax District; to
22 provide for the operation of the Farm Subdivision
23 Special Tax District. This was a misprint, this will
24 be under Holt Hopkins instead of Michael Forman coming
25 up. We want to put this in the form of a motion to get
26 on the floor.

27 KEN WATERS: So moved.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters and second
29 Mr. Allen. Mr. Hopkins, you got anything you want to
30 add to this?

31 HOLT HOPKINS: Briefly, it's in District 6,
32 it's up off of Highway 8, directly across from Old
33 Mill. The residents there overwhelming -- a lot higher
34 percentage than normal -- over eighty percent signed a
35 petition willing to pay for the improvements so the
36 road could become a county road.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any more
38 discussion? Questions? All in favor of the motion
39 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
40 carries unanimously.

41 We're moving on to 9 ---

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

43 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm going to have to back up
47 because we went through that one. On Item 9(c).

48 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Would you please tell me why
50 it was removed. It's an ordinance to amend an

1 agreement for the development of a joint county
2 Industrial and Business Park.

3 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chair?

4 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

5 LEON HARMON: If I may, I can answer Ms.
6 Floyd's question. The attorney for the company asked
7 that that be taken off the agenda for tonight. I
8 expect it will come back to us later. It is to add a
9 property in Greenville to the Anderson Greenville
10 multi-county park.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: I know, that's the purpose
12 of the ordinance. But I was just wondering why it was
13 just taken off like that.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Attorneys asked for it to
15 be. They got some last minute changes they said.
16 That's the thing they had on my desk this morning when
17 I got here. Or this afternoon, rather.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: So we have some last minute
19 changes to the other documents and we're going to pause
20 the NCIP ordinance for now. That's acceptable. Thank
21 you.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

23 Now, moving back to 9(e) 2015-037, an
24 ordinance authorizing an amendment to the
25 Infrastructure Financing Agreement on behalf of
26 Tetramer Technologies LLC and South Mechanic Street
27 properties, LLC (the "Companies") so as to accurately
28 reflect the intention of the parties regarding the
29 economic incentives for the project formerly known as
30 Project CHOCO. Mr. Burriss Nelson.

31 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, members of
32 Council, I apologize for the inconvenience of bringing
33 this to you by title only. We'll have all of the
34 language changes and corrections. If you'll remember,
35 this project is a spin-off of Intellectual Properties
36 from Clemson University company in Pendleton and this
37 is also in cooperation with the town of Pendleton. The
38 company produces a product that reduces the fat content
39 of chocolate by fifty percent. Ought to make lots of
40 people very happy on that count. But just a correction
41 of the technical language to be sure that it works out
42 the way that we intended for it. There's no change at
43 all in the deal itself. No components have changed at
44 all. It's still where we have offered an SSRC of
45 ninety-nine percent for ten years not to exceed a
46 hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars in total return
47 of tax dollars or non-payment of tax dollars. And --
48 but brings to the table twenty-six jobs with an average
49 hourly pay of thirty thousand dollars a year. A total
50 annual payroll of one point five million. But this is,

1 like I said, a technical language change only. It
2 doesn't change the deal at all.
3 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.
4 BURRISS NELSON: I would respectfully request
5 that you give favorable consideration.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
7 CINDY WILSON: A quick correction. Thirty
8 dollars an hour.
9 BURRISS NELSON: Thirty dollars -- I'm sorry.
10 CINDY WILSON: That's really cool.
11 BURRISS NELSON: Sixty thousand a year.
12 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to move
13 this forward?
14 FRANCIS CROWDER: I make a motion.
15 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder makes a motion.
16 Mr. Allen seconds it. Any discussion? Great job.
17 Look forward to this. All in favor of the motion show
18 of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
19 carries unanimously.
20 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.
21 TOMMY DUNN: We'll take a short five
22 minute recess before head on. If no objections, we'll
23 be adjourned, have a recess for about five minutes.
24 **(RECESS FROM 7:15 TO 7:23 PM)**
25 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number
26 10(a), R2015-057 a resolution of the Anderson County
27 Council asserting non-participation in the Refugee
28 Resettlement Project. Ms. Wilson, Mr. Allen and Mr.
29 Crowder. Who wants to go first?
30 CINDY WILSON: Whereas, the Anderson County
31 Council is the designated governing body authorized to
32 use appropriate ordinances, resolutions and police
33 powers to protect the health, safety and welfare of the
34 citizens of the county; and
35 Whereas, the issue of resettlement of refugees
36 from the Middle East and other illegal aliens is a
37 matter of the most urgent concern, as it involves vital
38 issues of national security, terrorism, public health
39 and public safety, and expenditures of public taxpayer
40 funds; and,
41 Be It Resolved that the Anderson County
42 Council will not approve or proceed with the Refugee
43 Resettlement Project within the borders of Anderson
44 County, South Carolina; and
45 Be It Further Resolved that the Anderson
46 County Council calls on all South Carolina public
47 officials, governmental and non-governmental to
48 immediately cease and desist from all placements of
49 refugees anywhere within the state of South Carolina
50 until the South Carolina Legislature convenes and

1 passes legislation reflecting the will of the people in
2 South Carolina by approving a state public policy on
3 any and all refugee resettlement within South Carolina.
4 And I put this into a form of a motion, Mr.
5 Chairman.
6 TOMMY DUNN: We have a second?
7 TOM ALLEN: Second.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
9 discussion?
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
12 TOM ALLEN: Go ahead, Ms. Floyd.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead. You asked for the
14 floor.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I did. I have given
16 this a lot of thought. I've talked to a lot of people
17 in my district about this. And I know what the
18 problems are. Mrs. Fant went through some of the
19 problems with us tonight. And I'm sure that -- she did
20 a fine job, but I'm sure that most of us know what the
21 problems are. This is a situation where you want to do
22 the right thing. And you really want to, you know,
23 help as much as you can. And I'm wrestling with myself
24 and I'm praying hard, you know, asking what we should
25 do. And since I have to vote on this, I'm asking what
26 I should do to make it -- to make it not good or not
27 all right, but to make an effort so we can do, you
28 know, the right things for others. And I'm going to
29 vote tonight -- I'm going to vote my conscience
30 tonight. You laughed ---
31 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. I yawned. I'm
32 sorry. I said, excuse me. Yes, ma'am.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm going to try to vote my
34 conscience. I am going to vote my conscience tonight.
35 And I just hope that others will understand and because
36 I have wrestled with this decision. I did not -- and I
37 don't take this lightly. And I thank you, Mr. Chair.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am, Ms. Floyd. Mr.
39 Allen.
40 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
41 Yeah, I've looked at this, too, and I'd like to read
42 something just very briefly here regarding the refugee
43 resettlement program. And I wanted to put it into a
44 little bit of perspective. And before I answer this
45 question, I'd just like to say that, first of all, I
46 retired from the military and I've been to a lot of
47 different countries around the world. And I honestly,
48 I have met good people in every country in the world.
49 And I think any of you out there could go to any
50 country in the world, I don't care where it is, and the

1 average person, you could find friends. You could get
2 along with people. They're not all mean, nasty folks
3 out there. There are a lot of good people in the
4 world. The average citizen in these countries, they
5 don't want to have a war. They don't want to go to war
6 with anybody. They just want to survive. And I've
7 often thought if every person in the world could walk
8 in every other person's shoes for a day somehow, we
9 probably wouldn't have any wars. Bottom line is,
10 there's a lot of good people all over the world.

11 I thought long and hard on this question and I
12 felt sorry for some of the pictures I saw on TV, the
13 children fleeing those dreadful conditions in the
14 Middle East and even those leaving Serbia trying to
15 enter Hungary and other European countries. It looked
16 terrible. But to put this into perspective from my
17 standpoint, I was born right after World War II in
18 1946. And my formative years were in the 1950's and
19 '60's. And relatively speaking these were pretty good
20 times for the U.S. And at that time we were taught in
21 school, hey, we are the great melting pot. We're the
22 greatest country on earth. Come on over. Come to
23 America. We'll take you. You can be all that you can
24 be and this is a wonderful place and you're welcome to
25 come on in. That's the way I was taught in the '50's
26 and '60's. Then we add to that that the French gave us
27 the Statue of Liberty and what's it say there? Give us
28 your tired, your hungry, your weary, your downtrodden,
29 yearning to be free. Come on over. We're the United
30 States. We're the best in the world and to quote the
31 army, you can be all that you can be if you come over.
32 We'd like to have you here. And on the Statue of
33 Liberty, it doesn't say anything about race, color,
34 creed or religion. It just invites everybody to come
35 on in.

36 And even the Constitution if you want to go
37 back that far, provides for freedom of religion. And,
38 indeed, that was one of the key founding factors to
39 this nation. Doesn't matter what religion you are.
40 Come on over.

41 Now, having said all of this and the way I was
42 brought over, it sounds like we should accept all the
43 people that want to come into this country legally,
44 anyway. They should be able to come in. But let's
45 fast forward a little bit now. Two hundred and thirty
46 years after the Constitution, a hundred and twenty-nine
47 years after the Statue of Liberty was given to us, and
48 some seventy years since the end of World War II.
49 Things have changed. They've changed a lot. Refugees
50 wanting to come to America from the Middle East, and

1 even Eastern Europe, are primarily Muslim. Many of
2 them are good people. I imagine there are a bunch of
3 good people in the group. But some of them wish to
4 kill Christians. And they view the United States as
5 the great Satan. That's no secret. We hear that all
6 the time. The problem I have is we have no way of
7 vetting these people that are wanting to come into the
8 country or of determining, in other words, the good
9 from the bad.

10 One photo I saw of refugees walking down a
11 road in Hungary on their way to Germany -- and this was
12 a Hungarian news outfit that had taken this picture --
13 as far as you could see down the road were refugees.
14 Some of them pushing babies in baby carriages. They
15 were all men, they were all between the ages of about
16 twenty and forty. They were all well dressed and they
17 all looked pretty darn healthy. Where were the women
18 in this refugee group? I don't know. We have in this
19 country a porous Southern border. Everybody's familiar
20 with that. That's one problem that we have. We don't
21 know who or how many or what's coming across the
22 Southern border. We've got little control over who or
23 how many aliens have entered this country. Nor do we
24 know how many of those are radicals wishing to possibly
25 initiate jihad or pull off whatever type of terrorist
26 activity they might have in mind. Our Southern border
27 situation is bad enough without allowing more refugees
28 from Muslim nations to enter without proper vetting.
29 Some of them may be quite good and would be an asset to
30 the United States. But how many others have a
31 different idea? I have no problem with anyone's
32 religion, until it gets to the point where one of their
33 options is to kill those who do not believe the same
34 way they believe; then I have a problem.

35 From a security standpoint, Mr. Michael
36 Steinback, he's assistant director of the FBI, states
37 it is not possible to vet these refugees. He further
38 states terrorist organizations have publicly stated
39 they are exploiting the refugee program to travel to
40 the West. In other words, they're infiltrating
41 terrorists into these groups coming to the West. He
42 also notes that five of the richest gulf states have
43 said they will not accept any of these refugees due to
44 security risks. That's a quote from the FBI. From a
45 financial standpoint, it will cost the United States
46 untold millions of dollars to support these refugees.
47 They'll have no jobs, no food, no medical care, no
48 housing. The U.S. government estimates there are some
49 six million Muslims in the United States. It's
50 estimated to be some one point nine billion Muslims

1 worldwide. If only five percent of these are engaged
2 in some sort of radical activity, that comes out to
3 about ten million people out of that one point nine
4 billion who may wish to do harm to the United States
5 and Christians in general. And keep in mind, during 9-
6 1-1 it only took nineteen of them to hijack two jets
7 and take down the Twin Towers, hijack another jet ended
8 up crashing in Pennsylvania and running another one
9 into the Pentagon. That was just nineteen folks that
10 did that.

11 It's also noted that the Muslim birthrate per
12 woman is three point one children, while the Christian
13 birthrate is two point seven. If these numbers hold,
14 then within a period of time, there'll be more Muslims
15 than Christians in the world and a percentage of them,
16 again, wish to take care of the Christian population,
17 shall we say. I encourage all of you to read -- to
18 research these numbers and facts. I got these off of
19 the internet, but I went to a lot of different sources
20 on the internet to find these numbers. And they -- all
21 the sources pretty much had the same numbers in there.
22 You don't believe me, please go and do your own
23 research.

24 So for the above reason, I've signed on to
25 this resolution to Council, which if passed, will be
26 forwarded to the Governor, requesting that she disallow
27 the current influx of Middle Eastern refugees from
28 settling in South Carolina. If we had some way to vet
29 them, if we knew who was coming in here, might be
30 another story. But it's not and I think it's just too
31 risky and too dangerous at this point in time to have
32 the refugees coming in to South Carolina when we don't
33 know what we're getting.

34 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. It's
36 good to know you've been all over the world and made
37 friends. You just can't get along with people here in
38 Anderson ---

39 TOM ALLEN: I have.

40 TOMMY DUNN: --- on that.

41 FRANCIS CROWDER: May I make a comment?

42 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder.

43 FRANCIS CROWDER: My distinguished colleague,
44 I am impressed. You did a lot of ---

45 TOM ALLEN: That I can read.

46 FRANCIS CROWDER: --- a lot of research. It
47 is no, you know, no secret those of us who claim to be
48 Christians, we've openly welcomed and want to take care
49 of those that we have the capacity. But then, often we
50 are caught in the fact that to what extent -- the Bible

1 teaches us -- I know I'm not supposed to get into those
2 kinds of subjects here -- but we are often required to
3 turn the other cheek. But I know already and other
4 states around the Union, there are tremendous numbers
5 of Muslim brothers who live in Northern cities and
6 other cities that have actually, in one or two towns,
7 implemented Sharia law as a part of the law of that
8 area. That distresses me because if you read Sharia
9 law, it basically says if you don't agree with us,
10 you're our enemy. And that bothers me. If you look
11 back at those who came in to our great nation down
12 through the centuries, they came in loving to be here
13 and wanting to make this great nation and not change it
14 into the nation that they had left, but to create a new
15 nation.

16 And so, consequently, I'm not interested in
17 trying to create somebody else's nation and moving it
18 to the United States. I am interested in continuing to
19 create the great nation, but to use the talents and the
20 skills of those who come to our shores that want to
21 adopt our values, want to adopt our language. They may
22 not necessarily adopt our religion, but our values.
23 And so consequently I will be supporting this
24 resolution.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

26 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

27 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

28 CINDY WILSON: There are so many heart
29 rending situations to deal with. We have Family
30 Promise, that resolution here tonight. That requires
31 so much of us to take care of those dear people. But
32 what really is alarming is when DMV in our own county
33 requires people to remove their hats for their license
34 renewal pictures, but yet someone in a burka with just
35 a little eye slits is not required to do that. How do
36 you know it's male or female? What if they're in an
37 accident and they get hurt and you don't know how to
38 really identify them? I just don't understand why we
39 can have such a double standard when that type of thing
40 is allowed to happen in our own county.

41 I have some very dear friends who came here
42 from Lebanon, escaping from a terrible situation.
43 They've thrived here. They've contributed to the
44 community in so many ways. But if you look at what
45 happened to Lebanon, I think back in the '50's going to
46 the '70's in the eleven year war, during that time,
47 they were over-run with Syrian refugees. And it's so
48 hard for me to even comprehend the Arab countries over
49 there, as Mr. Allen pointed out, Saudi Arabia will not
50 take in any of those people because of the security

1 risk. For some reason they hate. For some reason they
2 don't have a problem with killing; not all of them, but
3 enough to make it very concerning.

4 When our own United States agriculture
5 department requires that even livestock coming into
6 this country has to be vetted and quarantined and make
7 sure they're healthy before they're assimilated into
8 the population, how can we do less than that for our
9 own humans? I'm just very concerned that when we allow
10 an invasion of this magnitude, we're creating problems
11 that we may not be able to deal with. Thank you.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
13 Calling for a vote, I just want to chime in just a
14 little bit. We are, I think, a Christian nation and I
15 do think, though, there's other things this country can
16 do to help the situation without having to open our
17 arms and let these refugees in. There's other things
18 we can do to give some relief and some help. Only, I
19 think, the risk outweighs the gain for us. Also want
20 to keep in mind, you know, I doubt -- wish they would
21 -- if it is, it'd be the first time the Governor or
22 somebody listened to this Council, so you know, keep in
23 perspective, we ain't saving world peace here. This is
24 -- a lot of people come here to this Council and they,
25 you know, throw this on us and that on us. We got no
26 control over this. We can add something another, but
27 this ain't -- what we're doing here tonight's not going
28 to solve nothing. Let our voice be heard. But it's
29 being heard for ourself and I doubt if it'll ever get
30 anywhere to where people pay attention. I hope so.
31 Like I said, if it does, it'll probably be one of the
32 first times somebody's listened to us.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

35 GRACIE FLOYD: That's one of the things I
36 wanted to ask. If we vote tonight of not doing this,
37 would we have the option of not accepting the refugees
38 in Anderson County?

39 TOMMY DUNN: I don't think so, no, ma'am.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. We don't have that.

41 Okay.

42 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
43 show of hands.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: What was the motion again?

45 TOMMY DUNN: You mind stating that again,
46 Ms. Wilson, the motion. Just the motion. You don't
47 have to read the whole thing.

48 CINDY WILSON: This is the resolution of
49 the Anderson County Council asserting non-participation
50 in the refugee resettlement project and it's basically

1 requesting that nothing be done until the South
2 Carolina legislature convenes and passes legislation
3 reflecting the will of the people in South Carolina by
4 approving a state public policy on any and all refugee
5 resettlement within the state.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Thanks. All in favor of the
7 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
8 motion carries unanimously. Thank you very much.

9 We'll be moving on to Item number (b) R 2015-
10 058 a resolution authorizing the Anderson County Roads
11 and Bridges Department to perform maintenance on
12 certain identified gravel roads. Going back to an
13 ordinance we passed here several weeks ago. We have a
14 motion to move this forward?

15 FRANCIS CROWDER: I make a motion we move this
16 forward.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder makes the motion
18 to move this forward. Ms. Wilson seconds it. Any
19 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
20 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
21 unanimously.

22 Moving on, Item number 11, appointments. If
23 y'all ain't got no objections, unless something's
24 added, I'm going to go down, shorten things up, we'll
25 go what we got on our thing here. Ms. Wilson, I think
26 District 7, you got somebody? Go ahead Ms. Wilson.

27 CINDY WILSON: May we -- would y'all accept
28 my nomination for Mrs. Carolyn Cooley to go on the
29 Citizens Advisory Zoning Committee, District 7. And
30 Mrs. Marcia J. Smith for District 7 A-Tax Committee.
31 And I put that in the form of a motion, please.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second?

33 TOM ALLEN: Second.

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

38 I think next, Ms. Floyd's got Farmers Market,
39 I believe. Ms. Floyd.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I do. I would like to
41 recommend that Bobby Simmons be placed on the Farmers
42 Market Committee for District 2.

43 CINDY WILSON: Second.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
45 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
46 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
47 unanimously.

48 Are there anybody else that got any
49 appointments tonight that wasn't on the agenda,
50 something forgot, accidentally left off or something? We

1 good. Okay. Save a little time on that.
2 Request by Council members. Mr. Waters.
3 KEN WATERS: I have two, can I bring both
4 of them in the form of a motion at the same time?
5 TOMMY DUNN: That'll be okay.
6 KEN WATERS: I have one to transfer funds
7 from the recreation funds to the grounds, thirty-one
8 hundred dollars -- or three thousand one hundred and
9 twenty dollars. And then appropriate five thousand
10 dollars to the Wren Fire Department. I bring that in
11 the form of a motion.
12 CINDY WILSON: Second.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second? Second Ms.
14 Wilson. Any discussion?
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
16 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Waters, I didn't
18 understand what you said on the first one.
19 KEN WATERS: Okay. Right here it says an
20 internal transfer to Building and Grounds from the
21 recreation department for Hurricane Springs
22 maintenance.
23 GRACIE FLOYD: How much was it?
24 KEN WATERS: Three thousand one hundred
25 and twenty dollars.
26 TOMMY DUNN: Made a motion. Any
27 discussion? All in favor of Mr. Water's motion show of
28 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
29 unanimously. Mr. Allen.
30 TOM ALLEN: Hurry up and go through some
31 things. Yeah. I'd like to do two also. The first one
32 I'd like to do out of my recreation funds for Shalom
33 House Ministries, five hundred dollars. And for the
34 Upstate Equine Council, two thousand. I know they
35 asked for more than that, but I'm running a little
36 short right now, so I'd like to do those two. Put them
37 in the form of a motion.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second?
39 MITCHELL COLE: Second.
40 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Cole. Any
41 further discussion?
42 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?
43 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?
44 CINDY WILSON: I serve on their board and
45 as a volunteer, so I have to abstain.
46 TOMMY DUNN: She need to get up and
47 leave, Mr. Harmon?
48 LEON HARMON: That would be the preferred
49 procedure.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. If you wouldn't mind,

1 step outside, Ms. Wilson. Thank you.

2 **(MS. WILSON LEAVES THE ROOM)**

3 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
4 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
5 carries unanimously with Ms. Wilson recusing herself;
6 she stepped outside.

7 If you don't mind, I'm going to do something a
8 little bit different. That way she won't have to be
9 getting up and down. Does anybody else have any --
10 going to make a motion to give anything to the equine
11 thing that she's on?

12 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chairman, I'll
13 appropriate a thousand dollars.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Mr. Cole's going to
15 appropriate a thousand dollars to equine. Have a
16 second?

17 TOM ALLEN: Second.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
19 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
20 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
21 unanimously. Anyone else? She ought to be able to
22 stay now.

23 **(MS. WILSON RE-ENTERS THE ROOM)**

24 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen, you have anything
25 else?

26 TOM ALLEN: No.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I have two, please.
29 I'd like to do them both at the same time. All right.
30 To the YMCA I would like to appropriate from District
31 2's recreational funds, seven thousand dollars. This
32 money is going towards a parenting after school program
33 at Nevitt Forest. Also from -- for Homeland Park, I
34 would like to appropriate fifteen hundred dollars from
35 District 2's recreation fund. This is to go toward the
36 Festival we're going to have this weekend. And I put
37 this in the form of a motion.

38 MITCHELL COLE: Second.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion and second by
40 Mr. Cole. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all
41 in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
42 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

43 Anything else, Ms. Floyd?

44 GRACIE FLOYD: That's it.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Cole, anything else?

46 MITCHELL COLE: I have one. Shalom House
47 Ministries, I'd like to appropriate five hundred
48 dollars.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion, have a
50 second?

1 TOM ALLEN: Second.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
3 discussion? All in favor of Mr. Cole's motion show of
4 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
5 unanimously. Anything else? You good?
6 Mr. Crowder?
7 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir, I have one from
8 District 1's recreation account. I'd like to request
9 appropriation of five hundred dollars for Shalom House.
10 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second?
11 TOM ALLEN: Second.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
13 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
14 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
15 unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Crowder?
16 FRANCIS CROWDER: No, thank you, sir.
17 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?
18 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
19 District 7 would like to appropriate two hundred and
20 fifty dollars to Shalom House from our District 7 rec
21 account.
22 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second?
23 TOM ALLEN: Second.
24 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
25 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
26 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
27 unanimously.
28 District 5 rec account would also like to
29 appropriate five hundred dollars for Shalom House
30 Ministries. Put that in the form of a motion.
31 Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of
32 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
33 the motion carries unanimously.
34 I'd also like to have a transfer of rec funds
35 of fifteen hundred dollars to the Finance Department
36 and that will be in the lieu for them to pay some bills
37 for the Homeland Park Festival. Put that in the form
38 of a motion.
39 TOM ALLEN: Second.
40 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Allen. Any
41 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
42 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
43 unanimously. Anyone else? Anything else?
44 Moving on be Administrator's report. Mr.
45 Burns, you got a minute?
46 RUSTY BURNS: Chairman, if you don't mind,
47 I'll have Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Batson give an update on
48 Broadway Lake dam.
49 TOMMY DUNN: You see what time limit,
50 don't you?

1 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir?
2 TOMMY DUNN: You see the time limit,
3 don't you?
4 FRANCIS CROWDER: Why, is Clemson playing
5 tonight?
6 JON BATSON: Just to let you know,
7 yesterday we received an emergency order from DHEC to
8 lower the Broadway Lake. They've asked us to lower the
9 lake and have an engineering assessment done of the dam
10 due to some issues that they observed on inspection
11 over the weekend. It appears they're doing inspections
12 all over the state of significant and high hazard dams,
13 which Broadway dam is a significant hazard dam. As you
14 know, we've been working with DHEC for months on
15 repairs to that dam, so it doesn't appear that they're
16 talking with other parts of DHEC. We hope to get a
17 dialogue going this week to let them know what we've
18 been working on. And hopefully we can get some
19 resolution to this. Hopefully we won't have to keep
20 the lake down indefinitely, but they're asking us at
21 this time to keep it down until repairs are made.
22 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Batson, two
24 questions. How long will it take to make these
25 repairs?
26 TOMMY DUNN: That might be better for Mr.
27 Hopkins.
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Hopkins?
29 HOLT HOPKINS: We're still in the design --
30 the engineers are still working on putting a package
31 together of what we need to do to make the repairs. We
32 won't have that until October -- the end of October.
33 And at that point we'll have an estimate of what kind
34 of costs we're talking. We're thinking in really wild
35 -- I mean wide range of numbers, approximate a quarter
36 a million; that ball park. Maybe, I mean it could be a
37 hundred thousand to two hundred thousand. We don't
38 know that yet, until we get the ---
39 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Mr. Hopkins,
40 where is this money going to come from?
41 HOLT HOPKINS: The original plan was that
42 we had to do these repairs by April. We were going to
43 ask DHEC could they allow us an extension until we
44 could get into the new budget. We'd figure out how to
45 do it during the budget times.
46 TOMMY DUNN: I think Mr. Burns wanted to
47 answer that, didn't you?
48 RUSTY BURNS: No, I'm just saying in last
49 budget Council authorized these monies to do the
50 investigation and the engineering work on Broadway Lake

1 and everything's moving along like it should. So we've
2 been working at this for some time. When we get the
3 engineering report back, we will receive a cost
4 estimate. Then we will come back to Council and how we
5 can fund it. And it's probably going to coincide with
6 our budget time.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: One more question. You know
8 we've had some problems at the lake on the dam thing.
9 Suppose we are cited for those problems, then are we
10 going to be in trouble?

11 HOLT HOPKINS: Well, we technically have
12 been cited. But we've been -- it's been a friendly
13 conversation with DHEC working through Jon's office, on
14 making these repairs. But they are insisting that we
15 make them.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, see, I thought this
17 was a byproduct -- for better word -- of the rain
18 storms that we had.

19 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, absolutely it is
20 a byproduct because of the number of dams that
21 collapsed from Columbia on down. And so they're
22 reviewing all of the dams in the state.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, this is what I've been
24 telling people, but I'm kind of getting a little
25 concerned now. Because if we are cited for big money
26 to do that lake, you know, we're going to be in
27 trouble. Thank you.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. I
29 just -- you made the statement, Mr. Batson, you said
30 they asked to lower the thing, is that correct? They
31 asked?

32 RUSTY BURNS: They asked in a very
33 determining ---

34 TOMMY DUNN: He said it was a friendly
35 conversation. I didn't think you could have a friendly
36 conversation with DHEC.

37 RUSTY BURNS: Let me clear this up. Any
38 confusion is my fault. We have been working with DHEC
39 and we have been working with the engineer long before
40 any of this ---

41 TOMMY DUNN: That might be our problem.

42 RUSTY BURNS: Okay. Now we believe and we
43 know that the people at DHEC we've been working with
44 haven't talked to these DHEC people or they would be
45 aware of this. And the only person that we can get on
46 the telephone is the person who can in essence say,
47 I'll take a message and get back with you. So that's
48 what's happening right now.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Since Broadway Lake is in my
2 district, and this is going to impact several people on
3 that lake, Mr. Batson, I would like a play by play
4 report on what's happening, so at least we can do is
5 keep the people out there informed. I hate to wait
6 around for somebody to give me some news and it takes
7 forever. You give me the play by play, even if it's
8 nothing's happening. Then I can tell them nothing
9 happening, when they call me, if they should call me.
10 I'd appreciate that. Okay.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, I know you don't
12 like to do these things. You're very subtle when you
13 listen to me on these things. But you know we had this
14 situation a while back at a certain ---

15 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir, I do.

16 TOMMY DUNN: --- aquarium we got over
17 there at the Mall Road.

18 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

19 TOMMY DUNN: So, how about let's don't
20 mess around; if we just keep on messing with
21 bureaucrats, and let's try to get some of our friends
22 we got to speed this process along. Because all joking
23 aside, I'm with Ms. Floyd as far as -- anybody hasn't
24 been on Broadway Lake because of what's happening at
25 Hartwell Lake in the last few years and the costs,
26 there's a lot of housing and people buying and
27 investing on Broadway Lake. And they've done this with
28 good intentions and they didn't do this to have a mud
29 hole out there.

30 RUSTY BURNS: We just wanted to give
31 Council an update. Jon, what time did we receive this
32 yesterday?

33 TOMMY DUNN: And I'm sure it was
34 friendly.

35 JON BATSON: Three o'clock, something
36 like that.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Was it a friendly message?

38 RUSTY BURNS: Sir?

39 TOMMY DUNN: Friendly?

40 RUSTY BURNS: Friendly.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thank y'all.
42 Appreciate it.

43 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Dunn, one other thing.
44 At the last Council meeting, Council asked me to do the
45 artificial tree and ---

46 TOMMY DUNN: Wait a minute, Nikky's got
47 to get caught up here. Make sure she gets this.

48 RUSTY BURNS: The artificial tree and the
49 real tree and we have prepared a book for you to
50 examine. But basically ---

1 TOMMY DUNN: How long is it? You know my
2 reading's -- Mr. Crowder already gives us enough
3 homework. This is ---
4 RUSTY BURNS: Basically, if you basically
5 want a real tree; if you want a tree that's twenty-five
6 feet tall, then you're probably going to pay four
7 thousand five hundred. That's installed, okay? And if
8 you want an artificial tree, and since all of this
9 discussion the artificial tree people have lowered the
10 prices drastically on what they would sell us one.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Nikky.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: What was the price?
13 RUSTY BURNS: They gave us a fifteen
14 percent discount on a thirty, twenty-eight, twenty-six
15 and twenty-two tree. But if you look at it, if you put
16 the tree in, you're looking probably at right around
17 five thousand dollars for the natural tree. Okay. If
18 you look the other way, the other cost is pretty much
19 in line. But that's -- I mean, that's it, I can't
20 dress it up or take it down.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I'm just thinking. I
22 thought me and you have a conversation after last
23 Council meeting. I think I started calling you that
24 morning and you didn't get back to me till about four
25 or five o'clock that day because you was so busy
26 everybody calling and wanting to give free Christmas
27 trees to the county.
28 RUSTY BURNS: And that is the bonafide
29 fact, Mr. ---
30 TOMMY DUNN: Get one of those.
31 RUSTY BURNS: We have been offered more
32 free Christmas trees than you can shake a stick at.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.
34 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
35 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm going to read this into
36 the minutes.
37 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Ms. Floyd.
38 GRACIE FLOYD: It's from ---
39 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, if you would,
40 have to hear you.
41 GRACIE FLOYD: I won't say who it's from.
42 I'll just read it, okay. It says, I just saw the
43 article about the Christmas tree. You know, Pendleton
44 spent like twenty to twenty-five thousand dollars on
45 the tree we put up on the Square over ten years ago.
46 That was a lot of money back then. That was the best
47 money we could have spent. Not only are we not having
48 to try and trim a live tree every year or keep one
49 alive, but it's also saving us on the cost of lights.
50 It's easier to install and decorate and it looks good

1 every year. I think if you asked my Council would they
2 buy one again when the time comes, that they would buy
3 one again when the time comes. Not sure if this helps
4 you at all, but at least you can point your Council in
5 our direction to look at our tree.

6 Now, I'm going to have a little quiz. Mr.
7 Cole? What was my last sentence? Okay. All right.
8 But anyway, I think that this should go into our
9 records so everybody can see it. Ten years ago twenty-
10 five thousand dollars would have caused the same
11 reaction that our forty-five thousand dollar tree --
12 we're having to look at. But I think it's the best
13 price. I think it would cut down on the time that we
14 have to pull people off their jobs to decorate that
15 tree. And I think it would ensure us that we would
16 have a beautiful Christmas tree every year.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

18 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, would you mind
20 getting some facts, figures, and they're going to have
21 a Finance Committee meeting Thursday. Present it to
22 them. Yeah, next Thursday. And present it to the --
23 have something to vote on at the next Council meeting.
24 Tom.

25 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, I notice in the
26 pictures that were sent here about the cryptomeria, the
27 diadora cedars and so on. Be really careful with those
28 because a lot of those would be very difficult to
29 decorate because on all these trees shown here, the
30 live one, the limbs are like this and you'd have
31 trouble hanging an ornament on those things. Yeah,
32 they'll have a conical shape, but they're going to be
33 really tough to decorate. Thanks.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Thanks.

35 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman? It
36 seems like in talking with Mr. Burns last week and
37 looking out at the plaza, it might be a good time to
38 look at some of the trees that are dying and maybe
39 taking those out and taking some of the concrete around
40 -- away from some of the trees that are still thriving.
41 And Mr. Burns had a wonderful idea of maybe ---

42 TOMMY DUNN: That's a first.

43 CINDY WILSON: --- putting -- that's not
44 very nice. Anyway, maybe bringing back the beautiful
45 old fountain. And then, you know, you've got that
46 stage over to the side. It may be that you put a real
47 or an artificial tree there. Or you plant one that's
48 like Mr. Allen said, the holly type thing that gets the
49 conical shape. I think it would be worth looking into
50 it just a little bit further.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Well, that's the reason I
2 say ---
3 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.
4 TOMMY DUNN: --- let him -- let staff
5 come back and present something to the Finance
6 Committee. And they can approve and the whole Council
7 has something to look at next Council meeting. I don't
8 think -- I'm not sure, but I don't think Christmas will
9 pass before we have our next Council meeting,
10 unfortunately.
11 KEN WATERS: Mr. Chairman.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Mr. Waters.
13 KEN WATERS: If we wait until December
14 the 28th we might get a good deal on one.
15 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Citizens
16 comments. Mr. Harmon.
17 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, there are no
18 citizens signed up to speak.
19 TOMMY DUNN: Remarks from Council
20 members. Ms. Wilson.
21 CINDY WILSON: Really wonderful, positive
22 recognition is taking place in our county. For
23 example, a very public persona who's running for
24 President came, had a record setting attendance at the
25 Civic Center and a jet to land at the airport. Last
26 weekend they had an agility dog competition up at the
27 Garrison Arena. Apparently there were dogs from all
28 over for that. All kinds of really cool fishing
29 tournaments going on. And some good economic
30 development. I think it's so nice to have a great
31 partnership with the citizens of this county and some
32 great employees. A lot of really good things are
33 happening with everybody working so hard. Thank you.
34 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Mr.
35 Crowder?
36 FRANCIS CROWDER: No, sir.
37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder. Mr.
38 Cole?
39 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chairman, I've already
40 started whistling Christmas tunes, so I'm in favor of
41 the artificial tree. So let's get the price as low as
42 we can.
43 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thanks. Ms. Floyd?
44 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. At the last Council
45 meeting we were given something on the rails. The
46 train rail that could go from Charlotte to Atlanta.
47 And I think we have an opportunity to get in on this.
48 And I think it's a good idea.
49 Mr. Burns, I would like for you to please
50 research that a little bit more. I read once about a

1 fast speed train coming this way. And Anderson County
2 was out of it. They did not have us listed as a place
3 to stop.
4 RUSTY BURNS: I placed that information in
5 Council's box. And in that information it outlines
6 four possible routes. And one of those routes goes
7 right through Anderson. Keeping our eye on that. If
8 they have any information sessions we will attend and
9 we make Anderson County's wishes be known.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: And I want to go with you
11 ---
12 RUSTY BURNS: Fine.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: -- when you attend.
14 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: A couple of years ago, oh,
16 God, the man from Appalachian Councils of Government --
17 what's his name? No.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Steve.
19 RUSTY BURNS: Steve Pelissier?
20 GRACIE FLOYD: Steve. Is Joe Newton on
21 Appalachian Council of Government?
22 RUSTY BURNS: He has retired, Ms. Floyd.
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Joe Newton?
24 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
25 TOMMY DUNN: Not Joe Nimmer. Joe Newton,
26 you said, right?
27 RUSTY BURNS: Joe Newton was there forever
28 and he handled a lot of transportation.
29 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Anyway, anyway, we
30 traveled down to Columbia and had meetings with people
31 after people about trying to get this rail started from
32 Greer, South Carolina down to the coast. And it seemed
33 like the interest wasn't there at the time that we did
34 that. But it has always been one of my interests. And
35 I've talked to some people in Columbia about it. And
36 now it looks like it could be a possibility if we would
37 get behind that. Just think about the meetings in
38 Columbia that we could attend without having to drive
39 our cars or getting up at midnight to get down to
40 Columbia on time and find a parking space. I am fully
41 in favor of that one, Mr. Burns. And if you could call
42 Appalachian Council to see where that's headed now --
43 have you called Steve, that's his name. If we can call
44 Steve and see where that stands now, that would be a
45 good thing. Anderson County doesn't need to be left
46 out of anything any more. We've paid our debt of being
47 -- our dues to be a part of it.
48 RUSTY BURNS: That's why I wanted Council
49 to be aware.
50 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else, Ms. Floyd?
2 GRACIE FLOYD: That's it.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?
4 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, just very quickly an
5 item that's come up. There's been a lot of talk about
6 it, I haven't seen a whole lot of advertising on it,
7 though, and that's the Blue Grass Bash that's going to
8 occur here over at the Civic Center on October 29th
9 through the 31st. It's three days and it's going to be
10 a huge blue grass event with some really big names in
11 the blue grass field will be there. So it's going to
12 be quite an event and I hope it gets publicized real
13 well. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Thanks.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: I didn't -- excuse me.
16 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: I didn't get one of those in
18 my -- did all of y'all get one?
19 TOM ALLEN: No, ???
20 GRACIE FLOYD: Now this is not an Anderson
21 County event, is it?
22 TOM ALLEN: It's at the Civic Center.
23 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't care. They have
24 weddings over there, too, but it ain't Anderson County.
25 Okay. But this is not an Anderson County -- this is a
26 private thing. Is it not, somebody, please?
27 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
28 GRACIE FLOYD: It's a private thing. Yeah.
29 Okay.
30 TOMMY DUNN: I think we're helping out
31 with some things. Trying to get something, hopefully,
32 to take a successful venue at the amphitheater. And if
33 it can come off it will be good for the county as a
34 whole.
35 GRACIE FLOYD: You're right. You're right.
36 But it's still not an Anderson County event. And I
37 appreciate that. Thank you.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters?
39 KEN WATERS: All is good, I think. In
40 the morning we got to be up early to be out at Green
41 Pond, don't we? I know I do. What, 4:30?
42 RUSTY BURNS: To be there no later than
43 5:45.
44 KEN WATERS: Okay. And that'll be --
45 Dale Gilbert will be having us on -- would you explain
46 -- you know more about the details.
47 RUSTY BURNS: That will be the official
48 start of the American Bass Anglers Fishing Tournament
49 at Green Pond Landing. Channel 4 will be there live at
50 5:45. At 7:30 they will have the official opening and

1 they will have a parade of over a hundred boats
2 carrying different flags. That's all going to take
3 place right at 7:30. But Channel 4 will be there much
4 earlier and possibly some others will be there.

5 KEN WATERS: And the tournament already
6 has two hundred and ---

7 RUSTY BURNS: Two hundred and five, but I
8 think it's closer to three hundred. Last night the
9 board of directors and those officials had dinner at
10 Broadway Lake -- at our facility on Broadway Lake, so
11 we were able to show off Broadway Lake a little bit.
12 Tonight you have over six hundred anglers at our Civic
13 Center having a dinner there in preparation for the
14 tournament starting tomorrow. And it will last through
15 Thursday. And it will last until Friday. Final weigh-
16 in, I believe, is Friday. All weigh-ins will take
17 place at Green Pond Landing. And events will be inside
18 the Civic Center for the next three days. They already
19 have a -- it's the Ram Dodge series, so they have a
20 whole lot of trucks that you can go over there and
21 purchase if you're so inclined.

22 KEN WATERS: All right. I think that's
23 all I have, Mr. ---

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters. Just
25 a few quick things. Hope we all go home tonight and
26 keep our thoughts and prayers. We had the honor, I
27 couldn't -- I couldn't -- unfortunately couldn't make
28 it out this afternoon because of the Council meeting
29 completely, but you know, they had the walk in honor to
30 fallen fire fighters, EMS, and police officers,
31 deputies at the Civic Center. So let's keep all those
32 families in our thoughts and prayers and hope the good
33 Lord protects our men and women who protect us. And
34 their families.

35 Also want to remind Council members, Innovate
36 Anderson meeting Thursday morning if you can make it.
37 Mr. Burn, we got to keep our talk, I know you were in
38 the committee on the airport thing. But you know, I
39 know they're working on the engine -- getting the
40 engineering thing on that. But you know, we need to
41 look at something about a sign out there. That's a
42 project that can be done and that's something we need
43 to do; a nice sign out there recognizing the airport.
44 There's a lot of business going on out there now.
45 Mentioned a while ago, you know, the jet come in with
46 the presidential candidate, but we need a nice sign.

47 TOM ALLEN: They've had designs brought
48 ???

49 TOMMY DUNN: Well, we need to go ahead
50 and get a price. We need to get a true price. I think

1 some of these people, you know, you ain't got to spend
2 a hundred thousand dollars to get a nice sign.

3 Keep in mind, Council members, hopefully by
4 -- if you go off on a tangent we might get another
5 discount. If we'll keep in mind hopefully the next
6 Council meeting we'll have a hopefully a study the EMS
7 to vote on; a proposal. We've gotten -- I want to
8 commend our Convention and Visitor's Bureau, our
9 economic development staff, our parks and recreation
10 department, Mr. Burns and the rest of the staff. It's
11 too numerous to name, I think they just landed two more
12 tournaments this week for Lake Hartwell at Green Pond.
13 When I first run for County Council I said Lake
14 Hartwell is -- to me is an unhidden crown jewel for
15 Anderson County. It hasn't been done, or pushed.
16 We're finally starting to see some stuff and activity
17 out there. And you know, I don't quote no numbers, but
18 there's no doubt about it, what the facts the economic
19 impact has on Anderson County as a whole. It shines a
20 bright shining light on us and good to see that and
21 more to come.

22 Last, but not least, hopefully, in the very
23 near future, fellow Council members, hope y'all will be
24 thinking about this and keeping this in mind. I'm a
25 firm believer if you're not moving forward, sitting
26 still, you're backing up. I want y'all to look what's
27 happening around us with economic development. We can
28 all pat ourself in the back, we done it -- this
29 Council's done good, the staff's done good and all, but
30 we need to be very aggressive because other counties
31 around us are being aggressive. We need to be pro-
32 active, get some things going out here. And let the
33 people know we're going to be proactive in it and get
34 some things. I'm very encouraged about some things and
35 I hope very soon to be bringing stuff before Council to
36 be -- to be looking at. Our citizens need good jobs.
37 Can't have too many. Ms. Floyd?

38 GRACIE FLOYD: This may be hoping and
39 prayerfully a hospitality tax so we can build some
40 places for people to come when they bring their
41 families to enjoy a quality of life in Anderson that we
42 have here to offer.

43 TOMMY DUNN: That's up to Council members
44 to do what they want. Hearing that, my time's
45 concluded. The meeting is adjourned.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:12 P.M.)