

State of South Carolina)
County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2015

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
KIM POULIN
LEON HARMON

1 TOMMY DUNN: I'd like to call to order
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4 **Resolution R2015-043 A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND**
5 **HONOR MR. AMOS WELLS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR**
6 **COMMUNITY THROUGH AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE and**
7 **HIS SELECTION AS SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD;**
8 **AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Amos Wells, a resident of
10 Anderson County for nearly 45 years, and as a Clemson
11 Extension Agricultural Agent for thirty-two years is
12 a recognized "local" expert for indigenous plants
13 within the Piedmont areas, and

14 WHEREAS, his pioneering spirit was
15 instrumental in establishing the first farmer's
16 market in South Carolina and became the model for
17 other counties to emulate, and

18 WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council wishes
19 to recognize the efforts of individual citizens who
20 demonstrate qualities of individual excellence,
21 ambassadors of environmental stewardship, and
22 selfless devotion to their community, and
23 Anderson County Council commends and congratulates
24 Mr. Amos Wells for his commitment to excellence in
25 service to our community; we are appreciative of your
26 endeavors and salute your most recent recognition and
27 distinction, as Anderson County Senior Citizen of the
28 Year for 2015.

29 This resolution shall take effect and be in force
30 immediately upon enactment; RESOLVED in meeting duly
31 assembled this 18th day of August, 2015.
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33 **RESOLUTION R2015-045 A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND**
34 **HONOR WHITEFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH ON THEIR 175TH**
35 **ANNIVERSARY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

36 WHEREAS, Whitefield Baptist Church is a
37 local place of worship in Anderson County and was
38 established in 1840 by Elder Robert King, and

39 WHEREAS, Whitefield Baptist Church began
40 from the humble beginnings of 11 members and the
41 first structure, a log building, was erected near
42 present day Mitchell and Pine Trail Roads, and

43 WHEREAS, Whitefield Baptist Church has
44 prospered and progressed over the past 175 years,
45 building several new sanctuaries to host their
46 growing congregations to its current location which
47 encompasses not only the sanctuary, a large
48 fellowship hall, Sunday School classrooms and office
49 space, and

50 WHEREAS, Whitefield Baptist Church has

1 encouraged its members to participate in local,
2 regional and global ministries to include: Love the
3 Lot, Operation Care, Good News Club, Sturgis Bike
4 Rally and the Slovakia Missions, and

5 **WHEREAS,** The Anderson County Council is
6 pleased to congratulate the members of Whitefield
7 Baptist for their contributions to the community and
8 Anderson County.

9 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 18th day of
10 August, 2015:

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12 **RESOLUTION R#2015-046 TO RECOGNIZE THE 12-U STARR-IVA**
13 **GIRLS DIXIE YOUTH SOFTBALL ALLSTARS TEAM AND TO**
14 **CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2015 SOUTH CAROLINA**
15 **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.**

16 **WHEREAS,** the 12-U team is made up of twelve
17 young ladies, ages eleven and twelve, from Starr and
18 Iva; and

19 **WHEREAS,** under the leadership of Head Coach
20 Nakia Davis, Coaches Jeff Craft, Phillip Martin and
21 Cade Gray, the team continued its tradition producing
22 a strong, winning team; and

23 **WHEREAS,** the Starr-Iva Dixie Youth girls'
24 fast pitch softball team completed an undefeated
25 season and through hard work and dedication, teamwork
26 and unselfish play, the ladies on the team went
27 undefeated in the state tournament, defeating
28 Jefferson 10-4 to win the State Title; and

29 **WHEREAS,** the team earned the right to
30 continue its drive to the national championship by
31 playing in the Dixie Youth World Series, held in
32 Hartsville, South Carolina. There, they competed
33 with many teams throughout the Southeast in double
34 elimination tournament to place as World Series
35 runner-up.

36 Anderson County Council commends the Starr-
37 Iva Dixie Youth Softball All-Stars girls' fast pitch
38 softball team for being outstanding ambassadors of
39 our community. We are extremely proud of the team
40 winning the 2015 Dixie Youth State Championship.
41 Be it resolved by the Anderson County Council on the
42 18th day of August, 2015.

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44 **RESOLUTION #R2015-047 A RESOLUTION TO HONOR TARA**
45 **JORDAN MOORE FOR HER SELECTION AS THE DISTINGUISHED**
46 **YOUNG WOMAN OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2016 AND APPLAUD HER**
47 **ACADEMIC SUCCESSES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

48 **WHEREAS,** Tara Moore, the daughter of Gordon
49 and Patty Moore, a senior at Powdersville High
50 School; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Tara Moore competed in the Anderson
2 County Distinguished Young Woman competition held at
3 LaFrance Elementary School, Pendleton, South
4 Carolina, where she won the Bronze Medallion and
5 received \$800 dollars in scholarships; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Tara Moore continued to the state
7 competition held in Lexington, South Carolina, where
8 she represented Anderson County and won the Silver
9 Medallion, receiving \$5800 dollars in additional
10 scholarships and earned the privilege to represent
11 South Carolina in the national finals to be held in
12 Mobile, Alabama next June; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Tara Moores' accolades include:
14 Student Council and Beta Club Member, National Honor
15 Society, Palmetto Girls State Delegate, Junior
16 Marshal and Patriot Scholar. Recently she was named
17 the "Star Student People's Choice" Award winner by
18 the Independent Mail newspaper and
19 NOW THEREFORE it is hereby resolved by the Anderson
20 County Council that:

21 Miss Moore, Anderson County Council is proud
22 of your tremendous accomplishments, especially being
23 recognized as South Carolina's Distinguished Young
24 Woman. We wish to extend you much success as you
25 represent yourself, your family, Anderson County and
26 the great state of South Carolina while competing for
27 the title of 2016 Distinguished Young Woman.
28 This resolution shall take effect and be in force
29 immediately upon enactment. RESOLVED in meeting duly
30 assembled this 18th day of August 2015.

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32 **(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED 6:10 P.M.)**

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1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to
2 call to order the August 18th, 2015 regular County
3 Council meeting to order. And at this time I'd like
4 to ask Ms. Floyd if she'd lead us in the Invocation
5 and Pledge of Allegiance. We all rise, please.

6 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY GRACIE FLOYD)**

7 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 3
8 on the agenda, approval of the minutes for July 21st,
9 2015; be 3(a). Are there any corrections to be made
10 to those minutes? Just a minute, Ms. Wilson I think
11 has got something.

12 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, on page 16,
13 line 36, committee with a three and zero
14 recommendation and that should replace oh. And then
15 on page 21 and on I believe it's 22, Realtors is a
16 trademark name and it's with a capital. Thank you.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Make that in the form of a
18 motion with those changes.

19 CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion that
20 we approve the minutes with the two corrections.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We have a
22 second?

23 TOM ALLEN: Second.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Further
25 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
26 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
27 carries unanimously.

28 Moving on to 2(b) -- 3(b) August 4th, 2015
29 minutes. Are there any corrections to be made to
30 those minutes? Anyone? Hearing none, do I have a
31 motion to move forward?

32 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Motion to move forward by
34 Mr. Allen. We have a second?

35 MITCHELL COLE: Second.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Cole. Further
37 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
38 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
39 carries unanimously.

40 Moving on to Item number 4, Citizens
41 Comments. Mr. Harmon. Mr. Harmon will call your
42 name. When he does, please step forward again,
43 repeat your name and district. You have three
44 minutes. Please address the Chair and matters only
45 on the agenda item as listed on the agenda. Mr.
46 Harmon.

47 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one
48 citizen signed up. Elizabeth Fant.

49 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District
50 3. I want to applaud Kim and Mr. Burns for the

1 packet. It gets better and better. Very clear now
2 when you're laying out the recreation money as to
3 who's sponsoring what. And lots of times different
4 districts are sponsoring the same item, so you see
5 one gives two hundred, three hundred, whatever and
6 it's all in one place. Also, the covenants in the
7 next couple of economic development seem to be well
8 done. The budget summaries, monies being
9 transferred, that's very clear. It just gets better
10 and better. Thank you.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

12 LEON HARMON: No one else, Mr. Chairman.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number
14 5, the Balloon Festival. Ms. Floyd.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Last Monday, I
16 think it was, I had a semi-breakfast with the
17 director of the Balloon Festival. We had a lot to
18 talk about because he had requested some funds. He
19 had requested some funds from each of us, and I
20 usually talk to the entity who is requesting the
21 funds before I decide whether or not to allocate the
22 funds from District 2's recreation account. But
23 after talking with him, I was even more impressed
24 than I was with the Festival. He explained some
25 things to me and he showed me some things that were
26 just flabbergasting. One thing I learned is that
27 Anderson County hosts the only Balloon Festival in
28 the state of South Carolina. And I learned that that
29 -- those balloons fly every -- every month. I
30 learned that people are coming all the way from other
31 areas to get in the balloon to ride even when it's
32 not time for the festival. I learned where the
33 people are coming from in Anderson County and other
34 areas and how many people are coming. And I learned
35 something else. I learned that we are busy trying to
36 get companies to come to our town to set up business
37 here. But we have -- the county has very, very
38 little to offer. So I was thinking, and I asked him,
39 I told him, I said, well, this could be a quality of
40 life issue. This is something that we can put in our
41 packet when we go out to recruit these industries.
42 We can show them the number of things that we have
43 going on throughout the year for their families, for
44 their children. Because after all, these are people
45 who usually are coming from other areas where they
46 have access to parks and this and that, and we have
47 very little.

48 So on my request, only on my request -- or
49 maybe I should say, on my begging -- because he, he
50 felt like he would -- that it might be too much and

1 it would seem like he was pushing. But I told him he
2 wasn't pushing, I was. I want Steve to come forward,
3 please, and please talk to us about the Balloon
4 Festival and how it can impact the quality of living
5 here in Anderson County.

6 STEVE LAMBERT: If I give you my phone.
7 There's a video, I don't know if you guys are aware
8 of it, and maybe we'll skip it for another night.
9 South Carolina, the state of South Carolina, made a
10 commercial that's being shown all over the whole
11 country. Have any of y'all seen that yet? Anyway,
12 it features the Balloon Festival as a tourist
13 destination. And it's a beautiful commercial. We
14 don't see it here because they're doing it all the
15 United States, trying to bring people here. And I
16 really wanted to show that tonight. It's only like a
17 minute and a half. It's not a long commercial. It's
18 online and we can actually run it on YouTube, if we
19 could ever get it. But that really, really shows
20 what they're doing and what the state's doing and how
21 they're promoting Anderson, as well. And it's a
22 really neat -- it's an actual television commercial.
23 They had an entire production company the weekend
24 that our Festival last year, just for that reason.
25 Just filming the Festival.

26 I had prepared a speech, kind of around
27 that, just to talk a little bit about it. I don't
28 have it, so anyway. As she said, I recently met with
29 Ms. Floyd to talk about the Festival and explained
30 how important we believe it is to Anderson. Ms.
31 Floyd asked me to come here tonight to provide more
32 information that you may not be aware of.

33 To give you a bit of history, I have been
34 flying balloons for over twenty-five years. When the
35 first Balloon Festival came to Anderson in 1999, we
36 also discovered Anderson -- my wife and I -- and
37 after flying over the town and viewing Lake Hartwell
38 from the air, I was hooked on Anderson and made a
39 decision to move here from Florida. In 2003, we made
40 the move and we opened Skyscapes of America, LLC,
41 which is a balloon ride company offering balloon
42 flights to people from all around the Southeast U.S.
43 Twelve years later we are still here and we are
44 actually the only balloon ride company -- full time
45 balloon ride company in the entire state of South
46 Carolina. So when people want to fly, in Charleston
47 or wherever it is, they come to Anderson to take
48 balloon rides. And surprisingly a lot of people do.
49 We view hot air ballooning as contributing to the
50 quality of life in Anderson. And when we talk about

1 quality of life, we think of all the activities
2 available to us to enrich, entertain and educate
3 ourselves. A health publication states that the
4 quality of life encompasses a multidimensional
5 concept that includes positive emotions and life
6 satisfactions. Hot air balloons evoke several
7 emotions in spectators -- awe at their beauty and
8 size, surprise as they magically rise and float
9 through the air, enjoyed as they gracefully put on
10 their aerial displays.

11 Also, probably the biggest provider of
12 entertainment that improves our quality of life is
13 Lake Hartwell. With the addition of the Green Pond
14 boat ramp, fishing and fishing tournaments are
15 becoming a huge draw for Anderson. Festivals and
16 events are another form of entertainment which brings
17 me back to Balloons Over Anderson. For years
18 Greenville was at the heart of hot air ballooning in
19 South Carolina. In 1999, the Balloon Festival moved
20 to Anderson and immediately became a favorite
21 location among balloonists for flying. When you
22 recruit new businesses to Anderson, it would make
23 sense that these companies would seek out cities that
24 offer multiple activities for their employees and
25 families to enrich their lives. If Anderson lacks in
26 these areas at all, then Greenville and other
27 surrounding cities become more attractive to them.
28 We need to be sure Anderson remains their focus when
29 they consider where to locate their business. There
30 are festivals and other events throughout the year
31 and they all need financial help. And Balloons Over
32 Anderson is no different, which is why I come to you
33 for help each year. This is Balloons Over Anderson's
34 seventh year. But it hasn't gotten any easier
35 raising money. Without your help and from local
36 businesses and corporations, the Festival may not be
37 able to continue year after year. Without the
38 community support Anderson could lose some of these
39 events and thus lessen our quality of life and the
40 attractions to new residents and businesses.

41 As Balloons Over Anderson was established as
42 a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation under the category
43 of education, we have partnered with local
44 organizations such as the Civil Air Patrol, Boy Scout
45 Troop 84 and so forth. This year we are pleased to
46 partner with the Electric City Young Marines, who
47 will assist with onsite duties such as security and
48 parking. The most difficult aspect of organizing a
49 festival is fund raising. As such, I would like to
50 ask for any advice that Council could provide to help

1 me recruit new sponsors. Perhaps you could spare a
2 few minutes to talk strategy with me. As I have
3 shown in previous years through attendance counts and
4 zip code collections, the Balloon Festival is a
5 tourism draw for Anderson. We estimate the Festival
6 contributes well over a hundred heads in beds, as
7 shown by these counts and the number of balloon
8 flights sold. One would think that restaurants and
9 gas stations would be big sponsors of the Festival as
10 they stand to benefit the most, but -- from the
11 tourism, but oddly enough they are not. I would like
12 to also remind you that Balloons Over Anderson is run
13 entirely by volunteers, as is many organizations
14 started by interested residents of Anderson. We not
15 only handle bringing in the pilots and their
16 balloons, we search to bring other activities, shows
17 and entertainment to be presented throughout the
18 weekend. We also invite you to peruse our web site
19 to see what we have planned for this year. That
20 address is BalloonsOverAnderson.org.

21 One of the new attractions we've added this
22 year is lawnmower races. These super-charged mowers
23 provide great entertainment, lots of excitement.
24 STEC Equipment, here in Anderson, has graciously
25 agreed to sponsor the lawnmower races and also
26 planned to fund at their booth for spectators as
27 well. We also have the Weatherman Band, with Jack
28 Roper, who will perform on Saturday and Them Quartet
29 Boys gospel group on Sunday. I would also like to
30 mention that every two years we are fortunate that
31 South Carolina Living Magazine does a write-up on
32 Balloons Over Anderson in their magazine. This year
33 it will be included in the September issues. The
34 Festival has had write-ups in several publications
35 throughout the years, both in the Independent Mail
36 and in Your Hometown Fun Magazine. We believe the
37 quality of life in Anderson is truly enhanced by
38 Balloons Over Anderson.

39 Thank you for your attention. Any
40 questions?

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman?

42 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: I am hoping that Anderson
44 County will embrace the Balloon Festival as one of
45 our premier activity during the year. I think that
46 -- I think that more can be done to promote this
47 wonderful activity throughout our county and
48 throughout our state with our help. I was
49 disappointed when I talked to Steve and he was
50 telling me about how hard it is to get funds for the

1 Festival. And I have been thinking ever since we
2 talked, you know, just what could I do to help get
3 the type of money that he's going to need to put on a
4 top flight festival. And I've come up with some
5 ideas that I'll talk to Steve about, but I'm hoping
6 that this in one thing that we all will do. Yes, we
7 have our Green Pond, and we have our Broadway Lake
8 and Lake Hartwell. We have the fair. And I can't
9 think of too much else that we have. But the Balloon
10 Festival should be right up there. This is ours.
11 This is the only one in the state of South Carolina
12 and it's here in our town. So I am hoping that we
13 can do -- work a little harder to help Steve promote
14 this thing. Steve, how much do you get paid? Are
15 you on salary?

16 STEVE LAMBERT: No, ma'am. I am strictly
17 volunteer.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So what did you
19 make last year off of this?

20 STEVE LAMBERT: Nothing.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. So ---

22 STEVE LAMBERT: We're passionate about
23 what we do.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now these are your
25 people.

26 STEVE LAMBERT: Yes, they are.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Will you introduce them to
28 us, please?

29 STEVE LAMBERT: Dale Forrey (phonics); my
30 wife, Connie; Perry Ann (phonics); John Taylor;
31 Debbie Porter; Daniel Tollison; Mike Slain; and his
32 wife, Janie.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: And who gets paid in that
34 crowd?

35 STEVE LAMBERT: None of them.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: So, folks, I guess you can
37 see where the money is going. It's going directly to
38 the Balloons to do what they can. Also, I understand
39 that you need volunteers, as well.

40 STEVE LAMBERT: Right. We were lucky
41 enough this year. Mike met with the Young Marines,
42 Electric City Young Marines, and they have agreed to
43 come on board and help us this year with the parking
44 and the logistics. They'll provide security and all
45 that, as well, which is -- again, that's part of our
46 charter. We're always trying to help these young
47 organizations in their education and that's why we
48 get them to help us, as well. So it works for both
49 of us.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Good. So if you have any

1 surplus money left over, I know you put aside some
2 for next year, but you also help other entities, as
3 well?

4 STEVE LAMBERT: We do, as long as it's
5 something that -- it's basically payment for them
6 coming in to help, but it also helps them, as well,
7 in helping in their educational stuff.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, you know I enjoyed
9 the breakfast. I ate the breakfast and you drank the
10 coffee. That was it. But I really enjoyed the time
11 we had and I learned a lot. And I want to volunteer
12 Tommy Dunn ---

13 STEVE LAMBERT: Okay.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: --- to work. He can help
15 park cars for you; okay?

16 STEVE LAMBERT: He'd actually make a good
17 balloon crew. Big as he is.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. We'll put him --
19 and any money that he incurs, the county will take
20 it. Okay? Thank you so much, Steve. I will be
21 making an allocation tonight from District 2's
22 recreation account. And this is recreational, and I
23 can't think of a better way for District 2 to invest
24 some of their money.

25 I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. Mr.
27 Allen?

28 TOM ALLEN: Just very quickly, Steve,
29 I want to thank you and your crew for the work you
30 do. As I was driving down town a couple of days ago
31 and I think I saw you going from restaurant to
32 restaurant with a clip board in your hand trying to
33 raise money. So I know you're out there burning shoe
34 leather.

35 STEVE LAMBERT: Right.

36 TOM ALLEN: And I will certainly
37 support you in any way I can and I'll see what I can
38 maybe get with some industries or something and see
39 if we can get ---

40 STEVE LAMBERT: And that's the main thing
41 we need. I just had a Trehel -- you would think,
42 Trehel Corporation. I just had -- and I shouldn't
43 probably mention names, but I just got turned down by
44 them. They just said we're not what they're
45 interested in contributing for. And that's what I
46 get constantly from a lot of these corporations. And
47 I think what would really -- endorsement from someone
48 like yourself that we think this is something worth
49 keeping is the kind of thing that I need. I know
50 there's a lot of issues from the past that we're

1 still trying to overcome, but that seems to be, you
2 know, our biggest thing. When I go to these big --
3 I've tried First Quality. I've tried them all. And
4 I just keep getting told no. so the ones right now
5 are the small ones, like STEC Equipment and places
6 like those. So we have to get a lot more of them
7 with smaller funds. And again, that's one of the
8 hardest things that we do is trying to raise money.
9 Our budgets are still in the thirty thousand dollar
10 range. We're putting on this whole festival for
11 thirty thousand plus dollars. Which is not much.
12 TOM ALLEN: Thanks, Steve.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: May I ask?
14 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
15 GRACIE FLOYD: May I ask a question?
16 Steve, wait a minute. We're not through yet. Steve,
17 Anderson County, do we do any advertising?
18 STEVE LAMBERT: Say that again.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: The county, Anderson
20 County, do we advertise anything?
21 STEVE LAMBERT: As far as what?
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Money.
23 TOMMY DUNN: I think the answer would
24 be no.
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, the answer would be
26 no.
27 TOMMY DUNN: Think so.
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
29 STEVE LAMBERT: I'm not sure what you're
30 asking.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm asking you do we -- I
32 can't ---
33 TOMMY DUNN: County support any
34 advertising?
35 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, yeah, is the
36 county supporting your advertising efforts?
37 STEVE LAMBERT: Well, the money that I get
38 from the state of South -- I get money from the state
39 of South Carolina PRT and also Anderson County's PRT
40 and the city's PRT. That money is what goes toward
41 the advertising. Okay? Some of that money is used
42 for -- you can spend it for things like porta-
43 potties, believe it or not, because we have to have
44 things for the tourists to be able to use facilities
45 and such. But the majority of that money goes
46 strictly for advertising, and I have to use it to
47 advertise fifty miles outside of Anderson. I can't
48 come in and do local advertising -- although we're
49 using Channel 7 WSPA, this year will be our TV
50 station and that's one of the reasons why we got Jack

1 Roper to come in. But that money -- and with the
2 state, it's a matching fund. So I -- whatever I get
3 from the state, I have to match it by getting it from
4 somebody else. So that makes it even a little bit
5 more difficult. But at least we have the advertising
6 money. Now what we need is the hotel money for the
7 pilots and all the other activities that we do. But,
8 anyway, does that answer your question?
9 GRACIE FLOYD: How short are we now?
10 STEVE LAMBERT: We're actually pretty
11 close. We're within probably four or five thousand
12 dollars of being there.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Short? Okay.
14 STEVE LAMBERT: And we also will sell
15 souvenirs onsite. We're going to order a bunch of T
16 shirts. And so we'll sell souvenirs. So we usually
17 try and make up the difference. Every year we're
18 always short, but we always are able to make up the
19 difference in selling souvenirs and balloon rides and
20 stuff onsite during the weekend. The only thing that
21 would kill us is if it rained all weekend. So we
22 hope that doesn't happen.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Hope not. Thanks.
24 Appreciate y'all.
25 Anything else, Ms. Floyd?
26 GRACIE FLOYD: No, except I want Steve to
27 call me tomorrow.
28 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?
29 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Ms. Wilson.
30 CINDY WILSON: Don't forget to get your
31 application in for accommodation tax funds, if you
32 haven't already done it.
33 TOMMY DUNN: I think they do that
34 pretty good. Thank you.
35 Moving on to -- you sure you don't want to
36 stay over yonder? I forgot to do a little
37 housekeeping here at the start of the meeting. I
38 apologize. Items number 7 and 11 will be taken off
39 the agenda for tonight.
40 Yes, sir. Request for Council members.
41 Now moving on to Item number 6, Anderson
42 County 2015, J. Mitchell Graham Memorial Award
43 runner-up. Matt Schell and Angie Stringer.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Get a mike -- Matt, get
45 that mike back there, but make sure we get this --
46 Kim's getting it picked up.
47 ANGIE STRINGER: Okay. I want to thank the
48 Council for their support in Green Pond. We had the
49 opportunity to go and present the project. It was
50 well received. We got runner-up. We would have won.

1 The number one project was phenomenal, as well, and
2 they involved students and built their project so
3 it's kind of hard to beat that. But we did -- we
4 felt really good about it. And Matt's got a few
5 things to say. I just wanted to -- I've got some
6 paper for you guys, to show you on the web site, they
7 have videos of us doing the actual presentation and
8 you can actually pull up the application that we
9 wrote and submitted. It was a great project.
10 Couldn't have happened without County Council. So
11 thank you. Matt.

12 MATT SCHELL: Thank you. I just wanted
13 to echo Angie's comments. Green Pond was a top
14 contender down in Hilton Head. It certainly couldn't
15 have been better realized without the documentation
16 that took place over the past seven years, which is
17 something that Angie kind of recognized early on in
18 the project. And to watch the movie, and y'all were
19 presented the video shortly after the Bass Master
20 Classic -- but it was a -- a seven minute version was
21 condensed to allow three minutes of pitch time. ??
22 the event actually the video, Angie can send it to
23 you so you guys can see the actual presentation.

24 But Angie really made a contender --
25 documented the contender aspect of this project and
26 what Green Pond as a project in the community for
27 recreation stands for when county, federal, state,
28 local agencies, the community comes together.
29 There's a lot of goose bumps. Every time I watch it,
30 I still get them. And there was a lot -- as Angie
31 said, a lot of positive feed back. I still feel
32 that, after watching the video, that there's no
33 reason why we couldn't have won, given the
34 significance of the project from start to finish and
35 what just continues to reward the county for
36 shouldering such a recreational project in the
37 Upstate of South Carolina. So y'all have a lot to be
38 proud of. So Honorable Mention is worth recognizing
39 for us, too, so we appreciate y'all's support.

40 ANGIE STRINGER: And the sum up was that a
41 four million dollar investment in one event brought a
42 return on investment of about twenty-four million
43 from one event. So -- and that impacted the entire
44 Upstate and that was a big thing that kept being
45 mentioned. Every time we were called up it kept
46 being mentioned. But Matt and I brought the plaque
47 home and it belongs to you. So we would like to give
48 it to you tonight.

49 TOMMY DUNN: We appreciate it, Ms.
50 Stringer, but it belongs to the citizens of Anderson

1 County and we'll hang it in the hall. And the
2 citizens of Anderson County is the real winners on
3 this because they would -- just move to -- this is a
4 few more tournaments, I believe are already in the
5 making to come very shortly, in the works. Very
6 proud to be part of this, and everybody, like I said,
7 it was a team effort. It's what you can do locally,
8 state level and the federal level to get something
9 done. And very good about this to have something
10 done for Lake Hartwell. Want to commend y'all and
11 appreciate y'all because I know awards like this, a
12 lot of it is presentation, so y'all must have done a
13 excellent job presenting it and I thank y'all very
14 much. Give y'all a big hand.

15 (APPLAUSE)

16 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else have anything?

17 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

19 GRACIE FLOYD: I was asked why there were
20 no County Council members down there during this
21 time? The party I spoke with is a long time -- a
22 long time person who usually goes to those meetings
23 for a long time -- and they were wondering why we
24 weren't down there. And even hinted around the fact
25 that if we had been there maybe we would have won the
26 whole thing. But we were not represented. The --
27 I'm just as guilty as everybody else for not going,
28 but my excuse was I was going, I had my reservations
29 and everything, and my doctor disagreed with the fact
30 that I wasn't going anywhere because the five hour
31 drive was going to be a little bit too much for me to
32 take at the time. So I couldn't go. It was almost
33 at the last minute. But I understand we had one
34 other Council member who went for the classes but not
35 for the festivities.

36 Next year, next year, let's plan to go.
37 Anderson County used to be the premier county down
38 there. We were the ones who first started wearing
39 the shirts alike. Oh, yeah, we did it the first
40 year. We wore red shirts, all of us did. And the
41 next year, Spartanburg came back with the yellow
42 shirts. And from then on, everybody started wearing
43 the shirts. Anderson County started it. We were --
44 we were in our heyday when we won two of these awards
45 back-to-back. But next year, let's consider going.
46 It's taxpayer's money, but they wouldn't mind us
47 going to learn and to participate and to just
48 network. I'm sure they wouldn't mind that.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

50 Anyone else?

1 Now, moving on to Item number 8. Third
2 reading, #2015-022, An ordinance approving the grant
3 of a water line easement to Powdersville Water
4 District. We have a public hearing on this. Anyone
5 wishing to step -- speak to this matter, please step
6 forward, address the Chair and comments on this
7 matter. Name and district. Public hearing. Anyone
8 wishing to step forward on this matter please do so.
9 Anyone at all? Hearing none, public hearing will be
10 closed. At this time we'll be entertain a motion by
11 Mr. Waters. Mr. Waters, you have anything to say
12 about this?

13 KEN WATERS: I don't. I think everyone
14 knows the details. I just bring this in the form of
15 a motion.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters brings in the
17 form of a motion. Ms. Wilson seconds it. Any
18 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show
19 of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
20 carries unanimously.

21 Moving on to Item number 9. This will be
22 Ordinance Second Reading, 9(a), 2015-023, An
23 Ordinance authorizing pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 1
24 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as
25 amended the expansion of the boundaries of the joint
26 county industrial and business park jointly developed
27 with Greenville County, South Carolina to include
28 certain real property located in Anderson County,
29 South Carolina; the execution and delivery of an
30 Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and among Anderson
31 County, South Carolina, Homtex Weaving, LLC
32 ("tenant") and Wootten Properties, SC, LLC
33 ("landlord") to provide for infrastructure credits.
34 This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to
35 speak forward on this matter, again, please state
36 your name and district and address the Chair. Anyone
37 at all? Public hearing. Hearing no one, seeing no
38 one, public hearing will be closed. We have a motion
39 to move this forward?

40 KEN WATERS: I make a motion that we
41 move this forward.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Motion to move this
43 forward Mr. Waters. Second by Mr. Cole. Mr. Nelson,
44 you got anything, comments you'd like to add?

45 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.
46 Just that this is a merger with Loom Craft of Belton
47 and it's two strong companies that are coming
48 together creating jobs. And certainly appreciate
49 your support.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

1 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of
2 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
3 carries unanimously.

4 Moving on to number 9(b), 2015-024, an
5 ordinance authorizing pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 1
6 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 as
7 amended, the execution and delivery of an amended and
8 restated Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and among
9 Anderson County, South Carolina and Piedmont Coca-
10 Cola Bottling Partnership to provide for
11 infrastructure credits. At this time be a public
12 hearing, again, anyone wishing to speak to this
13 matter, please step forward and state your name and
14 district and address the Chair. Public hearing.
15 Anyone at all? Hearing none, public hearing will be
16 closed. Moving on, do we have a motion to move this
17 forward?

18 KEN WATERS: I make a motion that we
19 move this forward.

20 TOM ALLEN: Second.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters to move
22 forward and second by Mr. Allen. Mr. Nelson, you
23 have anything you'd like to add?

24 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Dunn, members of
25 Council, certainly appreciate the opportunity. This
26 project has not changed as far as the incentive
27 package goes. They are merely requesting to own the
28 properties internally rather than have a third party
29 company owned and leased back to them. And this
30 comes a recommendation from Council -- I mean, from
31 our staff and from the Advisory Board.

32 TOMMY DUNN: This is discussion. Ms.
33 Floyd, you got a question? Okay.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: We're on the Coca-cola
35 Consolidated, right?

36 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma'am.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I'm looking at the
38 summary of this. You know, we don't get these things
39 until we get here, because I would have called Mr.
40 Burns. But the -- I'm looking at the summary. It
41 says the taxes paid in 2014 -- that's on the company
42 -- one hundred and seventeen dollars and ninety-five
43 -- is that a mistake?

44 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. That's the
45 property that was there. Before the companies got
46 there, that was farm -- it was farm use, I'm sure.

47 BURRISS NELSON: That's correct.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, okay. Well, see, it
49 doesn't say that. It just says -- and then it says
50 2016 the projected taxes. Okay. I can understand

1 that now, but it didn't say that. Okay. That was my
2 question.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Anyone else?
6 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
7 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
8 unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Nelson. Appreciate it
9 and keep up the good work.
10 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you for
11 your support. Appreciate y'all.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number
13 10, First Reading, 2015-025, An Ordinance authorizing
14 the execution of a lease purchase agreement in an
15 amount not to exceed \$5,300,000 relating to the
16 acquisition of certain vehicles and equipment by
17 Anderson County, South Carolina; authorizing the
18 execution and delivery of all other documents
19 necessary or appropriate to implement such lease
20 purchase agreement. We have a motion to move this
21 forward so we can get it to the table discussion?
22 TOM ALLEN: So moved.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen. Second
24 Mr. Crowder. Any discussion?
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
26 CINDY WILSON: May I?
27 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd first, then
28 we'll go to Ms. Wilson.
29 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Whom do I
30 direct my question?
31 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns.
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
33 TOMMY DUNN: If he can't, Rita will
34 take care of it. Mr. Stone's in the audience. One
35 of them will get it.
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Great. Good. The
37 thing that we got that was at our desk when we got
38 here, does this go with that?
39 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.
40 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Are we
41 going to entertain these suggestions made by two
42 Council members on this before we vote or after --
43 no, how are we going to do that?
44 RUSTY BURNS: That is for information.
45 Mr. Stone is already going through that list and
46 looking to make judicious decisions before it's
47 presented back to Council. So this is, in essence,
48 the financing portion of the project.
49 TOMMY DUNN: To answer your question,
50 we would have to vote to purchase anything, Ms.

1 Floyd, it come back to us.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: What are we voting on
3 tonight, then?
4 TOMMY DUNN: For the money -- the lump
5 sum money.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But wouldn't that
7 impact the suggestions -- the lump sum money,
8 wouldn't that impact the suggestions ---
9 RUSTY BURNS: There's a great
10 possibility, Ms. Floyd, that some of the suggestions
11 that were made would decrease the amount of money, by
12 looking -- as opposed to straight gasoline vehicle,
13 looking at hybrid vehicles. And there were other
14 suggestions on what we could do with some equipment.
15 Maybe we don't need to purchase it, but possibly rent
16 it for the short period of time. So it would not be
17 any increase in the money requested from Council, but
18 a possible decrease and a longer term savings.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Well,
20 the thing that I requested, the machinery that I
21 requested ---
22 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
23 GRACIE FLOYD: --- wouldn't that be
24 listed on this?
25 RUSTY BURNS: That could be purchased
26 out of solid waste funds because that's where it
27 would end up. So that would be not necessarily on
28 there but out of the solid waste fee. And Mr.
29 Stone's here and he can tell you about his search and
30 examination on that piece of equipment.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I'd like to hear
32 him, please, Mr. Chair.
33 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
34 GRACIE FLOYD: If it meets with your
35 approval.
36 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
37 MR. STONE: As far as the listing that
38 you are referring to, that list was presented before
39 we had the meeting that night when we were asked to
40 do the vacuum truck. Since then, it has been
41 submitted to administration on my recommendation.
42 However, it was looked into as a -- I believe you're
43 looking at a county-wide thing which was going to go
44 under solid waste department. That really made the
45 scope of it a lot larger than what I had --- I
46 believe that's where we're at.
47 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry, go ahead, Ms.
48 Floyd.
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Have we found one yet?
50 MR. STONE: As far as a machine?

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

2 MR. STONE: Yes, ma'am. There's
3 plenty of machines. It just depends on which way we
4 go about it as far as whether we're going to go
5 county-wide or we're just going to do a little
6 section here or there, because that's going to depend
7 on what we get.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I was the only
9 district that requested that and I haven't heard any
10 of the other Council members mention that this was
11 needed in their districts.

12 MR. STONE: No, ma'am, I'm not aware
13 of that. I just know what I was asked to do.

14 RUSTY BURNS: Also, Ms. Floyd, if you
15 don't mind, we also were looking at a private
16 contractor, rather than purchase that piece of
17 equipment. Could we call somebody in at certain
18 times of the year, would that be less expensive for
19 us and we can actually do that call on demand.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, anything that's
21 going to save the county money but yet meets the
22 purpose or the intent of the machine is okay with me.
23 But when are we going to zero in and make a
24 difference -- I mean make a decision. You know, it's
25 August now. And we're going to be looking for that
26 piece of material soon.

27 RUSTY BURNS: And we're in the process
28 of trying to find a private contractor who would do
29 that. That is an on-going project right now is
30 somebody who would do that. Even if we had to assist
31 an existing company, say somebody was in the tree
32 business or something like that, to assist them to
33 get in that business. Not with a financial
34 contribution from the county, but with the
35 possibility of a contract to do this type of work.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

37 RUSTY BURNS: That's precisely where we
38 are.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. Chair,
40 thank you.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Stone. Ball park,
42 what kind of money we talking? I know you talking
43 from a small piece of equipment up to a larger one.
44 What's the price range?

45 MR. STONE: The one that I had looked
46 up was about twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars.
47 That's a tag-along trailer to pull behind an existing
48 chipper truck. We just buy one piece of equipment.
49 But after it turned into this, we had to look into a
50 vac truck which ---

1 TOMMY DUNN: Talking about the city
2 would have?

3 MR. STONE: --- five to ninety
4 thousand dollars per piece of equipment.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thank you.
6 Appreciate it. Anybody else have anything for Mr.
7 Stone? Thank you, Mr. Stone. Appreciate you.
8 Anybody got anything else? Question or comments?
9 Ms. Wilson?

10 CINDY WILSON: I was just going to point
11 out that I had talked with our Administrator earlier,
12 too, and all of these items will be coming back after
13 they've been thoroughly reviewed by Mr. Stone and we
14 will be reviewing them with everyone's input, too,
15 before they're actually purchased. Thank you.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
17 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
18 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
19 unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Stone. Appreciate it.
20 Ms. Davis, don't hurry off, we wasn't through.

21 Moving on, Item number 12, report from the
22 Planning and Public Works Committee. Ms. Wilson.

23 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
24 This is our report from the Planning and Public Works
25 Committee meeting composed of Mr. Waters, Mr. Cole
26 and I that met on August 11th, 2015 at one p.m.

27 The first item on our agenda was the review
28 of chapter 7 of the County Comprehensive Land Use map
29 and plan which is the transportation component. Our
30 county transportation system covers transportation
31 choices including automobiles, pedestrian, biking,
32 public transportation, airplane and rail facilities.
33 This system includes a network of local roads,
34 collector roads, arterial roads, highways and the
35 Anderson County regional airport. Our public
36 transportation system is currently operated by
37 contract with the city of Anderson, the Electric City
38 Transit. As transportation systems are not confined
39 to roads, strategies to maximize the efficiency of
40 the county's roads network while encouraging
41 alternative transportation choices to reduce our
42 dependency on automobiles are under consideration.

43 Anderson County currently operates and
44 maintains over fifteen hundred roads -- miles and
45 over a hundred and thirty bridges and over five
46 hundred and seventy large drainage culverts. These
47 figures do not include state and federal roads.
48 Anderson County road reconstruction paving and
49 improvement lists, bridge and culvert project lists
50 were noted. An important part of a well planned

1 roadway network is the relationship and hierarchy of
2 roads to land use. All roads in the county are
3 classified on the basis of their traffic carrying
4 capabilities, their general function in the
5 circulation system and the existing land use of
6 abutting properties. The classification group use
7 included minor local, major local, collector, and
8 arterial roads and were defined. Public transit
9 currently consists of the Gold and Orange routes.
10 The Gold Route covers the south end of town, Homeland
11 Park. The Orange Route picks up at Wal-Mart on the
12 Liberty Highway and carries passengers to Tri-County
13 Tech in Pendleton. The Clemson Area Transit picks up
14 from Pendleton. Senior Solutions serves some of the
15 under-served needs in areas such as Belton, Honea
16 Path, Iva, Pelzer, Starr, and Williamston. The
17 addition of a Dial-a-Ride program may in the future
18 provide for further needs. Updates on Long Road and
19 Blake Dairy Road bridge replacements were given.
20 Plans for transportation and recreation bicycle and
21 multi-use paths begun fifteen to twenty years ago
22 have begun being implemented. The inventory of
23 multi-use paths, such as the East-West Parkway
24 connecting residential, commercial and medical
25 destinations is increasing. We noted that the
26 Clemson University Fants Grove Trailhead with
27 approximately forty miles of mapped and marked trails
28 is in Anderson County. Plans for the Saluda River
29 Blue Trail with launch and portage accesses, and
30 parallel land trails will connect the Powdersville
31 area eventually through Piedmont, Pelzer, West
32 Pelzer, Williamston, Belton to Honea Path. Clemson
33 and Pendleton built and plans to build more trails
34 and paths, some connecting to the Advanced Material
35 Research Park. Anderson University's Rocky River
36 Conservancy is hosting education and recreation on
37 its four hundred acres of swamp and wetland. The
38 Parker Bowie Foundation in Starr has nine hundred
39 acres with trails. Also open to the public. Rail
40 and freight facilities and infrastructure represent
41 important contributions to the economic vitality of
42 the Upstate with links to the South Carolina Inland
43 Port and to the port of Charleston. CSX, Greenville
44 and Western Railroad Company, Pickens Railroad
45 Company, and Norfolk Southern provide this form of
46 transportation.

47 Anderson County's regional airport operates
48 as a special revenue fund with a goal of becoming
49 financially self-sustaining. We have two asphalt
50 runways, one at six thousand feet long by a hundred

1 and fifty feet wide. And the second one at forty-
2 nine hundred ninety-six feet long and a hundred and
3 fifty feet wide. Oversight is provided by the
4 airport advisory board comprised of seven members,
5 who are appointed by each Council member. Among the
6 airport's many features are category one instrument
7 landing system for all weather operations, flight
8 training, fueling, pilot services, aircraft
9 maintenance and storage, air cargo services, law
10 enforcement, emergency medical services, recreational
11 flying, etcetera.

12 The trucking industry continues to dominate
13 movement of most types of freight. Anderson County
14 is home to thirteen trucking companies. Regional
15 transportation planning and support is composed of
16 several entities including ANATS, which is the
17 Anderson Area Transportation Study, which is the
18 Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Anderson
19 urbanized area, serving the cities of Anderson and
20 Belton. G-PATS is Greenville Pickens area
21 transportation study and that's the metropolitan
22 planning organization for the Greenville urbanized
23 area, also covering part of Anderson County including
24 Pelzer, West Pelzer, Pendleton and Williamston. G-
25 PATS and ANATS are designated recipients of state and
26 federal funds for transportation projects. Mr. Holt
27 Hopkins provided our committee with an update
28 concerning recent Anderson Transportation financial
29 deliberations. The transportation committee agreed
30 to match Anderson County's two point three million
31 dollars with their one and a half million dollars to
32 go towards the county's road improvement plan. And
33 also awarded the county another two hundred and fifty
34 thousand for the Martin Road relocation to
35 accommodate TTI's new facility.

36 Our committee voted three to zero to accept
37 the revisions and updates to the transportation plan
38 which will now go to the Planning Commission for
39 their input and back to County Council for final
40 approval with public hearings. The sign up date
41 involved our county's Planning Department has met
42 with all the tract home builders who were chronically
43 violating our county sign ordinance. A system of
44 compliance and accountability has been established.
45 The kid venture playground, with its history,
46 assessments of condition and safety work in progress
47 and possible long term solutions were presented by
48 Mr. Glenn Brill. In the late '90's funds were raised
49 by many local citizens to build this wonderful
50 children's venue. The county recently has addressed

1 needed repairs and placed a new layer of mulch. Mr.
2 Brill is engaging the Rotary Club and other
3 organizations to raise funds to replace and upgrade
4 playground equipment. There will be more plans and
5 discussions presented soon.

6 Under new business, Mr. Waters provided an
7 overview of youth athletic needs and concerns; some
8 of which we will be hearing about more soon. Also
9 under new business the committee looked at the
10 recommended revisions to chapter 6 article 3, Height
11 Limitations of Anderson County Code of Ordinances and
12 that's dealing with the airport area. Some
13 clarifications were requested. Some additions to use
14 restrictions such as drones and lasers were made.

15 The 2015 Community Forestry Financial
16 Assistance Program was explained. More volunteer
17 groups were named and added in pursuit of more
18 community input.

19 This concludes the Planning and Public Works
20 report and a big thank you to our fellow Council
21 members who worked on this, our county staff and we
22 have some wonderful citizens who are working in these
23 areas of concern, which makes our county even better.
24 Thank you.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

26 Moving on to item number ---

27 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair, could I ask a
28 question just more or less for the record? You
29 mentioned certain dollar amounts for road work. Can
30 we get -- Mr. Burns, I'm hearing several different
31 numbers. Explain to the public what we're going to
32 have coming in in dollars for road repair this year.

33 RUSTY BURNS: Off the top of my head,
34 Mr. Allen, we will have seven and a half million
35 dollars that is one time appropriation from the
36 state, which will be used on state secondary roads,
37 which the bulk of roads in cities and towns are state
38 secondary roads. We worked with all of the towns,
39 city of Anderson and with all the members of Council
40 to compile a list that we presented to the Anderson
41 County Transportation Committee for them to examine.
42 Council, to the best of my recollection, pledged a
43 million and a half dollars -- going from memory --
44 towards new road construction. The -- I don't think
45 that's the right number -- but I will check. But the
46 Anderson County Transportation Committee gave us one
47 point five million dollars to go along with what the
48 County Council approved. So, I'm a little shaky on
49 that first number, but I'll exam and give you a
50 breakdown.

1 TOM ALLEN: But overall ---
2 RUSTY BURNS: But overall we're going to
3 have more money on roads in Anderson County than
4 we've had in probably fifteen years.
5 TOM ALLEN: That's what I wanted to
6 make a point of and especially with the recession
7 that we've been in for the past several years. This
8 is the first year we're actually going to have a
9 significant amount of money to do something with
10 roads, though. So hopefully that will patch some of
11 the holes out there.
12 RUSTY BURNS: And one of the things --
13 you know, a road goes through a town, but it also
14 goes through the county. So some of our lists that
15 members of Council have submitted coincide with lists
16 presented by the towns.
17 TOM ALLEN: Okay.
18 KEN WATERS: Mr. Chair.
19 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, Mr. Waters.
20 KEN WATERS: Mr. Dunn and Holt Hopkins
21 will be arm wrestling at Balloons Over Anderson for
22 that money.
23 CINDY WILSON: If you don't mind, check
24 my numbers, I may have transposed that -- was it two
25 point three million from the Transportation Committee
26 or one point five?
27 RUSTY BURNS: It was two point five --
28 excuse me, it was one point five from the
29 Transportation Committee tacked on to the seven and a
30 half from the state.
31 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.
32 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now, Request
33 from Council members from the Recreation or Paving
34 request. Mr. Waters?
35 KEN WATERS: ???
36 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters has nothing at
37 this time. Mr. Allen?
38 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, I would like
39 to take five hundred dollars from my recreation fund
40 to support the Sister Cities program, for five
41 hundred dollars.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Put that in the form of a
43 motion. Have a second? Second Ms. Wilson. Any
44 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
45 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
46 carries unanimously. Mr. Allen, anything else?
47 TOM ALLEN: That's all.
48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd?
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I would like to
50 allocate from District 2's account, I would like to

1 allocate two thousand dollars to the Balloon Over
2 Anderson. That's the name of it, isn't it?
3 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Got a blank. With the
5 possibility of allocating more as we go along. And I
6 would like to allocate one thousand dollars to the
7 Broadway Lake for their family festival. Put that --
8 both of them in the form of a motion.
9 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second?
10 TOM ALLEN: Second.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
12 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
13 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
14 carries unanimously. Anything else Ms. Floyd?
15 GRACIE FLOYD: No. I have a question
16 about something else.
17 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: May I ask the question?
19 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
20 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I noticed that we
21 were requesting funds for another association, but I
22 understand that it is not a non-profit. Can we do
23 that?
24 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, I think so. Which
25 one is this?
26 GRACIE FLOYD: The Sister Cities
27 Association. They said we are a membership
28 association and not a non-profit.
29 TOMMY DUNN: I think that's -- I think
30 I've checked on that. I still think it's fine, I
31 think it's been done in the past if I'm not mistaken.
32 You check on it, Mr. Burns?
33 RUSTY BURNS: It's been done in the
34 past, Mr. Chairman, but I will check on that status.
35 TOMMY DUNN: And Mr. Harmon, you check
36 on that and make sure, because if it ain't legal we
37 can't do it anyway. But I'm pretty sure it is off
38 the top of my head.
39 LEON HARMON: Yes, I will take a look at
40 that, Mr. Chairman.
41 FRANCIS CROWDER: It is.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anything else?
43 GRACIE FLOYD: No. That's all I had.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Mr. Cole?
45 MITCHELL COLE: Nothing at this time.
46 Thank you.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Cole. Mr.
48 Crowder?
49 FRANCIS CROWDER: From my recreation account
50 give five hundred dollars to the Block Party.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Put that in the form of a
2 motion. Have a second?
3 CINDY WILSON: Second.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Cole. Any
5 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion
6 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
7 motion carries unanimously. Mr. Crowder, anything
8 else?
9 FRANCIS CROWDER: That's it. Thank you.
10 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder.
11 Ms. Wilson?
12 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
13 District 7's rec account appropriations, we would
14 like to make a motion for three hundred dollars to
15 the town of Honea Path to administer the Parent
16 Exchange program. And also, five hundred dollars to
17 Clemson Extension Service for their annual 4-H
18 Livestock Show. And that's in the form of a motion.
19 Thank you.
20 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion and second.
21 Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
22 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
23 carries unanimously.
24 District 5's recreation account, like to
25 take five hundred dollars to the Sister Cities. And
26 also five hundred dollars to the Block Party. Put
27 that in the form of a motion.
28 MITCHELL COLE: Second.
29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Cole. Any discussion?
30 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of
31 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
32 carries unanimously. Mr. Allen, go ahead.
33 TOM ALLEN: Wasn't the Block Party up
34 at the last Council meeting?
35 TOMMY DUNN: It was up about two or
36 three Council meetings ago and I didn't give no
37 money. I said I would think about it. That's when
38 what you call it. Yeah. And he asked Mr. Crowder --
39 specifically asked -- I really do like this what Ms.
40 Kim's done about these things, but all Council
41 members was asked for this several -- it wasn't last
42 meeting; it was like two or three meetings ago.
43 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, because I thought I
44 had given to that. Thank you. Answers my questions.
45 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thanks. Anything
46 else? Don't wake him up no more.
47 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Dunn?
48 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir, Mr. Crowder?
49 FRANCIS CROWDER: May I change my mind?
50 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

1 FRANCIS CROWDER: From District 1's rec
2 account, I'd like to give two hundred and fifty
3 dollars to the Sister City to help our distinguished
4 colleague's programs down in his area.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Put that in the
6 form of a motion. Do we have a second? Second Mr.
7 Cole. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion
8 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
9 motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Crowder.

10 Now we'll be moving on to Item number 14,
11 Administrator's Report. Mr. Burns?

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

14 TOMMY DUNN: You want to go back there
15 in the corner and think about it? Item number 15,
16 Citizen Comments.

17 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, there are no
18 citizens signed up.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Are you sure? This is
20 unbelievable.

21 Now we're moving on to remarks from Council
22 members. Ms. Wilson?

23 CINDY WILSON: Just a quick thank you to
24 everybody and to note that I had an acquaintance
25 who's moved here from New York recently and a lot of
26 folks from out of state moving into South Carolina
27 and particularly into Anderson County. And they have
28 so many nice things to say about the county
29 government, the county citizens, the warmth and the
30 hospitality that they are treated to here. So I
31 think things are just really going well for our
32 county. It's nice. Thank you.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
34 Mr. Crowder?

35 FRANCIS CROWDER: I have nothing other than
36 ask the two distinguished members of the Finance
37 Committee meeting, can you be available for a Finance
38 Committee meeting not this Thursday, but next
39 Thursday at one o'clock? September -- oh ---

40 TOMMY DUNN: August. About the 29th or
41 something, ain't it? 22nd? 27th.

42 FRANCIS CROWDER: 27th. Is that a yes for
43 you? All right, thank you. Mr. Burns, note that
44 both -- all three parties have agreed to one o'clock.
45 Thank you.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Cole?

47 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chairman, Council, I,
48 too, ran into a gentleman from Pennsylvania this
49 weekend and he was very complimentary of everything
50 going on in the entire state, how well we work

1 together, the economic development. He had, I think
2 he'd been on a tour of the BMW plant. So, we're
3 being recognized.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Good. Thank you, Mr.
5 Cole. Ms. Floyd?

6 GRACIE FLOYD: Not only are we being
7 recognized; we're being copied. I don't know how
8 many of you read the state newspaper, but you were
9 given a excerpt of it today, not excerpt, something
10 today about it. But Cayce is tearing down houses in
11 their overcrowded, dilapidated houses district, and
12 where do you think they got that idea? We did it
13 first. Anderson County came up with the idea. May I
14 please go on notice to say Anderson County District 2
15 came up with the idea three or four years ago. The
16 first year, we just did what we could. Second year
17 we put aside some money to do it. Third year we put
18 aside even more money to do it. And now, guess who's
19 doing it now? Cayce, near Columbia, South Carolina
20 are razing houses. And I tell you the truth when I
21 read the article, it felt like they think they've
22 discovered bread. They may need to visit us a little
23 more often, okay?

24 And, something I saw that came out of the
25 Mitchell Graham Award in South -- at the beach, all
26 right, at the Association of Counties, I really,
27 really liked. And I think it won first place. Mr.
28 Burns, are you familiar with what -- with the first
29 place winner? I liked that idea. What they did was
30 when -- I think it was in Barnwell, am I correct?
31 What they did is when they have a lot of storms and
32 power outages, they have set up stations in different
33 communities where people could go to plug up their
34 telephones or to plug up other things that's needed
35 in different communities. For example, if your
36 electricity has been off for a while, you can take
37 your phone there and plug it up until you get the
38 amounts needed and take it back. But it also did
39 some other things. But I thought that was a
40 wonderful idea. And I'm hoping it's something that
41 our emergency preparedness people will look into.
42 That's all I have. Thank you.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. Mr.
44 Allen?

45 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, just a quick second.
46 I might wax philosophical for just a second or two
47 because it's been mentioned twice tonight about new
48 people moving into the area. I think the face of
49 South Carolina is changing and I've said this over
50 the past several years since I've been on Council.

1 People have wondered why I voted certain ways on
2 certain things and it wasn't conservative enough for
3 some people. It's because my district encompasses a
4 lot of lake area. I've got a lot of people that have
5 moved in from all over the country. They might have
6 a different mindset than some of the people that have
7 lived here for -- their families go back two and
8 three hundred years here in South Carolina. But the
9 political face of South Carolina and Anderson County
10 is changing. And I would say just keep in mind over
11 the next ten years, I think you're going to see a
12 very dramatic change in the way this -- the layout of
13 the political scene is. And I just wanted to note
14 that for no other reason than a couple of people have
15 mentioned about new folks moving in and indeed they
16 are and they're looking at different aspects and
17 different ideas than what's been looked at in
18 Anderson County in the past. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Mr.
20 Waters?

21 KEN WATERS: Just to add to the
22 community growing, last month there were seventy-nine
23 single dwelling houses permits pulled. That's just
24 the single dwelling houses at the top of the list
25 from our codes department. So, we are growing. The
26 second thing I'd like to talk about is lot of good
27 things happening in Anderson County. Went to a
28 Jamboree the other night where all of the high school
29 teams played. I think we're going to have a good
30 year for football in Anderson County. Matter of
31 fact, I've got a prediction that one of our teams
32 will be the state champions in their league.

33 TOMMY DUNN: We don't want to claim
34 that, we want to wait just a bit. Westside -- we
35 don't want to claim it right yet.

36 KEN WATERS: There you go, I wasn't
37 going to mention the name. You had to ... But I
38 think we've got some very fine young men and it's
39 looking good. Not to mention our college teams, but
40 I'll mention them anyway. It's looking very good. I
41 enjoy sports, all of it. And we just finished up the
42 Little League World Series in the Upstate. We always
43 have a good showing for that in that in the Upstate.
44 But just to touch on that, the high school teams --
45 if you're wanting some excitement this year, I think
46 all of them are going to do very well and always
47 enjoy going to those. Mr. Harmon seen me at some
48 sporting events. I really enjoy them, don't I?

49 That's all I have, Mr. Chairman, thank you.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters.

1 Want to say, I was given the thing -- messed up Ms.
2 Floyd's thing give me tonight. I want to remind
3 everybody, I know there'll be some more thing on this
4 nice flyer here. Saturday, September 26th from ten
5 to two, Responsible Dog Ownership day. A group from
6 the Clemson Kennel Club, I'm sure we all remember
7 them -- remember them back -- be second year in a row
8 they've done this. They've got some nice things;
9 schedule of events. And be out there, if anybody can
10 just stop in and say, hey, appreciate it. And I
11 think the kind of stuff like this is -- they're
12 volunteers doing this, trying to help the community.
13 Things like this I think is what makes Anderson
14 County special and good.

15 I, too, the past, since we met last, the
16 past week, met some folks from Utah who come in here
17 looking at First Quality. Very complementary of
18 Anderson County and the Southern hospitality they was
19 showed. And very proud of that. And doing that and
20 I just want to say I want to appreciate the Council
21 and all what y'all said tonight and other folks have
22 said what's happening around Anderson -- what's doing
23 -- goes to show you what you can do when you work
24 together. Work with our school districts, our people
25 in the state legislature, our fellow delegation, we
26 can get things done. It's all a team effort to make
27 Anderson County a better place.

28 And we're heading in the right direction,
29 really look forward got some great things coming up,
30 especially on the job front, I think with getting
31 people trained up for jobs and we've got to be
32 proactive and keep that in mind and not be keep
33 revving up and not be complacent. If you do, our
34 County right up neighbor to us to the North is ready
35 to pounce on us and take advantage of us. And think
36 the world of them, but I want the folks from Oconee
37 to have to drive to Anderson instead of the other way
38 around. And appreciate that, appreciate all the
39 Council members. Meeting be adjourned.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.)