

MS. KINLEY: May I ask about we mentioned a while ago somebody did about the voter registration. Are we looking at doing anything for them? I know you were looking at some other buildings, but I'm just, off the budget a little bit, but that's still important and I wonder where we are with that?

MR. HINELY: That's still in the back of our mind and we're looking and we kind of looked at a couple of buildings and we haven't really zeroed in on anything yet, but we haven't forgotten them. But one thing that they forget too is that we've really done a lot for them in the last few years, too.

MS. KINLEY: I know we have.

MR. HINELY: And we're making some improvements in that area and yes, we're trying to be sensitive to their needs.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And whatever happened about that thought of putting a T or L on the maintenance building in the middle of the parking lot and just add a section for them out of cement block? This would not be real expensive.

MR. HINELY: In our improvements to the building, we are going to try to make some improvements to help them and stuff like that.

MS. KINLEY: Some of that is in there?

MR. HINELY: Nobody's ever going to get everything they want.

MS. KINLEY: I know, but I'm just concerned those machines need to be under lock and key.

MR. HINELY: And one other thing, too, and I know you all didn't ask me to take this necessarily, but I met Wednesday with representatives of the cable company about internet access for people and stuff like that. And one of the things I said was that it's really not a lot of rules for this, it's really kind of up in the air. I said, well, I, you know, I can't (inaudible) instead of trying (inaudible) everybody because subsidize somebody's home computer, at some point that subsidy's going to run out and then people are going to be looking to the county. I said, well, what I would recommend, and you all tell me, is when we look at the institutional buildings that either (inaudible) that'd be like Kelly Miller or some of these (inaudible) some of these school buildings to make sure we get internet access to them, then citizens could go there. Plus, your entire resident and they can fill in all the homes in between, plus all of our fire departments, EMS stations. You know, if nothing else, you know, as time goes on over the next few years, we could build some more rooms on there and people could come and do that. As internet access goes and begins to grow and (inaudible) download (inaudible) here so we don't have to wait for somebody to drive halfway across the county and I mentioned that to Mr. Chairman the other day (inaudible) trying to get some of these things to get a little bit here, a little bit here, and a little bit here.

MS. KINLEY: Good.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Anybody else?

MR. MARCHARIA: I have a question, Mr. Chairman. I've been trying to find in here the budget going back to recreation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right.

MR. MARCHARIA: Several years when that \$500,000 was voted on and we had purchased a building system and those remaining funds. Where is that on here? I cannot find it.

MS. JOHNSON: Recreation capital is in fund 804. Page 162. Because this is a revenue and expenditure report, it's not going to show fund balance, what the balance is. It's just going to show the expenditures.

MR. MARCHARIA: And we've spent maybe 200-something thousand dollars out of that fund for that purpose?

MS. JOHNSON: It was actually a fund balance starting off at \$475,000, and then when it was originally budgeted. And the first year we didn't spend any money and then, of course, again, I'm going by memory. We had a computer in here and they got it from me, it was defective. So when I looked at the last budget work session by recollection there was \$378,000.

MR. HINELY: Some of that recreation study came out of that money, too. You know, that's what the purpose of that was for was to do a study.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Have you backed out the legal fees on that yet?

MR. HINELY: Backed out the legal fees and all of that kind of stuff.

MR. MARCHARIA: And the bathroom at Monticello come out of that, too, didn't it, Mr. Anderson?

MR. ANDERSON: It did.

MR. MARCHARIA: Why wasn't that expressed then? I mean, where were the funds coming from? Because that's not what we voted to appropriate it from. It's not my understanding that's what we voted to use those funds for that particular purpose, if we did. And I wasn't aware where the funding was coming from. And you're saying out of that \$500,000, we only have \$300-something left?

MR. HINELY: Well, we bought the building, got involved in a lawsuit, we've done part of that money, if I recall, was to do a study, which the Recreation Commission said they did, which they never did produce a copy. So when it came under the county, I (inaudible) getting the high price study, you know, \$2 million or whatever, I got the COG to do it, kind of at their hourly rate and we spent some money on that, but the majority of it's gone for that building.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And the study's not done yet.

MR. HINELY: No, and the study's not done yet. So we had to put in a \$25,000 deposit on the building from day one. Then we wound up paying what \$78,000 for the building. There's \$100,000 right there.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And the transportation cost also, wasn't it?

MR. HINELY: We can give you a list of everything (inaudible)

MR. MARCHARIA: I would like to have that broken down.

MR. HINELY: That's not a problem.

MR. MARCHARIA: So, so, so it was appropriate to use that money we voted for recreation to use it for the legal purposes is that what you're saying?

MR. HINELY: When we got involved in the lawsuit, that's how we paid attorneys.

MR. MARCHARIA: Can we do that?

MR. HINELY: Yes, sir.

MR. MARCHARIA: Can we take money that is appropriated for something else without coming back to Council or whatnot and say well, we had this for the Sheriff's Department, but we think we'll use it to pave roads on another district?

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, the lawsuit concerned the buying of the building. We would not buy the building, and they said, "Well, we'll sue you and you'll have to pay for the building plus the legal fees and something else." And we negotiated with the money that we spent for the lawyers were recreation. It just wasn't legal fees for just lawyers doing the landfill or something else.

MR. HINELY: We got involved in another lawsuit with the recreation department, which we paid out of. We didn't pay any of this out of that. That comes out of the general fund. But because this was associated with that building and with that plan, we paid it out of that.

MR. MARCHARIA: I do hear you but that's not (inaudible) funds were appropriated for that you could take it out of the fund and not out of the general fund, because we're taking that money out of general funds to do projects.

MR. HINELY: And I think we've mentioned that several times at the Council meetings. I remember. But anyway, we'll get you the list.

MR. MARCHARIA: Now, I'm not saying you didn't remember it, I mean; I don't rely upon the memory if it is not written down on paper.

MR. HINELY: I understand.

MS. KINLEY: We had the Eau Claire Clinic gentleman to come last week to talk with us. I would like to know if Richland County gives them any funding also, if you all could check on that to see if Richland County gives them any money. And another thing is the teen institute, I thought we voted last year to let that go back under the school this year, and do they still have the teen institute program? I was told at one time that they were doing away with it, that I just thought that we said that it would go back under the school district this year, was that correct?

MS. KINLEY: To me, that's a school situation. We've gone through this again, but, I mean, right now with our budget as tight as it is, too, I wonder if we could let that \$27,000?

MR. HINELY: That thing has gone back and forth and back and forth.

MR. MARCHARIA: I don't think we support them enough. We give other organizations the stuff to help them, from literacy to our dog pound to our food to a whole lot of other areas where people can volunteer and do a whole lot of work and I think we're generous enough to say we want to help because there's a serious need. In fact, in this county, teenage pregnancy all across the country and this county is increasing exponentially.

MS. KINLEY: But I don't think they deal with teen pregnancy now, do they?

MR. MARCHARIA: Yes

MS. KINLEY: I thought they said they split that program with the school district.

MR. MARCHARIA: No.

MS. KINLEY: Are you all sure?

MR. MARCHARIA: No.

MR. PERRY: I'm like Mr. Marcharia; I don't think we support them enough.

MR. FERGUSON: They said they dealt with it and then Mr. Miller said they didn't deal with it because Ms. Budhoo was dealing with it.

MS. KINLEY: That's right.

MR. FERGUSON: On the council floor. The last report we had on the Council.

MS. KINLEY: What's her program, Y-O-U-T-H?

MR. MARCHARIA: Well, with the extent of the problems we had, if we had three or four agencies dealing with teen pregnancy, it wouldn't be enough. The same way while we have crime, (inaudible) ten police officers, they're still (inaudible) now talking about hiring five more police officers. (Inaudible) for people to deal with the issues as they arise.

MS. KINLEY: But money doesn't always solve the problem is what I'm just saying.

MR. MARCHARIA: You have police officers not even stop the crime; you're adding five more new officers.

MS. KINLEY: I know, but let's make sure it's effectively being done.

MR. MARCHARIA: I agree.

MS. KINLEY: And I had another one and I've forgotten the question.

MS. KINLEY: My other concern, Mr. Chairman, was last year, for the Palmetto Clinic, we made some required commitments from them we needed paperwork on. Mr. Hinely, did you ever get what you were asked to by Council?

MR. HINELY: I finally did.

MS. KINLEY: Palmetto Clinic.

MR. HINELY: Which one is that on this list?

MS. KINLEY: I'm looking; I can't see. It's \$50,000 I know, but I think Council told them last year unless they could comply and give you their audit or their figure work or whatever, that we would not give them the rest of that money for this past year.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, let me say this, we have received the audit and tonight the woman who runs that was supposed to be here and had to be in Marlboro County or somewhere, I don't know where.

MR. HINELY: She had some family emergency.

MS. KINLEY: Emergency.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And because that is the same organization when you're hoping will put a brand new facility over in the western side of the county.

MS. KINLEY: Right. I just wanted to know if we ever got satisfaction to get the paperwork we've asked for.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I know we had an audit in Mr. Hinely's office the other day.

MR. HINELY: I haven't given them the money, let's say that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Haven't given them any money yet, but anyhow, you know, we're also waiting to see what the proposal is.

MR. FERGUSON: Mr. Brown, do you know?

MR. BROWN: Don't know yet. Now, I mean, that's not up to us, that's one thing about it. It's up to them. But all we know is that we are going to lose the center that we've got because of lease limitations and such December 31st, I think is that not right? They're going to try to keep it centralized. They're also going to try to try to get a little bit more business out of VC Summer and be a provider for them in case of emergencies, etcetera, or I reckon for things like medical yearly.

MR. FERGUSON: Mr. Chairman, they have taken option on a piece of property to the right, if you go out 213 and turn right on 215, it is 6.7 acres of land up there on the right. Somebody was telling me about it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That's in Jenkinsville between the post office and convenience store?

MR. FERGUSON: No, turn right.

MR. MARCHARIA: No.

MR. FERGUSON: Turn north.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Turn north, 213.

MR. FERGUSON: Turn right.

MR. HINELY: That's not where they told me they were looking at, but, I'm glad.

MR. FERGUSON: Even though that's kind of one-sided, I would think, compared to the upper part of the western side of the county. That seem to be cutting them out of healthcare all together even with (inaudible) Clinic right next door to them in Jenkinsville.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. Well, next time she comes, she'll be here.

MR. HINELY: Well, I thought she would be here tonight. Page 55, it is item number 5944.

MR. HINELY: 5942 on page 55, item 5942. (Inaudible) we did not give them any money. We got their audit, had some of the same questions from the previous year, and we told them, we said, "Listen, you know, if you don't give us some kind of action plan to get this thing resolved, we're not going to get any money." And then they had some turnover in their personnel and stuff like that, but they assure me that they're getting it straightened out. I said, "Well, I'm assuring you that until it does, the County's not giving you all any money, you know."

MR. FERGUSON: Well, if it hadn't changed, then that's what we sat here and said on this Council, that we wasn't going to expend those funds if that audit didn't change.

MR. HINELY: Anyway, we're working with them. We're working with them.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That was a good many findings, put it that way.

MR. FERGUSON: Oh, well, year before last, it was a ton of them.

MR. HINELY: I think it's fewer; believe it or not, it's fewer than it was. Well, they're making some progress, but they're still not anywhere near where we think they need to be.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. Anybody got anything else?

MR. MARCHARIA: Let me just comment with Mikel and Mr. Ferguson. Of course there's an election tomorrow in Jenkinsville to incorporate. Well, after tomorrow. One of the three locations have been tentatively sited and if it do happen and if the county's incorporated, it'd be within the town limits of the town of Jenkinsville, the two mine sites is my understanding. And my only other issue, I don't know it's an issue, but it's certainly a question, that when we met with Mr. Hinely, I think they were talking somewhere in the proximity of \$1.5 million that they can get from the federal government because they had to buy the land, we couldn't. But I think initially we went to D.C. asking for \$1 million (inaudible) the healthcare. But that money that they would get, it's a loan and I wonder why they want to go get a loan when they could have probably got stimulus money or something for it. I mean, that's not our question, but that's a question for the community.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, I think the whole thing's been, Mr. Marcharia, from my understanding is they loan those organizations money and it's derived from (inaudible) and the government pays itself back (inaudible) Palmetto has the loan, but it's all government funded. And they know it works because they figured the clientele is almost identical to Eastover as far as a good company like Union Camp is right down the road and there is money and there is a need in the community. But anyhow, they figure it will generate about the same funds (inaudible) so (inaudible) \$1 million grant, no strings attached, they've still got strings, but the government paying through Medicare or whatever.

MR. FERGUSON: It's a yearly write-off. Every year they're in business, X amount of that loan goes away is the way it's written.

MR. MARCHARIA: My only other comment was to have another (inaudible) with Mr. Trapp was saying, if they relocate Century around Jenkinsville or wherever it's going to locate, I mean, in my district, I'd (inaudible) my 3,000 registered voters and another 1,000 or more residents, I mean, you have about the same amount and we're talking about at least a minimum of 4,000 people coming to work at (inaudible) power plant. You're talking about 10,000 people in that area alone as compared ... that's more than the Town of Winnsboro. You only have like 4,000 or 5,000 people here in Winnsboro. So having a health center there would certainly serve the purpose.

MS. ROBINSON: Page 53.

MR. ANDERSON: Salaries.

MS. ROBINSON: That's a decrease.

MR. ANDERSON: Good news.

MS. ROBINSON: Good news.

MR. ANDERSON: All right. We had a person to retire; we all know who that was. We moved a person into that position, salary was less, we hired a person to fill her position, salary was less than hers, and then we took a look at how we paid that department. As you probably can remember, we paid that department based on work 36, get paid for 40. But any time a person took vacation, sick time, personal time, whoever filled in for them was overtime. So we went and figured out a new schedule, three days on, three days off, three people on the shift. That way if one was off, two was working. It decreased.

MR. HINELY: Overtime, most of it. Short answer.

MR. ANDERSON: And that was along when Colonel Turner was here, we went through all that.

MS. ROBINSON: Page 55. What are we going to do about line 5912? Is that a mandate or just a request?

MR. HINELY: That's a request and I'm sorry, I meant to check into that, Ms. Robinson. When we got the budget, it was before I got the news (inaudible). I didn't hear until about a week or so ago that he was leaving, so that's on our radar. We'll go back and identify (inaudible)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Check on that before the next budget meeting because I understand the secretary was staying and they have one day a week person, etcetera, but I know that the first thing the State cut as far as colleges were the extension programs, so from what I understand as far as anybody retiring out, they're not being replaced throughout the state.

MR. HINELY: That would mean like if somebody, you know, we share with them and somebody has to pay a portion of their salary, but, we got this before we got the other information. (Inaudible)

MR. FERGUSON: The thing of it is, though, Mr. Hinely, if we were paying rounded up \$36,000 for a full-time person, and you know, not only am I looking at not giving them three more thousand for an increase, but that should decrease. If we're going to have one once a week.

MR. FERGUSON: We should divide that by five and that should be a good round number.

MR. HINELY: I don't think that's all their salary. That's some other paper and pencils. I'll check and find out what makes the detail on that.

MS. ROBINSON: 5920, is that based on the number of students we send or is that a request or a mandate? How did they come up with that request?

MR. HINELY: It's a function of the students and then their request and what happens is Mr. Brown, Mr. Ferguson, some people who have been here for a long time when we negotiated that thing with them that subsidizes the tuition for the children that go down there from here.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And what that is Richland and Lexington County has supplied the brick and the mortar

MS. ROBINSON: Right. I understand that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: But right now, they're also going to be coming up here in our new building more and more, so and helping with the curriculum also.

MR. FERGUSON: To answer the question, though, that is a percentage that the County agreed to pay when they went into that agreement to keep the folks going down there from paying out of county tuition. They pay the same thing that Richland and Lexington who's actually paying the bill down there. Our folks pay the same tuition.

MS. ROBINSON: And that just helps pay the increase in tuition.

MS. KINLEY: And the school district, Carolyn, pays a certain amount to that program (inaudible)

MS. ROBINSON: No, that's that other little college deal.

MR. FERGUSON: Middle College. They pay to the college, but not to the general college fund.

MS. ROBINSON: And we're going to put \$3,500 in that pot also for the middle college?

MR. MARCHARIA: What's the return for that for us?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Why are we going down on that? I mean, what was it last year?

MS. ROBINSON: Zero.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I thought we had a mid year appropriation to the mid college?

MR. HINELY: We had some money and where did we pick that up?

MR. CHAIRMAN: We had some mid year appropriations, plus we did the transit form.

MS. KINLEY: It's from the wrong account or something.

MR. HINELY: It wasn't in the original budget. It's coming out of something else.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It came out of your contingency, Mr. Hinely.

MR. HINELY: Probably did.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We asked if you had it and you said yes.

MR. FERGUSON: That's exactly what it did.

MR. HINELY: That's where it came from. The point is, we did pay it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Did we pay 35 or 75, what did we pay? That's what I want to know.

MR. HINELY: I want to say 35.

MR. FERGUSON: I think it was 3,000 or 3,500, one or the other.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, let's look into that between now and the next meeting.

MS. ROBINSON: Are we going to continue to provide transportation?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I would agree to that.

MS. KINLEY: I would, too.

MR. HINELY: I would say just nix the program if you don't because these children don't have any way (inaudible)...

MR. MARCHARIA: Mr. Chairman, if I might. I don't have any objection to not supporting any efforts around education, but over the last five years, I've asked for an itemized account of how many students actually leave this county and go to that technical college. I think Mr. Wright came one night and said "Well, you'll be glad to know, somewhere in the proximity of 300 students supposed to be leaving Fairfield County going there," and that's what this money is supposed to be attributed to, what I thought. And he said we will proud to know that 13 people graduated out of 300, and looking at that percentage. And all of them happen to be African American females. And I just happened to ask about what about African American men, as well as Caucasian men. I don't think it should be a matter of record. I don't think I ever got a response. But I've been asking for this information for over five years and I haven't gotten anything yet. And that's blatant disrespect towards me, if not this whole Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Hinely, call Dr. White and get him to give us a report, please.

MR. MARCHARIA: So how many students are they paying for transportation? Is it 300 or are we talking about a different number?

MR. FERGUSON: Oh, no, no, we don't pay for transportation. The middle college kids. That's the only people we pay for transportation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What Sonny White said was 300 the way he worded it, 300. But they do it three times quarterly. I mean, they're on a tri semester.

MR. FERGUSON: They're on a semester just like the college is now.

MR. HINELY: We can get Sonny to send us something.

MR. FERGUSON: You're right because that it is kind of confusing, but it was explained that he added all those semester hours up and it equated to one person was going X number of hours, so it was. You're right, Mr. Marcharia, the way he explained that, it probably needs to be broken down to just give us the number, the exact number.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And (inaudible) I'm very surprised, especially today, more and more people I come in contact with, I'm talking about people who are now unemployed, who are going down there and getting degrees in nursing and getting degrees in stuff because (inaudible) pay to go and by work force and transition center and everybody else I think, if they're laid off and then the State's giving them so much money to go back to school, it's a lot of people that will surprise you that are going, so I think that number is probably way up this year.

MS. ROBINSON: I happen to be a product of Midlands Tech, graduated at age 50.

MR. FERGUSON: It's a good school. It's a good alternative school.

MS. ROBINSON: Page 60. What page is that, 59?

MS. KINLEY: Ms. Robinson, before we leave that page, we're going to decrease the Red Cross.

MS. ROBINSON: We didn't? That went up on Red Cross, plus \$300.

MS. KINLEY: Approved \$2800 from what they requested \$6,000.

MR. HINELY: They requested \$6,000.

MS. ROBINSON: But we gave them \$2500 last year.

MR. HINELY: They got \$2500 last year and another \$300.

MS. KINLEY: But you feel like that's enough for them, then?

MR. HINELY: Well, they can use everything we give them.

MS. KINLEY: Didn't they come back in the middle of the year and ask for \$10,000 though, was it last year?

MR. HINELY: We gave it to them two years ago.

MS. ROBINSON: 59. Why don't we look at federal stimulus money for this?

MR. ANDERSON: We did. Ms. Robinson, I went over and talked to the State about their program had requirements. Income requirements of the parents and, in our program, which would rule out a lot of people that would be able to work this summer and participate. So we elected to do our program.

MS. ROBINSON: We couldn't do both?

MS. KINLEY: We're doing both.

MR. CHAIRMAN: They can go through work force?

MS. ROBINSON: The ones that would have qualified couldn't we have used?

MS. ROBINSON: They're going through the federal money?

MR. FERGUSON: This way we're getting probably twice.

MS. ROBINSON: Double dipping? That's all I wanted to know. Making sure we're taking advantage of it.

MR. HINELY: Good question. No, no, we are. Yes, ma'am. No, good question.

MS. ROBINSON: Next page, county loans. Is that money we're loaning to the water companies or what is this county loans?

MR. HINELY: No, this is some money.

MS. KINLEY: That long time ago deal.

MS. JOHNSON: This is principle and interest payments that we're making on our capital lease that we had a few years ago. We bought some equipment for EMS, Fire Board, and some equipment for public works.

MR. HINELY: One year when times were hard. We lease purchased rather than pay cash for it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Actually, at that time, we thought we had a pretty good rate.

MR. HINELY: At that time we had a great rate. Had a great rate.

MS. ROBINSON: What kind of interest are we paying?

MR. CHAIRMAN: We probably need to renegotiate that lease.

MR. HINELY: Well, we about got it paid off.

MR. FERGUSON: It should be close to being paid off.

MS. BROWN: The payments actually are being split between the general fund, EMS, and Fire Board.

MR. FERGUSON: When is the payout on that thing?

MS. BROWN: I'll check and see. I'll get back with you after break.

MR. HINELY: About three to five years.

MS. BROWN: It's five years.

MR. FERGUSON: I think it was a five year thing. This upcoming budget is probably going to be four, though.

MR. HINELY: This will probably be number four.

MS. ROBINSON: Next page, increase in salaries.

MR. ANDERSON: No matter how good sometime I think I am, I do make mistakes, and that was an administrative error when transposing the two recreations and closing them out, and I transposed some numbers wrong and Laura caught them for me.

MS. ROBINSON: So what's it supposed to be? Which side is supposed to be on?

MR. ANDERSON: The one the administrator approved. And it was some formulas that weren't adding up in our big spreadsheet correctly.

MS. ROBINSON: But in '09, it's 260,198. It's gone up \$6,000.

MR. HINELY: 260 is wrong.

MR. ANDERSON: 260's wrong. Some of my formulas wasn't adding up correctly and adding the right numbers in.

MR. HINELY: That's where the error is it's in the 209, not the 210.

MR. CHAIRMAN: After school program, is that where that money (inaudible)

MR. HINELY: What happens is these children pay to go to these programs and then we provide a lunch for them, so the County's not buying lunch. In effect, they're paying for their own lunch. But we have to show an expenditure, these two are used to net stuff out and (inaudible) they always show an expenditure over here and the revenue over here.

MR. HINELY: After school program, stuff like that.

MS. ROBINSON: Recreation brings in about \$58,000.

MR. MARCHARIA: Let me ask a question on that same page, 5232, 5240, other contractual services at \$27,500. What do you mean by other?

MR. FERGUSON: That the referees and umpires and all that?

MS. JOHNSON: Yes, actually, it is. And it's for any other type of contractual service that they may have that's not specifically detailed out.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Hinely, I'm going to bring this up one more time. If (inaudible) Park not cleaned up by the time this budget is voted on, I will vote against the recreation budget. That's what I'm talking about, not (inaudible) Shelton. I call it (inaudible) and it's Shelton Park, at the corner of 99 and Shelton Highway. It's thistle that tall growing in the park. And I've said this three meetings now. That park ain't been cleaned up and it still hasn't been cleaned up. I saw it yesterday.

MR. MARCHARIA: But I think that's a good suggestion, but I don't think everybody in the county should be penalized because a half an acre little park, a mini park at that, is not cleaned up, then everybody's going to be penalized.

MR. HINELY: Say it's a priority and we'll get it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have brought this up at three different Council meetings and (inaudible). It has yet to be done, so I don't know if the recreation budget needs to be cut, and somebody else's budget needs to be cut. What I'm telling you is the grass needs to be cut.

MR. HINELY: The grass will be cut.

MR. MARCHARIA: I thought I heard you say you just wouldn't vote for the whole budget around recreation at least unless I misunderstood you. But I agree with you, something needs to be done up there.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And it's our newest park, I mean, we got brand new playground equipment up there you can't even see it.

MS. ROBINSON: Then apparently nobody's trying to use it?

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, they tried, I believe.

MS. ROBINSON: They make MSM that it will kill weeds. Round-Up won't even touch this stuff. It will kill your weeds. I think it's MSM or something like that. You put it on your baseball fields and kill the weeds out and let the grass grow. Let's go back to page 27.

MR. MARCHARIA: Let me ask something, Ms. Robinson.

MS. ROBINSON: Yes, sir.

MR. MARCHARIA: I think I asked this before, if I didn't, let me make it clear this time. I think I asked the last time could I have a list at the inception of every park (inaudible) be recreation when these parks were actually initiated. I'm pretty sure I asked that question, the dates, when you can go back in the 70's for the one, Monticello Park probably.

MS. ROBINSON: Aren't they in that study?

MR. MARCHARIA: That these parks were created.

MS. ROBINSON: Wasn't it in that study?

MR. MARCHARIA: It was something, but I'll go back and look again. Page 27, isn't this public works and you all are calling it road maintenance?

MS. ROBINSON: Would 5325 be gravel, etcetera? They want to know why it's not down because apparently we're still working on peoples' private roads. The latest being, you all asked for a specific, 41, isn't that the road that you take at what we call Bass's at River Road at the turn? You go out there, you cross the interstate, and I think it's Good Hope where you turn where the tornado was a few years ago before you get out to Harrison. There's a road that goes back and I don't know the name of it. They've worked that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Rubber Tree Road.

MS. ROBINSON: No, that's not the name of it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I know it's something, but it used to be a rubber tree back in there and the name of it is something else.

MS. ROBINSON: There's nothing but a hunting club in there. They work it, shut the gate back. That's all that's there.

MR. ANDERSON: I heard about that this morning and Jason and I went out there to try to find that road. A citizen that called in and he told me that he had called you, but we'll go out there in the morning and I'll figure out what's going on.

MS. ROBINSON: That's just one of them. This has got to cease people.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It's Rubber Tree Road?

MS. ROBINSON: No, that's not the name of it. It has a sign up. It's going to be right in there close to where you turn to go back in where that the tornado was. It has a road right there and I'm like what's down there and they said nothing.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Heyward knows the name of it. The road where the old rubber tree was out there on 41.

MS. ROBINSON: No. Flint Hill's out on the river.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, on the River Road, 41.

MS. ROBINSON: No, you turn to the right. If I'm headed to the river, you turn to the right to go down where the tornado was. There's another road that turns across the road that you turn in. To the left.

MR. ANDERSON: Don't worry, I'll find it.

MS. ROBINSON: It has a lock on the gate. They go in and work it, nothing but a hunting club road.

MR. MARCHARIA: When you say they go in, who are they?

MS. ROBINSON: Your County employees.

MR. MARCHARIA: Excuse me.

MR. PERRY: If that's the case, I'd really like to know how that's getting by.

MR. FERGUSON: Durham Road?

MS. ROBINSON: No, Durham's when you cross 21.

MS. KINLEY: Check it out in the morning.

MS. ROBINSON: They just recently worked it. In fact, I printed your report and the latest one. I'd like to see what the March one was because I want to see because I know of at least two other roads they worked. And by the way, that road wasn't in your April report that they worked it. They're not putting everything in here that they're working. This has to cease. And I know Mr. ... that department's going to be upset with me, but this has to cease. If not, tell them to come work my road and everybody else's in the County.

MR. FERGUSON: Start with the churches, they don't even do churches.

MR. MARCHARIA: Just to piggyback on what Ms. Robinson said and I think Mr. Brown you had the problem, we're still having hunters in the hunting clubs come into public roads and putting up gates and stopping people from having access to their land and whatnot and we moved on that several years ago and had to have some gates tore down, but right off I don't know the name of the road right off of Last River, Crosby Lewis, there's a side road that goes up to St. John's Church, you have a road in there that's not even on the map. I went to the thing with Dennis Corporation, looked, (inaudible) don't even name that road and you have five or six houses in there. It's not even on the map; it's not even named.

MS. ROBINSON: We need to get a name on it.

MR. MARCHARIA: It's named, I can't think of the name of it, but it's never been on any of our charts. You know when you get off of Landis, come to 213 going west and you get to Landis Road. You make a left when you get to where Crosby Lewis is and there's a road right there that goes back up to St. John's Church.

MS. ROBINSON: Is that Anderson?

MR. MARCHARIA: Anderson Quarry Road, well, there's a road back in there where families live, all back in there, not even on the map.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I believe all that was private at one time, owned by the forest. And I don't know. I guarantee you none of it is deeded. I mean, that's just like Mount Hope Road. Mount Hope is not a deeded road, but the County uses it and it used to not be on any map either, but it got put on it. But there is no deeded access on Mount Hope Road. And that's the whole thing, a lot of these roads don't have deeded access which we are trying to correct before we pave them, but, you know, an adverse possession and things like that creates the use, but anyhow that probably has something to with private road owned by the Heyward family, Anderson family, or whoever.

MR. MARCHARIA: I'll take a look at it and get back and report to council what I know about it.

MR. PERRY: That's all I have.

MR. CHAIRMAN: In the ordinance, one thing that I think might be a little bit fair, we're wanting to have very many of them, but I still think it's going to be (inaudible) if you're building a house from \$100,000 to \$500,000 (inaudible) feet, plus \$3 for each additional 1,000, if you're building a \$500,000 house (inaudible) there's a \$1660 fee plus \$2 per 1,000, and jump from 260, 460, and 1660 (inaudible) almost (inaudible) over \$500,000. Page eleven. 940 is \$2, but 1660, that's four times as much.

(A short break was taken)

MR. CHAIRMAN: 8:41 P.M. *We're coming out of recess and going back into the budget work session for just a few minutes. At this time, does anybody else have anything else pressing as far as the budget?*

MS. ROBINSON: Not on the budget, but on the ordinance, one thing I've noticed is when we go over to the planning and zoning to have surveys approved, we pay \$5. All of the surrounding counties are charging \$10, a minimum of \$10 to have a survey approved. And they have to look at it; they have to stamp two that goes to the Clerk's office and sign off; and then they stamp two and keep it one for them and one for the assessor's office; and then write a receipt and whatever else goes on. And so \$10 I think is a reasonable fee for us.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That's a done deal. What page is that?

MS. ROBINSON: It's not in here. I mean, I don't know that it's in here. They have recording in the clerk's office, but I didn't actually see those fees in here. You didn't have it in here.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Actually, it's \$25 fee.

MS. ROBINSON: They let me get by with \$5 then.

MR. MARCHARIA: I'm not sure if this is relevant, but, Mr. Chairman, I guess as a question that I ask Mr. Hinely or the Council, when we have tax sales in the County I guess it's reported to the Treasury Department, they put it in the paper and whatnot and there's land and properties and building that's up for taxation, do we ever look at any of that and say would the County be interested in purchasing some of this for the County? The reason why I ask that, folks are somewhat furious about it, that nursing home that's right out here right there on Mossydale Greenbrier Road where they have a lot of problems, wasn't up for sale, but it was sold through I understand taxes and it's 17 acres. The County might to have wanted to purchase some land out in that area, I don't know if it's legal to purchase it through the County or even to bid, but it just crossed my mind that if we ever think about something like that, it might be real beneficial to the Council to have land. I know we purchased some land up another road, so that's one point. I don't know if the County has anything to do with it, SCE&G in terms of your night lights that we have all around our property, why can't they be like motion lights and save energy? Why, you know, it went up \$13, \$14 in paying lights, so is there another way to cut them lights off? They don't need to be burning all the time, right?

MR. HINELY: (inaudible) kind of counter-intuitive, Ms. Robinson knows more about this than I do, but typically and Mr. Brown, to buy property at a tax sale, you only buy a percentage of the property. You get a \$200,000 piece of property, if it's \$10 owed in taxes, you only get \$10 worth. It's like a pizza slice or something. And then you got to pay all these fees and then you got to get the title cleared. My advice is I wouldn't be getting into that business. And then on these lights, another thing that doesn't seem right, a lot of those, they use more energy when they first come on, and if you flip them on and flip them off, you actually spend more, especially these fluorescents. You know, you read about what are they called? CFLs or whatever, you go by my place, there's two lights burning all the time. Well, I got a dozen inside. I don't turn them off 24/7 and ... because they use most of the energy when they energize. And these high sodium lights, when they energize, that's when they use all the power. So, seems like you shouldn't leave them running all night, but actually it's better in the long run. And one other kind of a thing I'd like to mention (inaudible) well, I'll tell you all and then I'll tell him after. One of the things that I think that kind of makes everybody crazy (inaudible) sort of budget cut and I went through all that goofy thing about how the money had to be here and had to be here and all that kind of stuff, one of the things that we said is that we were trying to get some grasp of economic development, it was like \$4.5 million, but our share was only like \$1 million, we had to show the whole \$4.5 million. If you all don't have any objection, I'm going to take that out. We leave our net amount in there. But that'll cut out a lot of problems. Reclassify some of these recreation things. I'll have all that done by the next time you all meet and that way it takes out some of that just craziness. This accounting stuff, we'll keep up with behind, you know, behind here, make sure the audit's in compliance and all that kind of stuff, but it's something that you are never going to explain to people and I'm never going to explain it to them because they don't trust government to start off with. And we'll only be recording what we put in anyway, so it's really kind of immaterial.

MR. MARCHARIA: One last question.

MR. HINELY: If you all want to hold off on doing something and we'll come back to make those adjustments or whatever.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We've got another budget work session.

MR. MARCHARIA: Two.

MR. MARCHARIA: We have two more sessions.

MR. HINELY: The 18th?

MR. HINELY: Next Wednesday, the 20th.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And then we will have to re-advertise, so unless I call one for Wednesday.

MS. BROWN: Your second reading is what you can adjust.

MR. HINELY: Well, we can do it tonight or come back in and have another work session.

MR. MARCHARIA: I don't need another work session. We have two more scheduled is what I remember.

MR. FERGUSON: Monday and Wednesday of next week.

MR. HINELY: But, technically, if we don't do the second reading tonight, does that push us back?

MR. MARCHARIA: No.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We can do it Monday night. So why don't we?

MS. KINLEY: (Inaudible) third and final reading Monday and Wednesday next week before (inaudible)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Why don't we have a work session? All right. Monday night, are we going to have a meeting? All right. Let's just do the work session Monday night and let's schedule the second one.

MR. HINELY: I'll make those adjustments.

MS. ROBINSON: Postpone the second reading and have it at one of the other worksessions.

MS. KINLEY: Do the reading then at the second work session.

MR. HINELY: And I'll have those adjustments for that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Marcharia, do you have something to say?

MR. MARCHARIA: I just want to ask Mr. Hinely or Council if this is relevant. You know, more and more Americans are dropping their land lines and going whatever, do we lose taxes on that in terms of phone taxes or anything like that? I don't have Verizon. For land lines, we pay tax for land lines, don't we?

MR. HINELY: But that doesn't come to us. But we do get the \$1 for the 911, but most people then have a cell phone, so we get that.

At 8:50 P.M., It was moved by Council Member Robinson; properly seconded and unanimously approved by Council to come out of budget worksession and return to return session.

13. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M., upon the unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

RUSSELL DAVID BROWN
CHAIRMAN