Regular Council Meeting
January 12th, 2026
Council Chamber-Clemson City Hall

Public Hearing: Draft 2045 Comprehensive Plan

Call to Order: Mayor Halfacre at 6:15 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Smith

Members present: Mayor Halfacre presiding, Council Members Evans, Fulmer, Jones, Scott, Sherrill, and Smith.

Absent: None

Notification emailed: January 8, 2026 to the *Greenville News*, the *Journal*, the *Independent Mail*, the *Post and Courier*, the *Pickens Sentinel*, the *Easley Progress*, WSNW Radio, WYFF, WSPA, and Fox Carolina.

Public Session: Mayor Pro Tem Scott presiding. MyCivic comment from Stephanie Platt, 103 Mountain View Drive, regarding the nation's 250th birthday, potholes, the noise ordinance, and crime reporting.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the January 5, 2026 Regular Council Meeting were approved as presented.

Reports/Discussion

Discuss the Draft 2045 Comprehensive Plan. – Assistant City Administrator Nathan Woods explained that the next steps after the Comprehensive Plan include discussing neighborhood overlays, zoning studies, and height restrictions.

Receive a presentation of the City of Clemson's annual audit report for the fiscal year ending 2025 by a representative of Mauldin & Jenkins. – Finance Director Leslie Wilder introduced David Usefara from Mauldin & Jenkins. They issued a clean, unmodified opinion, which is the best a government can receive. Total assets were $193 million dollars, with total liabilities being $80.6 million dollars. That results in a net position of $114.5 million dollars with $25.3 million of that being unrestricted. This would equate to 10.4 months of expenditures available in fund balance, which exceeds our 6 month requirement. Robert Lee, 113 Pressley Drive, regarding grant fund accounting in the budget.

Present the budget variances for the Fiscal Year 2025 audited financial statements. – Finance Director Leslie Wilder presented the various budget variances. Many of these were due to timing or accounting requirements. Overall budget expenditures were still below revenues, so overall we are still under budget.

Discuss the nomination process for Black History Month and Women's History Month honorees. – Council Member Smith explained the process and noted the upcoming deadlines. Nominations will be open to the public.

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Discuss declaring patrol vehicle surplus. –Captain Matt Culbreath presented that these vehicles would be listed on Govdeals.

Discuss declaring service weapons surplus. –Captain Matt Culbreath presented that these guns would be traded in as part of a new service weapon purchase.

Staff Reports

City Administrator Andy Blondeau: The SCORF Grant was verified and we received $172,000. The brush grinding and recycling facility will be closed for the next 2 weeks due to pad repaving. There will be a Community Action Fund work session 2/16 at 5:30pm.

Community and Economic Development Coordinator Lindsey Newton: Explained that sponsorship applications for events are due by 2/27 so they can be reviewed during the budget process for next budget year.

Policy Action

Other Policy Items

Consider approving a contract with Clemson Cooperative Extension Service to remain a member of the Anderson and Pickens County Stormwater Partners. – Interim Utilities Director Dusty Hayes noted that this is a permit requirement, and nothing has changed since the last meeting. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve a contract with Clemson Cooperative Extension Service to remain a member of the Anderson and Pickens County Stormwater Partners. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Mayor-Council reports/comments/new business

Council Member Evans: Addressed comments on written statements.

Council Member Jones: Wanted to discuss the abstentions and voting ordinance.

Council Member Smith: is working on an event at the end of black history month.

Executive Session

Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to enter into Executive Session to Consider Appointments to City Boards and Commissions: Accommodations Tax Committee, Parks, Recreation, Arts, Culture, and Tourism Committee, Sustainability Committee; SC Code Section 30-4-70(a)(1). Discuss the Free Clinic sublease agreement with Healing Bridges; SC Code Section 30-4-70(a)(2). Vote on this motion was unanimous.

After discussion, motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously voted to exit Executive Session and return to the open session.

Following Executive Session,

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Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to appoint Bill Carraway, Michael Steele, Robert Kemp, and Brad Rauh for terms of 3 years to the Parks, Recreation, Arts, Culture, and Tourism Commission. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Council Member Jones made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to appoint Mary Ann Hill and Charity Poland for terms of 3 years to the Accommodations Tax Committee. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Council Member Sherrill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott, to appoint Robert Ellsworth for a term of 3 years to the Sustainability Commission. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

There was nothing to report regarding the Free Clinic sublease agreement with Healing Bridges.

There being no further business, a motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeremiah Jackson, MBL

Approved

By: _____

G. Robert Halfacre, Mayor

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