

**Regular Council Meeting
February 2nd, 2026
Council Chamber-Clemson City Hall**

Call to Order: Mayor Halfacre at 5:30 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Evans

Members present: Mayor Halfacre presiding, Council Members Evans, Fulmer, Jones, Scott, Sherrill, and Smith. Council Member Smith left at 6:35pm during executive session.

Absent: None

Notification emailed: January 29, 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. Comment from Stephanie Platt, 103 Mountain View Drive, regarding questions submitted. Comment from Colin Craig, 205 Tiliwa Ct, regarding crosswalks. Comment from Rupert McGinty, 206 N Clemson Avenue, regarding artificial intelligence.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the January 12, 2026 Regular Council Meeting were approved as presented.

Reports/Discussion

Receive a program update from Wreaths Across America. – City Administrator Andy Blondeau stated that this item has been postponed until March.

Discuss a text amendment to Chapter 2-47-f regarding abstentions. – Council Member Jones noted there were no changes from the previous meeting.

Discuss a proposed amendment to the townhouse definition in the Rental Housing Ordinance. – Zoning and Codes Administrator Jacob Peabody explained the reasoning for the change.

Staff Reports

City Clerk Jeremiah Jackson: Reminder about the Statement of Economic Interest due March 30th at noon.

Policy Action

Ordinances

Consider 1st reading of the Draft 2045 Comprehensive Plan. – Assistant City Administrator Nathan Woods noted that this process started back in 2023. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve 1st reading of the Draft 2045 Comprehensive Plan. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider 1st reading of the sublease agreements between the City and Clemson Free Clinic and between the Clemson Free Clinic and Healing Bridges Counseling Center. – Community Engagement Coordinator Lindsey Newton explained the lease term is 5 years with a \$550 monthly rent split

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evenly between the two agencies. Healing Bridges Counseling Center's goal is to be in place by March 1st. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve 1st reading of the sublease agreements between the City and Clemson Free Clinic and between the Clemson Free Clinic and Healing Bridges Counseling Center. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Other Policy Items

Consider declaring patrol vehicles surplus. – Captain Matt Culbreath presented that the vehicles will be placed on GovDeals if approved. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve declaring patrol vehicles surplus. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider declaring service weapons surplus. – Captain Matt Culbreath presented the weapons will be traded back in to the manufacturer. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve declaring service weapons surplus. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Mayor-Council reports/comments/new business

Council Member Evans: Thanked our City Staff for their hard work during the storm.

Council Member Jones: Made comments regarding the ethics policy and prewritten statements. The City Attorney noted that draft opinions are often written before votes in the legal world. He also detailed the state law regarding public comments. City Council would be the organization to enforce items from the ethics policy. He quoted a passage from a book by Dr. Brooks Williams called *Performative Outrage*.

Council Member Smith: Black History Month Luncheon on February 28th at 5pm at CAAAM.

Council Member Scott: Thanked our City Staff for their hard work during the storm.

Mayor Halfacre: Thanked our City Staff for their hard work during the storm.

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: Board of Zoning Appeals, Parks, Recreation, Arts, Culture, and Tourism Committee, Police Advisory Board; SC Code Section 30-4-70(a)(1) and discuss the City Attorney's Contract; SC Code Section 30-4-70(a)(1). 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,

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to appoint Naomi Gerakios and Tatjana Mai-Wyss for terms of 3 years to the Parks, Recreation, Arts, Culture, and Tourism Commission. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

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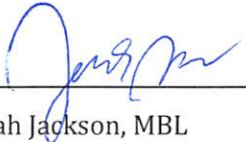
Council Member Sherrill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to appoint Paul Schleifer to a term of 1 year to the Police Advisory Board. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Council Member Jones made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to appoint Abbas Fiuzat, Thomas Wade Hawkins, and Shane Patrick Vaught for terms of 3 years to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve the City Attorney's Contract. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

There being no further business, a motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeremiah Jackson, MBL

Approved

By: 
G. Robert Halfacre, Mayor