

Regular Council Meeting
April 6, 2026
Council Chamber-Clemson City Hall

5:30 PM Work Session: Nathan Woods introduced Joe Minicozzi with Urban 3, who gave a presentation regarding his analysis of the economics of community design for Clemson. This analysis highlights the financial productivity of different land use and development patterns in Clemson and helps explain the impact of future development decisions on the community's fiscal health.

Call to Order: Mayor Halfacre at 6:45 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Smith

Proclamations: Fair Housing Month, National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Oath of Office: Telecommunicator/Jailer Araya Sykes

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

Absent: Council Member Scott

Notification emailed: April 2, 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 Halfacre presiding. Emilie Dooley, 119 Cambridge Drive, regarding wastewater. She also submitted 15 photographs for inclusion in the minutes. Rupert Mcginty, 206 N Clemson Avenue, regarding mosquito spraying. Robert Lee, 113 Pressley Drive, regarding DEI.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the March 16, 2026 Regular Council Meeting were approved as presented.

Reports/Discussion

Receive a presentation regarding Clemson University housing. - Vice President of Student Affairs Doug Hallenbeck was not able to attend due to a family emergency so this item was postponed.

Discuss Sponsorship Applications. - City Administrator Andy Blondeau presented the different applications that were received and the suggestions for support. There is also a proposed endowment option in the new fiscal year.

Discuss a contract with Clemson University for Opioid Research funded by SCORF Grant. -Police Chief Jorge Campos presented the proposal. The City would be contracting with Clemson University to conduct research to try and identify where the need for Opioid recovery services is in the City of Clemson. This research is funded by a grant from the SCORF board in the amount of \$151,510.80.

Discuss the adoption of the Clemson Area Long Range Transportation Plan. - City Engineer Nathan Hinkle presented this plan is a collaboration with Clemson University, Anderson County, Pickens County and the City of Clemson. It looks at a time horizon 25 years into the future and the projects

that were identified in the study will be more competitive for funding as a result of the work done in this plan.

Receive a presentation regarding the adoption of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan. - City Engineer Nathan Hinkle presented this plan was done alongside the Long Range Transportation Plan. The biggest aim of this plan is identifying problem areas and mitigating the hazards and concerns.

Discuss the abandonment of a portion of Stone Circle. - City Engineer Nathan Hinkle stated this is a small parcel from an old road closure. This is consistent with the way we have handled this issue in the past.

Staff Reports

Andy: The Clemson Police Department was named the SC Agency of the Year for DUI and Drug Enforcement. A work session regarding the endowment and non-profit support structure was scheduled for 5/4 at 5:45 pm.

Policy Action

Ordinances

Consider 1st reading of an amendment to the City's FOIA policy. -City Administrator Andy Blondeau City Administrator Andy Blondeau explained this change aligns with federal and state law. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve 1st reading of an amendment to the City's FOIA policy. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider a 1st Reading of 2026-R-02 Proposed Text Amendment (Mixed-use High Density Development). - Assistant City Administrator Nathan Woods stated there have been no changes since the last meeting. MyCivic comment from Catherine Huddle, 204 Edgewood Avenue, regarding concerns about the changes. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve 1st reading of 2026-R-02 Proposed Text Amendment (Mixed-use High Density Development). Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Resolutions

Consider a resolution appointing Council Member John Fulmer to serve as an ex-officio liaison to the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Green Crescent. - City Administrator Andy Blondeau explained that this position will be filled by a Council Member of City Council's choosing in the future after Council Member Fulmer is no longer on City Council. Council Member Jones made a motion, seconded by Council Member Evans, to approve a resolution appointing Council Member John Fulmer to serve as an ex-officio liaison to the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Green Crescent. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Other Policy Items

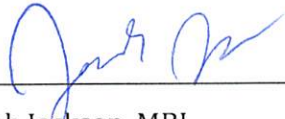
Authorize the City Administrator to negotiate a contract with Creech and Associates for property and growth needs assessment. - City Administrator Andy Blondeau explained this would allow him to negotiate a contract for City Council's approval. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Evans, to Authorize the City Administrator to negotiate a contract with Creech and Associates for property and growth needs assessment. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Mayor-Council reports/comments/new business

Mayor Halfacre: There were 20 plus rowing crew teams visiting the area. Attended a 1 year anniversary for a business in town.

There being no further business, a motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeremiah Jackson, MBL

Approved

By: 

G. Robert Halfacre, Mayor