

Regular Council Meeting
April 20, 2026
Council Chamber-Clemson City Hall

5:30 PM Public Hearing: A: Rezoning (Elm Street Lot), B: Proposed Text Amendment (Rooftop Canopies)

Call to Order: Mayor Robert Halfacre at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Evans

Recognitions: Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, Clemson Gymnastics

Proclamations: Karen Carter, Child Abuse Prevention Month, Crime Victims Rights Week, Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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

Absent: Council Members Scott, Smith, and Sherrill.

Notification emailed: April 16, 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. MyCivic Comment from Stephanie Platt, 103 Mountain View Lane, regarding the use of the word “consider” for agenda action items. Robert Lee, 113 Pressley Drive, regarding the censure of former Council Member Watt censure. Rupert McGinty, 206 N Clemson Avenue, regarding AI and resident input. Council Member Evans addressed Mr. McGinty’s comments about resident input by noting that the City of Clemson has more public input than many other municipalities in the state.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the April 6, 2026 Regular Council Meeting were approved as presented.

Reports/Discussion

Discuss rezoning (Elm Street Lot). – Zoning and Codes Administrator Jacob Peabody explained the lot on 108 Elm street is 0.71 acres and is requesting to rezone from Office Professional District back to its previous zoning of RM-4. The surrounding properties are all zoned RM-4. The rezoning received a positive recommendation from the planning commission.

Discuss a proposed text amendment (Rooftop Canopies). - Zoning and Codes Administrator Jacob Peabody explained this change only affects only Hotels in the commercial district. It would have to be approved by an engineer and go before the Board of Architectural Review. Robert Lee, 113 Pressley Drive, regarding potential noise.

Receive a presentation regarding the Green Crescent Trail. - Council Member Fulmer introduced Founding Board Member Chad Carson who thanked City Council for their historical support for the

**Regular Council Meeting
April 20, 2026**

Trail. The current goal of "15X30" is short for a 15 mile trail network by the year 2030. Two things they are requesting are common sign standards and supporting the Green Crescent Trail 5k Fun Run Event on September 17th at Patrick Square from 6pm to 9pm. Founding Board Member Heidi Williams presented about the event. Herb Tyler, 143 Folger Street, asked for clarification if the 15 mile by 2030 goal was for the City of Clemson only.

Discuss repealing the ordinance in Section 7-11, "Expenditures, purchasing, and receiving" and asking council to consider a new complete Procurement Policy and Purchasing Card Policy. - Finance Director Leslie Wilder explained the history of changes that have been made so far and the requested changes to come. In order to change appropriately, the first reading repealing the ordinance will be the next meeting with the second reading the following meeting along with approving the two policies. The goal is to have the new procurement policy and the new purchasing card policy to go into effect July 1 to allow for training time.

Staff Reports

Deputy City Administrator Alli Gantte: A budget work session was scheduled for 4/30 from 1pm to 5pm.

Policy Action

Ordinances

Consider 2nd reading of an amendment to the City's FOIA policy. -City Administrator Andy Blondeau explained there had been no changes since first reading. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Evans, to approve 2nd reading of an amendment to the City's FOIA policy. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider 2nd 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. Council Member Evans made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve 2nd reading of 2026-R-02 Proposed Text Amendment (Mixed-use High Density Development). Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider 1st Reading for the abandonment ordinance for a portion of Stone Circle. - City Engineer Nathan Hinkle explained the reasoning for the abandonment. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve 1st Reading for the abandonment ordinance for a portion of Stone Circle. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Resolutions

Consider a resolution adopting the Clemson Area Long Range Transportation Plan. - City Engineer Nathan Hinkle noted nothing has changed since the last meeting. Rupert McGinty, 206 N Clemson

**Regular Council Meeting
April 20, 2026**

Avenue, regarding funding. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Evans, to approve a resolution adopting the Clemson Area Long Range Transportation Plan. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider a resolution adopting the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan. - City Engineer Nathan Hinkle explained this will allow Clemson University to work on an implementation grant for Highway 93. Robert Lee, 113 Pressley Drive, regarding lighting. Chad Carson, 213 Lark Circle, regarding support of the plan. Council Member Evans made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve a resolution adopting the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Other Policy Items

Consider Sponsorship Applications. - City Administrator Andy Blondeau presented they received the application from the Miss Clemson organization. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve Sponsorship Applications and include \$5,000 for the Miss Clemson Pageant. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider authorizing the City Administrator to sign an agreement with Clemson University for Opioid Recovery Research. - Police Chief Jorge Campos noted there was one change to remove the liability clause. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jones, to authorize the City Administrator to sign an agreement with Clemson University for Opioid Recovery Research. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider authorizing Chief Campos to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Clemson University Police Department. - Police Chief Jorge Campos noticed an issue with the title of this item. It was postponed to another meeting to correct from a Memorandum of Understanding to a Mutual Aid Agreement.

Consider authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a contract with Creech and Associates for a property and growth needs assessment in the amount of \$132,000. - City Administrator Andy Blondeau explained there was \$75,000 budgeted this year, but we will add the additional cost of \$57,000 in the budget for next year to pay for the difference. Rupert McGinty, 206 N Clemson, regarding using AI for the study instead. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jones, to authorize the City Administrator to enter into a contract with Creech and Associates for a property and growth needs assessment in the amount of \$132,000. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

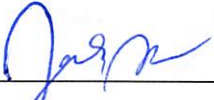
Mayor-Council reports/comments/new business

Regular Council Meeting
April 20, 2026

Mayor Halfacre: Community Blood Drive 4/28 10am to 3pm outside Vickery Hall. Mayor was one of the more than 900 participants in the RC Moonpie race.

There being no further business, a motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeremiah Jackson, MBL

Approved

By: 

G. Robert Halfacre, Mayor