

**Regular Council Meeting
May 4, 2026
Council Chamber-Clemson City Hall**

5:45 PM Work Session: The Community Endowment Work Session, in partnership with members of the Community Foundation of Greater Clemson, was held in City Hall's upper conference room. Eric Lundblade explained the investment policy of the endowment fund. Allie Sloan went over the steps of the grant process. Following the conclusion of the work session, the meeting moved into Council Chambers.

Call to Order: Mayor Robert Halfacre at 5:45 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Sherrill

Recognitions: Clemson Women's Indoor Track ACC Champions

Proclamations: Peace Officers Memorial Day and Clemson Police Week, Professional Municipal Clerks Week

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

Absent: Council Member Scott.

Notification emailed: April 30, 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. Rupert McGinty, 206 North Clemson Avenue, regarding the concrete work downtown.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the April 20, 2026 Regular Council Meeting were approved as presented.

Reports/Discussion

Utility Rate Presentation. - Project Manager Michael Cronan from Willdan Financial Services presented the proposed new utility rates. The firm suggests an increase of 4% in the base charge and volume charge for both the water and wastewater rates. This is projected to stay steady at 4% over the next 5 years. The increase is needed to keep up with inflation and to maintain a 1.5 debt service coverage ratio. An average home using with 5,000 gallons per month would see their bill increase from the current rate of \$97.48 to the proposed rate of \$101.33.

Receive a presentation regarding Clemson University housing. - Vice President of Student Affairs Doug Hallenbeck gave a presentation regarding the current enrollment including the current main campus enrollment of 27,119 students. In 2026, Clemson University's goal is to house 25% of students on campus. Beginning this fall, first year students will not be allowed to bring a car.

Regular Council Meeting
May 4, 2026

Enrollment growth is projected at a 2% rate per year. In 2026, Clemson University received 65,977 first year applications in 2026.

Receive a presentation from Skate Upstate. - President of Skate Upstate Peter Hyatt thanked City Council for the recently opened skate park. He also thanked the city staff for their hard work on the project. He noted the large age range of users at the park. He presented a check for \$16,710.86 to be used for the skate park.

Consider a recommendation from the Sustainability Advisory Committee that City Council equip planners with the necessary resources to implement Environmental Guidelines for Land Development in Clemson as specified in the attached document. - Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair Reeta Singh deferred to fellow committee members Bob Fennel and Cindy Hekking to present. They suggested using a point system to encourage developers to focus on 4 key impact areas:

1. Protect, restore, conserve, and expand Clemson's tree canopy 2. Preserve and improve ecosystem biodiversity and protect water resources 3. Enhance community livability (mobility, aesthetics, well being) 4. Promote energy efficiency and the use of sustainable material resources goals. Comment from Robert Lee, 113 Pressley Drive, regarding clarifying the specific language of the plan.

Staff Reports

None

Policy Action

Consider 2nd Reading for the abandonment ordinance for a portion of Stone Circle. - City Engineer Nathan Hinkle stated there had been no changes since the last reading. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve 2nd Reading for the abandonment ordinance for a portion of Stone Circle. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider 1st Reading of RZNE-000529-2026 Proposed Map Amendment of a parcel on Elm Street. - Zoning and Codes Administrator Jacob Peabody presented the proposed change to RM4. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve 1st Reading of RZNE-000529-2026 Proposed Map Amendment of a parcel on Elm Street. Council Members, Fulmer, Jones, and Sherrill and Mayor Halfacre in support. Council Members Evans and Smith in opposition. Motion passed 4 to 2 in favor.

Consider 1st Reading of 2023-R-01 Proposed Text Amendment for Rooftop Canopy Standards. - Zoning and Codes Administrator Jacob Peabody presented and noted the Shepherd Hotel staff was in attendance including Assistant General Manager Charlie Metcalf and General Manager Vicki Wicks. They presented a visual representation of what the rooftop canopy would like. The structure would be designed to withstand 175 mile per hour winds. Miami Awnings would be the proposed company

**Regular Council Meeting
May 4, 2026**

to create the canopy, if approved. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve 1st Reading of 2023-R-01 Proposed Text Amendment for Rooftop Canopy Standards. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider 1st Reading to repeal the ordinance in Section 7-11. "Expenditures, purchasing, and receiving." - Finance Director Leslie Wilder explained the reasoning behind the changes. Robert Lee, 113 Pressley Drive, commented about the language of the policy. Council Member Smith made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve 1st Reading to repeal the ordinance in Section 7-11. "Expenditures, purchasing, and receiving." Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Other Policy Items

Consider authorizing Chief Campos to sign a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Clemson University Police Department. - Police Chief Jorge Campos explained this includes the state recommended language. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jones, to authorize Chief Campos to sign a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Clemson University Police Department. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider awarding the 2026 Sidewalk Repair Project to Shamrock Construction Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. - City Engineer Nathan Hinkle explained that Shamrock Construction was the low bidder. The bid came in under budget so the scope was expanded to include additional paving. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Smith, to award the 2026 Sidewalk Repair Project to Shamrock Construction Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Mayor-Council reports/comments/new business

Mayor Halfacre: Noted the economic impact from the concert was a football game and then some. Thanked Nathan Hinkle for his work with the SCDOT quarterly meetings. Thanked staff for their work on the Budget Retreat. Thanked First Responders for their work over the weekend at the concert.

Council Member Fulmer: Noted comments from business owners about the economic impact from the George Strait Concert.

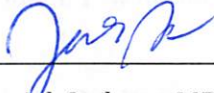
Council Member Evans: Go to SC250.com for information on the 250th birthday celebration of our country. The US census bureau reported that SC was the fastest growing state in the nation. Thanked Mayor Halfacre, Jeremiah, and Troop 161 for their work with Shred Day. Jeremiah shared the numbers from the event including 728lbs of food and, \$2,892 dollars collected for Clemson Community Care, and 15,202lbs shredded. This was done in partnership with Clemson University Recycling.

Regular Council Meeting
May 4, 2026

Council Member Smith: Recognized Kazi Rana the outgoing Clemson University Graduate Student Body President.

There being no further business, a motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeremiah Jackson, MBL

Approved

By: Lillian Scott

~~G. Robert Halfacre, Mayor~~

Lillian Scott, Mayor Pro Tem