

**Regular Council Meeting
June 1, 2026
Council Chamber-Clemson City Hall**

5:30 PM Public Hearing: Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Finance Director Leslie Wilder presented the budget. The budget proposes no increase in the millage rate of 92.9 mills. The proposed budget includes adding 7 new full-time positions and increases the average water bill by \$4 per month.

Call to Order: Mayor Halfacre at 6:20 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Smith

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

Absent: None

Notification emailed: May 28, 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.

Proclamation: National Gun Violence Awareness Day June 5, 2026

Public Session: Mayor Pro Tem Scott presiding. Stephanie Platt, 103 Mountain View Lane, regarding email response time.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the May 18, 2026 Regular Council Meeting were approved as presented.

Reports/Discussion

Discuss endowment and non-profit support. - City Administrator Andy Blondeau explained the endowment will start with \$250,000 and 5% will be available annually for gifts. There is \$80,000 currently budgeted for this as well. \$50,000 in non-profit support sponsorships are also budgeted and grant administration will be done by the Community Foundation. Local non-profits will be able to apply for these grants on a per year basis.

Discuss a contractual agreement between Clemson University and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in FY 2027. - Transit Administrator Brian Fisher explained the new rates are \$106.50 per hour. The old rates were \$90.36 per hour. The amounts charged to the various partners are less due to federal grants that apply to the various routes. The contract amount is \$1,056,160.50 for the Red Route. The contract amount is \$181,156.25 for the Tripper Route. The contract amount is \$30,672 for the Gold Route.

Discuss a contractual agreement between the Town of Central and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in FY 2027. - Transit Administrator Brian Fisher explained the contract amount is \$104,796 for the Central Route.

Discuss a contractual agreement between the Town of Pendleton and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in FY 2027. - Transit Administrator Brian Fisher explained the contract amount is \$169,282 for the Pendleton Route. The contract amount for various other routes for the Town of Pendleton is \$18,212.

Discuss a contractual agreement between Highpointe and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in FY 2027. - Transit Administrator Brian Fisher explained the contract amount is \$219,252 for the Highpointe route.

Discuss a contractual agreement between the Pier (Core SVA) and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in FY 2027. - Transit Administrator Brian Fisher explained the contract amount is \$219,252 for the Pier route.

Staff Reports

Interim Fire Chief Kevin Christenbury: Presented the Clemson Fire Department Annual Report. There was a 21.2% increase in Non-QRV calls this year. The QRV launched in March 2025 and responded to 1,471 calls in 2025.

City Clerk Jeremiah Jackson: Reminded City Council about registration for the MASC Annual Meeting.

Policy Action

Consider 2nd Reading to repeal the ordinance in Section 7-11. "Expenditures, purchasing, and receiving" with an effective date of July 1, 2026. - Finance Director - Leslie Wilder explained this will be replaced by the purchasing policy to be discussed later in the meeting. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve 2nd Reading to repeal the ordinance in Section 7-11. "Expenditures, purchasing, and receiving" with an effective date of July 1, 2026. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider 1st Reading of an ordinance to adopt the FY 2027 operating budget. - Finance Director Leslie Wilder explained there is no increases in the millage rate of 92.9 mills. It proposed adding 7 new full-time positions. It would increase the average water bill by \$4 per month. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve 1st Reading of an ordinance to adopt the FY 2027 operating budget. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider 1st Reading of Proposed Planned Development (201 Pine Street). - Assistant City Administrator Nathan Woods introduced Michael Hanley and Sam Williams for a presentation from the development team. They focused the presentation on answering City Council's questions from the last meeting. They explained the demand for walkable purpose-built student housing and discussed site selection, the condo parcel, and the traffic study. Karen Frady, 129 Old Greenville

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Highway, in opposition. Charles User, 218 Pine Street, in opposition. Lauren Crouch, 104 Folger Street, in opposition. Chris Shelnut, 100 Dogwood Drive, in opposition. Lynne Fairey, 220 Strawberry Lane, in opposition. CC Bates, 149 Folger Street, in opposition. Paul Bowen, 215 Strawberry Lane, in opposition. Daron Bates, 149 Folger Street, in opposition. Alley Linder, 123 Folger Street, in opposition. Gay Eitenmiller, 210 Strawberry, in opposition. Stephanie Platt, 103 Mountain View Lane, in opposition. Rupert McGinty, 206 N Clemson Avenue, in opposition. Judith Fairey, 218 Strawberry Lane, in opposition. Lauren Crouch, 104 Folger Street, in opposition. Council Members explained the reasoning for their votes on the project. Council Member Evans indicated her intention to abstain for this vote. City Council and the City Attorney had some debate on this topic, and Council Member Evans was informed that Abstention in City Ordinance section Sec. 2-47. f. Voting is defined as: "Except in a case of a conflict of interest, all council members shall vote on all questions. When a council member is present, whether physically or electronically, abstention or failure to vote shall be counted in support of the motion." Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve 1st Reading of Proposed Planned Development (201 Pine Street). Mayor Halfacre did a roll call vote. Council Member Fulmer yes. Council Member Sherrill no. Council Members Evans yes (via abstention). Mayor Halfacre yes. Council Member Scott no. Council Member Smith no. Council Member Jones yes. The motion passes 4 to 3.

Consider a Resolution accepting the dedication of roads and sidewalks in Phases 10, 11, and Thurmond Lane Patrick Square and associated rights of way and easements. – Assistant City Administrator Nathan Woods presented this is the last dedication from Patrick Square. Council Member Smith made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve a Resolution accepting the dedication of roads and sidewalks in Phases 10, 11, and Thurmond Lane Patrick Square and associated rights of way and easements. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider a Resolution to adopt the Procurement Policy and Procedure Manual for the City of Clemson to be effective July 1, 2026. - Finance Director Leslie Wilder presented. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve a Resolution to adopt the Purchasing Card Policy and Manual for the City of Clemson to be effective July 1, 2026. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider a Resolution to adopt the Purchasing Card Policy and Manual for the City of Clemson to be effective July 1, 2026. - Finance Director Leslie Wilder presented Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve a Resolution to adopt the Purchasing Card Policy and Manual for the City of Clemson to be effective July 1, 2026. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Other Policy Items

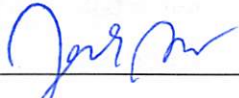
Mayor-Council reports/comments/new business

Council Member Scott: Amazing camps are available over the summer with the Parks and Recreation Department.

Council Member Smith: Recommended having discussion of projects not at the same meeting as the public hearing. The Juneteenth celebration block party is June 19th at Littlejohn Community Center from 5pm to 9 pm. The University is also holding an event at the Hendrix Center from 10am to 3pm.

There being no further business, a motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeremiah Jackson, MBL

Approved

By: 

G. Robert Halfacre, Mayor