

Regular Council Meeting
February 3rd, 2025
Council Chamber – Clemson City Hall

Call to Order: Mayor Robert Halfacre at 6:30 p.m. following the public hearing.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Evans

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

Absent: Council Member Boatwright

Notification emailed: January 30th, 2025 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.

Proclamations: Black History Month Honoree Linda Davis, Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

Public Session: Mayor Halfacre presiding – MyCivic comment from Nanda Edgerton, 213 Charleston Avenue, regarding the crosswalk in front of the Moda development. MyCivic comment from Nanda Edgerton, 213 Charleston Avenue, regarding the cost of the crosswalk sign in front of the Moda development. MyCivic comment from Stephanie Platt, 103 Mountain View Lane, regarding the American flag being at half-staff.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from January 13th, 2025 were approved as presented.

Reports/Discussion

Staff Reports:

Deputy City Administrator Alli Gantte: introduced new Catbus Director Brian Fisher.

Planning and Development Director Nathan Woods: Discussed the Moda crosswalk issue. The City has been working with DOT and Kimley Horn to have a midblock pedestrian crossing and followed established guidelines. This project will be done in phases and crosswalks signs will be installed on a mast arm similar to a traffic light. Phase 1 of the project has been paid for and installed by the Moda development. Phase 2 will be paid for and installed by the Hub development. Papa John's has agreed to repaint the parking lot arrows for better traffic flow. Also proposed is painting the traffic island yellow and changing the crosswalk poles to be more visible.

Police Chief Campos mentioned an upcoming change from SCDOT to reduce the speed limit on College Avenue to 25 miles per hour from Edgewood Avenue to the lake.

Policy Action

Consider First Reading of an amendment to 2024-R-05(Vesting Non-Conformities). – Zoning Administrator Jacob Peabody. Planning Director Nathan Woods presented for Jacob. Council Member Sherrill discussed the difference of using the terminology “acts of god” versus “forces beyond the control of the owner”. Council Member Smith made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve first reading of a text amendment to 2024-R-05 (Vesting Non-Conformities). Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Other Policy Action:

Review the Catbus Agency Safety Plan as required by the Federal Transit Administration. Interim Transit Administrator Sawyer Gambrell. Catbus Director Brian Fisher stepped in for Sawyer. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Evans, to approve the Catbus Agency Safety Plan as required by the Federal Transit Administration. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Mayor-Council reports/comments/new business

Mayor Halfacre: The Savannah Bananas event is sold out. Thank you to Clemson University for hosting.

Executive Session

Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Smith, to enter into Executive Session for Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, and/or release of an employee, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body (SC Code Section 30-4-70(a)(1)): i. Sustainability Committee ii. Economic Development Advisory Committee b. Receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim and/or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, and/or settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim (SC Code Section 30-4-70(a)(2)). i. Civil Action#2022CP3900034 ii. Civil Action #2024CP3900901 iii. Civil Action #2025CP3900042 iv. 2022 Grange Annexation. Freedom of Information Act Policy c. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and/or proposed sale or purchase of property (SC Code Section 30-4-70(a)(2))i. Recreational Property Vote on this motion was unanimous.

After discussion, motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously voted to exit Executive Session and return to open session.

Following Executive Session,

Council Member Jones made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer to appoint John Shaughnessy to the Economic Development Advisory Committee in the Highway 93 business owner position for a term of 3 years. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Evans, to appoint Shelly Geer and John Heiliger each to a term of 2 years on the Sustainability Commission. 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 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved

Jeremiah Jackson, MBL

By: _____
G. Robert Halfacre, Mayor