

Regular Council Meeting
June 17th, 2024
Council Chamber – Clemson City Hall

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Executive Session: Council Member Ducworth made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to enter into Executive Session to receive a legal briefing from the City Attorney; SC Code Section 30-4-70 (a)(2). Vote on this motion was unanimous. After discussion, motion was made, duly seconded and unanimously voted to exit Executive Session and return to the open session.

Following Executive Session, there was nothing to report.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Fulmer

Members present: Mayor Pro Tem Smith presiding, Council Members Boatwright, Brookover, Ducworth, Fulmer, Smith and Watt.

Absent: Mayor Halfacre

Notification emailed: June 13th 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 Pro Tem Alesia Smith presiding – Robert Lee, 113 Pressley Drive, discussed LGBTQ+ issues.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from June 3rd were approved as presented.

Reports/Discussion

Schedule a public hearing date for the 2024-R-02 proposed text amendment (Nonresidential Setbacks and PD acreage). –Planning and Development Director Nathan Woods discussed the need to schedule a Public Hearing. Council Member Brookover asked if this was still required to take action on it and Director Woods confirmed that the hearing was the next step. Council Member Ducworth asked how the Planning Commission voted on the issue. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to deny the changes. The public hearing was scheduled for 5:30 pm July 15th.

Consider a recommendation from the Economic Development Advisory Committee. – Community Engagement Coordinator Lindsey Newton discussed a request from the Economic Development Advisory Committee to have a meeting of all board chairs annually or biannually to avoid duplication and work on collaboration with issues. Council was in favor of the idea, and Municipal Clerk Jeremiah Jackson is responsible for coordinating the meetings.

Staff Reports:

Municipal Clerk Jeremiah Jackson: Reminder that MASC Annual Meeting Registrations are due.

City Administrator Andy Blondeau: City offices will be closed for Juneteenth, but CAAAM will have an event starting at 10:00 am at the museum. The On the Ave event is tomorrow night. Light the Lake fireworks show July 3rd at 9:15. New parking software soft launch is July 1st.

Policy Action**Ordinances:**

Consider 2nd reading of an ordinance to adopt the fiscal year 2024-2025 operating budget. – Finance Director Leslie Wilder stated this budget has a 3 mill increase to 95 mills, 9 additional employees, various utility increases, a 7.9 percent increase in operating costs, and \$38.7 million dollars in projects. Council Member Brookover made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boatwright, to approve the 2nd reading of an ordinance to adopt the fiscal year 2024-2025 operating budget. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider 2nd reading of an ordinance to establish a Sustainability Advisory Committee. – Council Member Watt has had preliminary meetings with the South Carolina Botanical Gardens and other interested parties. Council Member Ducworth suggested a few amendments to the ordinance. The committee will have a minimum of 7 members and a maximum of 9 members. City residency is required except for the Master Naturalist and a Certified Horticulturalist or Landscape Architect positions. Public Comment from Robert Lee, 113 Pressley Drive, who asked if population is a consideration of the committee. Council Member Ducworth made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boatwright, to approve the 2nd reading of an ordinance to establish a Sustainability Advisory Committee. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Resolutions:

Consider a resolution accepting the dedication of roads, storm drainage and sidewalks in Clemson Cottages and associated rights of ways and easements. – City Engineer Nathan Hinkle has been working with the developer to ensure that the infrastructure meets city standards. Council Member Watt made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve a resolution accepting the dedication of roads, storm drainage, and sidewalks in Clemson Cottages and associated rights of ways and easements. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Other Policy Action:

Consider awarding the Clemson, Anderson, Pickens (CAP) Comprehensive Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) contract to Stantec in the amount of \$248,000. – City Engineer Nathan Hinkle spoke on this item. The City applied for and was awarded a GPATS Metro Planning Grant for up to \$215,000.00 in March 2022. At the same time, the City partnered with Clemson University and Anderson & Pickens Counties to match the remaining amount up to \$25,000 each to complete the traffic study around the Clemson Area. The City has not worked with Stantec before, but the university has. Council Member Brookover made a motion, seconded by Council Member Watt, to award the Clemson, Anderson, Pickens (CAP) Comprehensive Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) contract to Stantec in the amount of \$248,000. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider awarding the downtown building design & demolition & temporary building contract to Hogan Construction Group in the amount of \$220,920. – City Engineer Nathan Hinkle stated this will be a

replacement structure for the police substation. Once building design is completed, he will come back with a construction contract with an anticipated start of late winter. Fencing and temporary structure will be placed in the area while design is finalized. Council Member Ducworth made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to award the downtown building design & demolition & temporary building contract to Hogan Construction Group in the amount of \$220,920. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider awarding the College Ave Street-scape Phase 1 design and construction management contract to SeamonWhiteside for an amount up to \$183,500. – City Engineer Nathan Hinkle stated this is for a uniform design for downtown and will be completed in phases due to budget constraints. The projected timeframe for the design is 6 to 9 months. The goal is to begin after last home game to minimize disruptions. Council Member Ducworth made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to award the College Ave Street-scape Phase 1 design and construction management contract to SeamonWhiteside for an amount up to \$183,500. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Mayor-Council reports/comments/new business

Council Member Boatwright: Thanked Mayor Halfacre, and Council Members Ducworth and Brookover for participating in the Dunk tank at Kite Hill Brewing raising money for Clemson Community Care.

Council Member Ducworth: Thanked Tony Tidwell and his team for their hard work on community garden.

Council Member Smith: Thanked Staff for all that they do.

There being no further business, a motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremiah Jackson, MBL

Approved

By: _____
G. Robert Halfacre, Mayor