

Regular Council Meeting
June 3rd, 2024
Council Chamber – Clemson City Hall

6:00 p.m. Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget (5-minute limit per speaker)

Call to Order: Mayor Robert Halfacre at 6:30 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Ducworth

Members present: Mayor Halfacre presiding, Council Members Boatwright, Brookover, Ducworth,

Absent: Council Members Fulmer, Smith and Watt.

Notification emailed: May 31st 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.

Recognition: DWD Track Team

Proclamation: Pride Month, Race Amity Day, National Gun Violence Awareness Day, Yaolin Liu

Public Session: Mayor Halfacre presiding – Robert Lee, 113 Pressley Drive, spoke about the Hub lawsuit.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from May 20th, 2024 were approved as presented.

Reports/Discussion

Discuss setting a Public Hearing date for a Zoning Change for 5 parcels from RM-1 to RM-4. –Zoning and Codes Administrator Jacob Peabody discussed the need to set a Public Hearing date. Council decided on 5:30 pm June 17th for the Public Hearing.

Assign Council Liaisons for the 408/412 College Avenue project and the Roar Bar and Tacos project. – City Administrator Andy Blondeau stated Council Member Fulmer had already been assigned the 408/412 project. Council Member Boatwright volunteered to take the Roar Bar and Tacos project. Mayor Halfacre listed the current projects that have been assigned: Kennedy PD on Lawrence Rd – Council Member Brookover, Clemson Meadows/Hunter Ave – Council Member Fulmer, Longleaf/Vickery Drive – Council Member Brookover, Kadera – Mayor Halfacre, Rock Creek and Poplar Ridge – Council Member Watt, Kingswood Cottages on Clemson Street – Council Member Boatwright, Varsity Club 2 Hawthorne Street – Council Member Fulmer.

Staff Reports:

City Administrator Andy Blondeau: The ITGA Conference is this week. Next week is the SCCMA Conference.

Finance Director Leslie Wilder will be left in charge while Administrator Blondeau and Deputy

Administrator Gantte are out of town. On The Ave is tomorrow at 5:30 pm.

Municipal Clerk Jeremiah Jackson: The MASC Annual Meeting is coming up so please respond back to the email for registration.

Policy Action

Ordinances:

Consider 2nd reading of an amendment to Article III Sec. 13-73. d., to allow an occupancy violation to be issued to the property manager, person in charge, or resident, not just the property owner. –Zoning and Codes Administrator Jacob Peabody stated the language was updated as stated by the Attorney at the

previous meeting. Council Member Ducworth made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boatwright, to approve 2nd reading of an amendment to Article III Sec. 13-73. d., to allow an occupancy violation to be issued to the property manager, person in charge, or resident, not just the property owner. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider 1st 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 Ducworth, to approve the 1st reading of an ordinance to adopt the fiscal year 2024-2025 operating budget. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider 1st reading of an ordinance to establish a Sustainability Advisory Committee. – Director of Urban Land Management Tony Tidwell stated he had been working with Council Member Watt on reestablishing this committee. The Comprehensive Plan Update that is currently in progress on has a natural resources component. This committee could help with bringing the vision in the plan into reality. Robert Lee, 113 Pressley Drive commented in favor of the committee. Council Member Boatwright made a motion, seconded by Council Member Brookover, to approve 1st reading of an ordinance to establish a Sustainability Advisory Committee. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Other Policy Action:

Consider a contractual agreement between Clemson University and the City of Clemson for CAT transportation services in fiscal year 2024-2025. - Transit Director Jerry Kerns stated that the routes remain the same except for the nursing route that was removed. Clemson University will pay \$879,565 for the Red Route and \$262,677 for the Gold Route, and will contribute \$15,000 toward the Pendleton Route. Council Member Brookover made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boatwright, to approve a contractual agreement between Clemson University and the City of Clemson for CAT transportation services in fiscal year 2024-2025. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Mayor-Council reports/comments/new business

Mayor Halfacre: Kudos to Sarah Wickham for her work on the Community Connection.

Council Member Brookover: Thanks to City staff for their hard work for the On the Ave event.

Council Member Boatwright: Thanks to the Camp Clemson staff.

There being no further business, a motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved

Jeremiah Jackson, MBL

By: _____
G. Robert Halfacre, Mayor