

Regular Council Meeting
May 6th, 2024
Council Chamber – Clemson City Hall

5:30 p.m. Call to Order

Executive Session:

Council Member Ducworth made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter regarding annexation; 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.

6:00 p.m. Public Hearing: Mosquito Fogging (5-minute limit per speaker)

Call to Order Regular Council Meeting: Mayor Robert Halfacre at 6:25 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Smith deferred to Clemson Life Members.

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

Absent: None

Notification emailed: May 2nd to the Greenville News, the Journal, the Independent Mail, the Post and Courier, the Pickens Sentinel, the Easley Progress; WSNW Radio, WYFF Channel 4, WSPA Channel 7 and Fox 21 TV News.

Proclamations: Clemson Life Day, Professional Municipal Clerks Week, National Police Memorial Week.

Oath of Office: Judge Daniel and Judge Munn

Officers Cantrell, Frady, and Reyes; Telecommunicator/Jailer Sanders.

Public Session: Mayor Pro Tem Alesia Smith presiding – MyCivic Comment from Donna London, 301 Edgewood Avenue, regarding Planning Commission training. MyCivic Comment from Brennen Owens, 502 Berkeley Drive, opposing Abernathy Park development.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from April 15th, 2024 were approved as presented.

Reports/Discussion

Discuss amending Article III Sec. 13-73. d., to allow an occupancy violation to be issued to the “person in charge” not just the property owner. –Zoning and Codes Administrator Jacob Peabody presented the issue that occupancy violations can currently only be issued physically to the property owner. This is often not possible because the property owner does not live in town. Council Member Watt asked about the notices given to property owners with violations. Council Member Fulmer asked about situations with children living in the home without their parents and feedback from the property managers. Administrator Peabody was directed to expand the language to include tenants, property owners, or person in charge depending on the situation. Fines for the violations are up to \$500 from the City and up to \$1100 from the state.

Staff Reports:

City Administrator Andy Blondeau: Conversations with Council this Thursday at 6:30 at the train depot. This Wednesday at 11:30 Budget Work Session in Council Chambers. On the Ave begins next Tuesday.

Policy Action

Other Policy Action:

Consider updating the tuition reimbursement rate for employee job related training and development. – Human Resources Director Tracy Taylor presented that this policy has not been updated in 20 years. The current rate is \$500 per semester, not to exceed \$1,000 per year. The proposed change would increase the rate to \$1,800 per semester, not to exceed \$3,600 per year. Council Member Ducworth made a motion, seconded by Council Member Watt, to update the tuition reimbursement rate for employee job related training and development as presented. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider awarding a construction contract for the Nettles Park parking and pickleball expansion project and bid alternate to Foothills Contracting Service LLC. for \$932,228.50. –City Engineer Nathan Hinkle presented the item. Foothills Contracting Service LLC was the low bid. If awarded, they hope to break ground on June 1st with around a 6 month total construction period. Public Comment from Gay Feree-Eintenmiller, 137 Honeycomb Lane, about the projected number of student users of the new pickleball courts vs the number of city residents. Council Member Watt made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to award a construction contract for the Nettles Park parking and pickleball expansion project and bid alternate to Foothills Contracting Service LLC. for \$932,228.50. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider an agreement by and between the Town of Pendleton and City of Clemson regarding the administration, management and enforcement of a local pretreatment program to comply with State and Federal Regulations and to protect the Pendleton/Clemson Wastewater Treatment Plant. –Utilities Director Benjie McGill presented we currently have no industrial customers, but this is being required by DHEC. Council Member Smith made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer to approve an agreement by and between the Town of Pendleton and City of Clemson regarding the administration, management and enforcement of a local pretreatment program to comply with State and Federal Regulations and to protect the Pendleton/Clemson Wastewater Treatment Plant. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider a contractual agreement between the Town of Pendleton and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in fiscal year 2024-2025. -Transit Director Jerry Kerns presented that the Town of Pendleton will pay \$75,888 for 3,012 hours of service. MyCivic comment from Nanda Edgerton, 213 Charleston Avenue, asking if this contract was in direct relation to the development at the Pendleton mill site. Council Member Boatwright made a motion, seconded by Council Member Watt to approve a contractual agreement between the Town of Pendleton and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in fiscal year 2024-2025. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider a contractual agreement between Camp Clemson and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in fiscal year 2024-2025. - Transit Director Jerry Kerns presented that Camp Clemson will pay \$9,235 for 111.5 hours of regular service. For 28 hours of the service, Camp Clemson will provide their own driver and have a discounted rate of \$60.36. Council Member Brookover made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ducworth, to approve a contractual agreement between the Camp Clemson and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in fiscal year 2024-2025. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider a contractual agreement between Leadership Clemson and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in fiscal year 2024-2025. - Transit Director Jerry Kerns presented that Leadership Clemson will pay \$2,711 for 30 hours of service. Council Member Brookover made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve a contractual agreement between the Leadership Clemson and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in fiscal year 2024-2025. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider a contractual agreement between the Town of Central, Southern Wesleyan University, and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in fiscal year 2024-2025. - Transit Director Jerry Kerns presented that the Town of Central will pay \$47,236 and Southern Wesleyan University will pay \$18,425 for 2,202 hours of service. Council Member Brookover made a motion, seconded by Council Member Watt, to approve a contractual agreement between the Town of Central, Southern Wesleyan University, and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in fiscal year 2024-2025. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider a contractual agreement between the Central Clemson Recreation Center and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in fiscal year 2024-2025. - Transit Director Jerry Kerns presented that the Central Clemson Recreation Center will pay \$15,995 for 177 hours of service. Council Member Brookover made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boatwright to approve a contractual agreement between the Central Clemson Recreation Center and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in fiscal year 2024-2025. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider a contractual agreement between the Pier (Core SVA) and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in fiscal year 2024-2025. - Transit Director Jerry Kerns presented that the Pier (Core SVA) will pay \$119,154 for 1,872 hours of service. Herb Tyler, 143 Folger Street, asked about the cost of the different rates with the various contracts. Administrator Blondeau said there is no subsidy and the difference is based on grant funding and some routes being combined. Council Member Brookover made a motion, seconded by Council Member Watt, to approve a contractual agreement between the Pier (Core SVA) and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in fiscal year 2024-2025. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider a contractual agreement between Highpointe and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in fiscal year 2024-2025. - Transit Director Jerry Kerns presented that Highpointe will pay \$119,154 for 1,872 hours of service. Director Kerns also mentioned 3 new electric buses have been received, and will

undergo 2 months of testing before being placed into service. Council Member Brookover made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boatwright to approve a contractual agreement between the Central Clemson Recreation Center and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in fiscal year 2024-2025. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Mayor-Council reports/comments/new business

Mayor Halfacre: Ribbon cuttings Dawson Park and Nettles Park playground. Thanked parks and police.

Council Member Brookover: Discussed tethering with Elaine Masceri and Margaret Thompson about modernizing the ordinance.

Council Member Smith: Juneteenth celebration will be on Wednesday June 19th.

Council Member Boatwright: Career Day at Clemson Elementary.

There being no further business, a motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved

Jeremiah Jackson, MBL

By: _____
G. Robert Halfacre, Mayor