

Regular Council Meeting
April 21st, 2025
Council Chamber – Clemson City Hall

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Evans

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

Absent: Council Member Smith

Notification emailed: April 17th, 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.

Oath of Office: Lt. Davis, and Ofc. Moore.

Public Session: Mayor Pro Tem Boatwright presiding. There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the April 7th, 2025 Regular Council Meeting were approved as presented.

Reports/Discussion

Receive a report from Robbin Gilbert of the Miss Clemson Pageant Board of Directors. – Dell Maddox presented for Robbin and thanked City Council for their support of the event. The pageant was started in 2015 and has had 6 combined overall wins at the state level. He introduced Miss Clemson Lillian Lindler and Miss Clemson Teen Madison McKinney.

Discuss updating the CATbus Agency Safety Plan to include FTA required updates. - Transit Administrator Brian Fisher presented that additions to the safety plan include an infectious disease plan and minor updates to some language. He also suggested adding the ability to have City Administration approve the safety plan instead of Council moving forward.

Discuss selecting a date for CCRC joint budget work session with the Town of Central (May 12, 19, or 26) at 5:30pm. – City Administrator Andy Blondeau presented the various dates to Council, and May 12th at 5:30pm was selected.

Discuss a proposed ordinance change to match the definition of "Occupant" in Section 13-55 of our Rental Housing Regulations to the definition found in section 19-107 of the City's Zoning Code. – Planning and Development Director Nathan Woods explained that this change makes the code consistent throughout. This correction was presented now due to the upcoming rental renewal season.

Discuss requesting the Parks, Recreation, Arts, Culture and Tourism Committee to study the feasibility of allowing Town of Pendleton residents to be considered in town participants. – Council Member Jones presented that he had a discussion with the Pendleton Town Administrator regarding recreation. The Town

of Pendleton currently gives money to an outside association to run the recreation program instead of running their own. Last year the Town of Pendleton gave \$46,000 to the association. City of Clemson Parks and Recreation Director Jay Bennett presented that over 600 kids participate in Pendleton's recreation programs. Pendleton residents are currently allowed to participate with the City of Clemson recreation programs at the out-of-town rate. Various concerns raised included space availability, funding, and logistics. The recommendation from City Council was to send this item for the PRACT committee to review.

Staff Reports: City Administrator Andy Blondeau: The PCMA meeting is tomorrow at 6:45 pm at Central Town Hall. MASC Training is this Thursday at noon in Council Chambers. The Clemson Free Clinic 20th anniversary drop in celebration is also this Thursday from 4pm to 7pm.

Policy Action

Consider 2nd Reading of an amendment to Chapter 2-44 (c) regarding public comments at meetings. – Council Member Boatwright presented about the public comment period noting the amended language to add the current two-minute extension option. Council Member Boatwright made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve the amended 2nd reading of an amendment to Chapter 2-44 (c) regarding public comments at meetings. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider 2nd Reading of proposed map amendment (rezoning) RZNE-000406-2025 Hwy 93 Parcels. – Planning and Development Director Nathan Woods presented there were no changes since the last meeting. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boatwright, to approve 2nd reading of a proposed map amendment (rezoning) RZNE-000406-2025 Hwy 93 Parcels. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Other Policy Action

Consider the addition of the Lawrence Road (ONE Clemson) property to the Parks Master Plan. – Parks and Recreation Director Jay Bennett presented that there were no changes since the last meeting. Council Member Boatwright made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve the addition of the Lawrence Road (ONE Clemson) property to the Parks Master Plan. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider awarding the conceptual design and construction documents contract for the Abernathy Park Redevelopment project to MKSK, Inc. in the amount of \$236,100.00 for conceptual design and a flat fee of 8% the estimated project construction cost for construction documents. – City Engineer Nathan Hinkle presented this is the final contract with an estimated completion window of 6 to 9 months. There will be multiple opportunities for public comment on the proposal for the park. Council Member Fulmer made a motion,

seconded by Council Member Evans, to approve awarding the conceptual design and construction documents contract for the Abernathy Park Redevelopment project to MKSK, Inc. in the amount of \$236,100.00 for conceptual design and a flat fee of 8% the estimated project construction cost for construction documents. Vote on this motion was unanimous

Consider awarding the base bid and all five (5) bid alternates of the 2025 road resurfacing project to Kings Asphalt Inc. for \$1,583,281.00. – City Engineer Nathan Hinkle explained the history of the paving program. All of the proposed project roads except Chapman Hill Road have had water or sewer work done before paving. Once approved, the plan is to place the paving schedule on the city website. Council Member Boatwright made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve awarding the base bid and all five (5) bid alternates of the 2025 road resurfacing project to Kings Asphalt Inc. for \$1,583,281.00. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider awarding the Abel Road/Curtis Circle Sidewalk Improvement project to Trae's Clearing & Grading for \$864,998.00, with a contingency not to exceed \$80,000.00. – City Engineer Nathan Hinkle presented this project has been in the works since 2023. It includes a community development block grant to help offset the costs. Two community meetings have been held already, and another one is planned for next week. The projected start date is early May. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Evans, to approve awarding the Abel Road/Curtis Circle Sidewalk Improvement project to Trae's Clearing & Grading for \$864,998.00, with a contingency not to exceed \$80,000.00. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider awarding a contract for the development of an Engineering Design Manual to Weston & Sampson in the amount of \$86,900.00. - City Engineer Nathan Hinkle explained that City staff is ready for the six months of in-depth work this will require. Council Member Boatwright made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve awarding a contract for the development of an Engineering Design Manual to Weston & Sampson in the amount of \$86,900.00. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider approving a contract for the Downtown environmental monitoring contract to Rogers & Callcot (now Alliance Technical Group) for \$117,000.00. - City Engineer Nathan Hinkle presented that the City has been working on this project for three years. This is being done as a recommendation from state regulators. The cost for this work was already budgeted in the construction of the downtown building. Council Member Boatwright made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve a contract for the Downtown environmental monitoring contract to Rogers & Callcot (now Alliance Technical Group) for \$117,000.00. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Mayor-Council reports/comments/new business

Mayor Halfacre: Gave a rowing season update noting 1,131 athletes and 100 coaches across 26 teams with their economic impact. Also thanked Alli for the QR codes for the project maps. We have been recently recognized in several top city lists. The Savannah Bananas game is this weekend. Pickens County Council awarded \$147,000 to Clemson City Recreation at their meeting tonight.

Council Member Evans: Shout out to the Virginia Beach High School Fighting Falcon players that visited on spring break.

Council Member Fulmer: Encouraged everyone to sign up for the various JCUAB boards.

Executive Session

Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boatwright, to enter into Executive Session to consider appointments to the Police Advisory Board; SC Code Section 30-4-70 (a)(1)

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

Following executive session,

Council Member Boatwright made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to appoint Caroline Beatty to the Police Advisory Board Clemson University student position for a one-year term. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Council Member Sherrill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to appoint Ava Ross to the Police Advisory Board high school student position for a one-year term. 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 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved

Jeremiah Jackson, MBL

By: _____
G. Robert Halfacre, Mayor