

Regular Council Meeting
May 19th, 2025
Council Chamber – Clemson City Hall

Call to Order: Mayor Robert Halfacre at 6:15 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Fulmer

Proclamations: National Gun Violence Awareness Day

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

Absent: None

Notification emailed: May 15th, 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.

Public Session: Mayor Pro Tem Scott presiding. MyCivic comment from Stephanie Platt, 103 Mountain View Lane, regarding downtown parking. *Note: The following three comments were done during the Mayor-Council reports/comments/new business section due to the meeting starting before 6:30pm.* Kim Kelley, 207 Shaftsbury Lane, regarding issues with the pickleball courts. Mike Allen, 401 Village Walk Lane, regarding issues with the pickleball courts. Robert Lee, 113 Pressley Drive, regarding water pressure capacity with growth.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting May 5th, 2025 were approved as presented.

Reports/Discussion

Request a Public Hearing date for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. – Finance Director Leslie Wilder presented the request. June 9th at 6pm was selected for the public hearing date.

Request a Public Hearing date for PUD-000391-2025 Proposed Planned Development (Varsity 3). – Planning and Development Director Nathan Woods presented the request. June 16th at 5pm was selected for the public hearing date.

Discuss requesting the Parks, Recreation, Arts, Culture and Tourism Committee to discuss making adult softball an open league instead of a church league. – Council Member Sherrill presented that the request was brought up by a resident who asked if the league was inclusive for all. Council Member Boatwright was in favor. The item was sent to the PRACT Committee for discussion.

Staff Reports: City Administrator Andy Blondeau: On the Ave is Tuesday. The next City Council meetings will be June 9th and June 16th due to the ITGA conference.

Municipal Clerk Jeremiah Jackson: MASC Annual Meeting registration forms are now available.

Policy Action

Consider 2nd reading of 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. - Zoning and Codes Administrator Jacob Peabody presented the item with no change since 1st reading. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve 2nd reading of 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. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider 1st reading of 2024-R-04 proposed text amendment (Bonding Commercial Space in Mixed-Use Developments). - Zoning and Codes Administrator Jacob Peabody presented that a developer would have to post a bond equal to 150% of the estimated cost to finish the commercial space with a 2 year expiration date. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve the 1st reading of 2024-R-04 proposed text amendment (Bonding Commercial Space in Mixed-Use Developments). Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Other Policy Action

Consider approving proposed proclamation guidelines. - City Administrator Andy Blondeau presented with no changes since last meeting. This will be posted on the City website and would phase in beginning with new requests. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve proposed proclamation guidelines. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Mayor-Council reports/comments/new business

Mayor Halfacre: Thanked Joan Rossini, Lindsey Newton, and others involved in the recent butterfly event.

There being no further business, a motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremiah Jackson, MBL

Approved

By: _____

G. Robert Halfacre, Mayor