

Regular Council Meeting
June 16th, 2025
Council Chamber – Clemson City Hall

5:00 p.m. Public Hearing: PUD-000391-2025 Proposed Planned Development (Varsity 3)

Call to Order: Mayor Robert Halfacre at 5:35 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Smith

Members present: Mayor Halfacre presiding, Council Members Evans, Fulmer, Jones, Scott, and Smith. Council Member Sherrill arrived at 5:55 pm.

Absent: None

Notification emailed: June 12th, 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 Robert Howell, 121 Poole Lane, regarding the proposed PD at 398 College Avenue. MyCivic comment from Susan Pass, 213 Wyatt Avenue, in opposition to the proposed PD at 398 College Avenue. Alan Grubbe, 116 Riggs Drive, regarding the proposed PD at 398 College Avenue. Stephanie Platt, 103 Mountain View Lane, regarding questions from last council meeting, sidewalks, and Flag Day. Eva Henry, 234 Riggs Drive, in opposition to the proposed PD at 398 College Avenue. Martha Centero, 109 East Brookwood Drive, regarding AT&T construction work. Allie Sloan, 300 Princess Grace Avenue, introduced herself as the new Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Greater Clemson.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting June 9th, 2025 were approved as presented.

Reports/Discussion

Staff Reports: City Administrator Andy Blondeau: City offices will be closed 6/19 and 7/4 for the Juneteenth and Independence Day Holidays. CAAAM Director interviews will be the next two weeks with a total of 4 candidates. The next On the Avenue event is 6/17.

Deputy City Administrator Alli Gantte: The City was awarded a \$10,000 Duke Energy Foundation Hero Grant for a new towable wood chipper for use during storm response.

Policy Action

Consider 2nd reading of an ordinance to adopt the FY 2026 operating budget. – Finance Director Leslie Wilder presented the budget with no changes since last reading. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve the 2nd reading of an ordinance to adopt the FY 2026 operating budget. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider 1st reading of a Notice of Application for a State-Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority by Spectrum Southeast, LLC. – City Administrator Andy Blondeau presented no changes since the previous

meeting. Council Member Fulmer asked about the number of other providers and requested staff provide a list. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the 1st reading of a Notice of Application for a State-Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority by Spectrum Southeast, LLC. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider 1st reading of an amendment to Chapter 2 Section 44 (c) (Public Comment Ordinance) to address the promotion of business like activities. – Council Member Jones presented this is the same as discussed at the last meeting. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve the 1st reading of an amendment to Chapter 2 Section 44 (c) (Public Comment Ordinance) to address the promotion of business like activities. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider a resolution outlining the eligibility requirements, duties, and selection process for creating the honorary position of Poet Laureate. – Public Information Officer Bree Sanders was out of town and was unable to present. Council Member Fulmer asked about the selection process, and it will be handled like the existing boards and commissions process. Council Member Evans suggested amending the language to add “Clemson resident preferred” to the criteria. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve a resolution outlining the eligibility requirements, duties, and selection process for creating the honorary position of Poet Laureate adding an amendment to include having a City of Clemson resident preferred to the criteria. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Other Policy Action

Consider an amendment to the Ethics and Code of Conduct Statement for Elected and Appointed Officials. – Council Member Jones noted the change from the previous draft to allow discussions during meetings as an exception to the statement has been made. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve an amendment to the Ethics and Code of Conduct Statement for Elected and Appointed Officials. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a contract for the Riggs Drive Sidewalk Project with Dillard Construction Group. – City Engineer Nathan Hinkle presented that 3 bids were received and Dillard Construction Group was the low bid. The recommendation is to award both the base bid and bid alternate for a total award of \$443,818.47 in addition to a 10% construction contingency. If approved the projected completion would be this fall. Council Member Smith made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to authorize the City Administrator to enter into a contract for the Riggs Drive Sidewalk Project with Dillard Construction Group. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider a contractual agreement between Clemson University and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in FY 2026. – Deputy City Administrator Alli Gantte presented. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve a contractual agreement between Clemson University and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in FY 2026. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider a contractual agreement between the Town of Central and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in FY 2026. – Deputy City Administrator Alli Gantte presented the only change was a reduction in hours from previous years at Central's request. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve a contractual agreement between the Town of Central and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in FY 2026. 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 FY 2026. – Deputy City Administrator Alli Gantte presented. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve a contractual agreement between the Town of Pendleton and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in FY 2026. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider a contractual agreement between Highpointe and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in FY 2026. – Deputy City Administrator Alli Gantte presented. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Evans, to approve a contractual agreement between Highpointe and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in FY 2026. 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 FY 2026. – Deputy City Administrator Alli Gantte presented. Council Member Smith made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve a contractual agreement between the Pier (Core SVA) and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in FY 2026. 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 FY 2026. – Deputy City Administrator Alli Gantte presented. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Evans, to approve a contractual agreement between the Central Clemson Recreation Center and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in FY 2026. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider a contractual agreement between Camp Clemson and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in FY 2026. – Deputy City Administrator Alli Gantte presented. Council Member Scott

made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve a contractual agreement between Camp Clemson and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in FY 2026. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Mayor-Council reports/comments/new business

Mayor Halfacre: The Clemson Community Care impact report was recently released. The Community Connection is out with thanks to Sarah for her work on it. There was great turnout for the recent On the Ave event, and thanks to everyone involved with it.

Council Member Fulmer: Asked about Abel Sidewalk Improvements which should be completed in the next 8 weeks. He will be absent on the 7/7 meeting due to being out of town.

Council Member Sherrill: Discussed creating a naming process for facilities within the city.

Council Member Smith: The Red Hill Reunion will be 7/5 at Dawson Park with free food and a live band.

There being no further business, a motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved

Jeremiah Jackson, MBL

By: _____
G. Robert Halfacre, Mayor