Regular Council Meeting
July 7th, 2025
Council Chamber – Clemson City Hall

Call to Order: Mayor Robert Halfacre at 6:32 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Evans

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

Absent: Council Member Fulmer

Notification emailed: July 3rd, 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: Officers Clayten Barnes, Jimmy Smith, Kevin Peppers, Jonathan Duncan, Christopher Redmond

Public Session: Mayor Pro Tem Scott presiding. Renee Gahan, 311 Upper Highland Drive, spoke about trees and noise downtown. Rupert Mcginty, 206 North Clemson Avenue, spoke about the 398 College Avenue property becoming a park. Robert Lee, 113 Pressley Drive, spoke about lawsuits and DEI. MyCivic comment from Thomas Hovanec, 216 Riggs Drive, regarding the 398 College Avenue Planned Development. MyCivic comment from Stephanie Platt, 103 Mountain View Lane, regarding requiring helmets for moped riders and power outages.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting June 16th, 2025 were approved as presented.

Reports/Discussion

<u>Receive updates for all active City projects.</u> - City Engineer Nathan Hinkle presented about the various projects including: Downtown Streetscape, Downtown Informational Building, Downtown ADA Repairs, Clemson Park Phase 2 (Skate Park), Abel Rd. Sidewalk, ARPA Projects Vista Cir and Monaco, HWY 93 Water Project, Redhill Water Project, Abernathy Park Design, SS4A Action Plan. Long Range Transportation Plan, and the Engineering Design Manual. A City Council Work Session was scheduled for Abernathy Park for 8/12 at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers.

<u>Discuss creating a naming rights policy.</u> - Council Member Sherrill presented about the naming rights policy. Council Member Evans had some questions related to the committee scoring and makeup, and the requirement of a person being deceased 3 years before consideration. Staff is directed to revise the policy by simplifying the scoring process, defining the rationale for the “3 years deceased” requirement, detailing the committee makeup, moving to 2 times per year for review, and creating a monetary threshold for naming rights requirements.

Staff Reports: City Administrator Andy Blondeau: Two On the Ave events have been added due to previous rainouts, starting at 7pm this Tuesday and next Tuesday. Check with Jeremiah for any questions about the MASC conference next week.

Policy Action

Consider 2nd 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 Smith made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve the 2nd 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 2nd 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 with no changes since the last meeting. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Sherrill, to approve the 2nd 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.

Other Policy Action

Consider authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a multi-year contract for downtown sidewalk pressure washing with Home Bright Power Washing LLC. – Procurement Director Brandon Burton presented that 2 bids were received but only 1 was responsive and the low bidder. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jones, to authorize the City Administrator to enter into a multi-year contract for downtown sidewalk pressure washing with Home Bright Power Washing, LLC in the amount of $76,900.02. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider awarding a change order for the HWY 93 water project in the amount of $59,380.00 to Gar-Con Inc. – City Engineer Nathan Hinkle presented the change order request. Public Comment from Eva Henry, 234 Riggs Drive, regarding Riggs Drive paving. The Riggs Drive paving project is projected to be completed within the next year. Council Member Smith made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jones, to award a change order for the HWY 93 water project in the amount of $59,380.00 to Gar-Con Inc. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider a contractual agreement between the City of Seneca and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in FY 2026. – Deputy City Administrator Alli Gantte presented that this will be a month-to-month contract. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve a contractual agreement between the City of Seneca and the City of Clemson for CATbus transportation services in FY 2026. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

<u>Consider renewing a mutual aid agreement with the Clemson University Police Department.</u> – Police Chief Jorge Campos presented this is the same agreement as with all other local agencies. This is different from the special events agreement we have with Clemson University regarding staffing. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jones, to renew a mutual aid agreement with the Clemson University Police Department. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Mayor-Council reports/comments/new business

Mayor Halfacre: Thanked Lindsey, Alli, the University, and others for a great Light the Lake fireworks event. A Blood Drive will be held Thursday.

Council Member Sherrill: Will be out of town for the next meeting.

Council Member Scott: Fall recreation sign up is now open.

Executive Session

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Smith to enter into Executive Session to Consider an appointment to the Sustainability Committee; SC Code Section 30-4-70 (a)(1). 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,

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jones to appoint Nanda Edgerton to the Sustainability Committee with a term ending in February 2026. 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 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeremiah Jackson, MBL

Approved

By: ______________________________

G. Robert Halfacre, Mayor