

**Regular Council Meeting
September 2nd, 2025
Council Chamber-Clemson City Hall**

5:30 PM Public Hearing: 1. 2025-R-01 Proposed Text Amendment (Arterial Frontage Fences) 2. 2025-R-02 Proposed Text Amendment (Bufferyard Standards)

Note: The public hearing for 398 College Avenue was noticed for September 2, 2025. The notice referenced the address at which project would be located and PUD-000461-2025 rather than PUD-000431-2025. The public hearing for 398 College Avenue will be re-noticed for September 15, 2025.

Call to Order: Mayor Robert Halfacre at 5:50 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Smith

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

Absent: None

Notification emailed: August 29th, 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 the ethics policy. Gay Eitenmiller, 137 Honeycomb Lane Central, SC, regarding parking in downtown neighborhoods during the Clemson University football games.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting August 12th, 2025 were approved as presented.

Reports/Discussion

Receive the (ECAR) student presentation. Council Member Smith introduced Sara Alkelani and Tulsi Patel from Every Campus a Refuge. South Carolina has resettled thousands of refugees since the 1980 Refugee Act. The resettlement process is lengthy, includes a thorough vetting, and was run through a local resettlement agency -Lutheran Services Carolinas- until Executive Order 14013 by the Trump Administration shut down the program. Volunteer efforts with ECAR include house set up, ESL programs, tutoring, childcare, and community orientation for a total of 8,280 volunteer hours in 3 years. There has also been \$235,980 raised for the program with the assistance of matching funds. There are 7 current refugee families that live locally.

Staff Reports

City Administrator Andy Blondeau: The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee is meeting on September 9th from 5:00pm-6:30pm with a community open house to follow from 7:00pm-9:00pm in Council Chambers. The Long-Range Transportation Plan and Safe Streets for All is hosting an open house from 5:00pm to 8:00pm in Council Chambers.

Policy Action

Ordinances

Consider 2nd reading of an ordinance amending the business license ordinance class schedule as required by Act 176 of 2020. – Business License Administrator Connie Standridge presented there were no changes since the last meeting. Council Member Smith made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve 2nd reading of an ordinance amending the business license ordinance class schedule as required by Act 176 of 2020. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider 2nd reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 6 (Court and Criminal Procedure), specifically Section 6-2 (Appointment of Municipal Judges) and Section 6-4 (Court Clerk) of the City Code. – City Administrator Andy Blondeau presented there were no changes since the last meeting. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve 2nd reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 6 (Court and Criminal Procedure), specifically Section 6-2 (Appointment of Municipal Judges) and Section 6-4 (Court Clerk) of the City Code. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider 2nd Reading of PUD-000391-2025 Proposed Planned Development (Varsity 3). – Zoning and Codes Administrator Jacob Peabody presented that there were no changes since the last meeting. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve 2nd Reading of PUD-000391-2025 Proposed Planned Development (Varsity 3). Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Other Policy Items

Consider allowing Chief Campos to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with Sheriff Blankenship. – Police Chief Jorge Campos highlighted the unique issue with Dawson Park as a difference in this agreement from similar agreements with other agencies. Council Member Smith made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott, to allow Chief Campos to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with Sheriff Blankenship. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider awarding the 2025 Curtis Circle Water Project in the amount of \$179,904.79 to C&C Utilities. – City Engineer Nathan Hinkle presented that the low bidder was C&C Utilities. The proposed start of the project would be early October, after a community meeting was held. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Smith, to award the 2025 Curtis Circle Water Project in the amount of \$179,904.79 to C&C Utilities. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider approving the installation of traffic calming devices along Azalea Drive in the amount of \$3,796.00. - City Engineer Nathan Hinkle presented the item. Robert Lee, 113 Pressley Drive, spoke in favor of the installation. The timeline on the project will depend on the availability of materials.

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Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer to approve the installation of traffic calming devices along Azalea Drive in the amount of \$3,796.00. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Approve design, engineering, permitting and contract administration services for the new Arts Center to Mcmillan, Pazdan, Smith in the amount of \$862,640.00. City Engineer Nathan Hinkle presented that this would include the Arts Center, an amphitheater, parking, and utilities for the site. This will allow the development of construction documents so the process could move forward. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer to approve design, engineering, permitting and contract administration services for the new Arts Center to Mcmillan, Pazdan, Smith in the amount of \$862,640.00. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Mayor-Council reports/comments/new business

Mayor Halfacre: Thanked Chief Campos and his officers for their hard work over the busy football weekend. Shout out to the communications team for their work on Zip Trip.

Council Member Fulmer: Passed out a postcard from Build a Better Clemson from 5 years ago.

Council Member Sherrill: Praised the work on activities with the Abernathy Park Open House. She also asked Chief Campos for his opinion on the football game with alcohol sales.

There being no further business, a motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremiah Jackson, MBL

Approved

By: _____
G. Robert Halfacre, Mayor