

**Regular Council Meeting  
September 21, 2015  
Council Chamber – Clemson City Hall**

**Call to Order:** Mayor J.C. Cook, III at 6:30 p.m.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Council Member Ducworth

**Members present:** Mayor J.C. Cook, III presiding, Council Members Chapman, Cox, Ducworth, Fowler and

Hay **Absent:** Council Member Oswald

**Media present:** Vince Jackson, the *Independent Mail*

**Notification emailed:** September 17, 2015 to the *Greenville News*, the *Journal*, the *Independent Mail*, the *Pickens Sentinel*, the *Easley Progress*; WSNW Radio, WYFF Channel 4, WSPA Channel 7 and Fox 21 TV News.

At this time Mayor Cook presented Leadership Clemson graduate certificates/awards to Council Member Jerry Chapman and Mr. Peter Eisenstadt.

**Public Session:** Mayor Pro Tem Tim Fowler presiding – Mr. Peter Eisenstadt, spoke of concerns for traffic issues at Calhoun St. and suggested sidewalks and four way stops.

Ms. Tammy Clark, Friends of Pickens County Guardian ad Litem, spoke in reference to the banner request that is on the agenda for the annual Oyster Roast fund raising event, October 24<sup>th</sup> in Easley.

**Approval of Minutes:** September 8, 2015 were approved as presented.

**Reports/Discussion Agenda:**

Receive an update on the negotiations with Campus Partners (developers of the Earle Street Apartment project) for inclusion of public parking spaces within the project parking garage to be leased to the City of Clemson - in conjunction with an Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement – Mayor J.C. Cook, III and Council Member Chapman presented an update from the negotiations for 40 spaces with a 50 year lease. The Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement will include the parking space lease that will be presented for a formal vote at a later date.

Receive an update on the meetings with other municipalities in Pickens County regarding the recent unfunded mandate by the South Carolina General Assembly to direct City governments to pay for indigent defense services in Municipal Court – in addition to the assessments that are already collected – Mayor J.C. Cook, III provided a report allocating a percentage due each city based on population and based on cases in each city that totaled the \$40,000.00 requested by the General Assembly. He said he met with Representative Gary Clary and he is proposing to have the proviso removed next year. The current year budget item will be an unfunded mandate until it can be removed. Mayor Cook stated that the PCMA will discuss this again at the next meeting.

Review and discuss the recent work session meeting with the Town of Central regarding a new Child Care Service being considered for patrons of the Central-Clemson Indoor Recreation Center – Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator provided an overview of the services and referenced the Parent's Handbook that will be available to interested patrons. Mr. Joe Crosby, Indoor Recreation Director has leased the old Senior Center building located across the parking lot of the Indoor Recreation facility for \$1.00 a year from Pickens County

to provide the child care services. Anyone interested can register online, fees are based by the month or drop in and both members / non-members can participate. There can be up to 8 children per room at a time for 90 minutes at a time. There will be no food or drink provided and children must be potty trained. All workers will have a background check and medical emergency kits are installed. Council noted that there are security cameras and Mr. Crosby has done an excellent job cleaning and preparing the building. Mr. Cotton stated that both Councils were positive and Mr. Crosby answered all questions very thoroughly.

Discuss the utilization of an Indefinite Delivery Contract for engineering services for the City of Clemson project planning, design and bid assistance – Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator presented this item with details of the workload of the City Engineer and Assistant Engineer that has prompted the need for contracted Engineering services. The services would be used for 18 to 24 months on a minimal retainer and compensated by the hour on an as needed basis but will not be exclusive. This will allow contracted engineers to expedite the process on smaller projects while the City Engineers are focusing on the more extensive projects. Council instructed staff to proceed with a Request for Proposal.

Staff and Council Reports – Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator reported that he and Mayor Cook will attend the MASC Regional Advocacy Meeting on Thursday. The PCMA meeting is Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 at Dun Bark, Easley.

Ms. Sharon Richardson reported on the Ad Hoc Committee meeting kick off for the Board of Architectural Review standards last week and a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting is planned this Wednesday to begin the draft of standards for the area districts.

Mayor Cook reported that at the last meeting there was discussion with confusion on the start date of the Rental Housing disclaimer. He read the section of the minutes from January 5, 2015 that states “the grace period to implement the changes will run through 2015 to allow leases to expire and penalties will begin in year 2016.” Mayor Cook also referenced the complaint at last meeting about the Issaqueena Trail CAT bus stop and said there was no update at this time but Council Member Chapman rode with Police Officer during the hours of the week mentioned and there was no activity.

**Policy/Action Agenda:**

Consider 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of a Proposed Text Amendment to the City Zoning Ordinance, Section 19-107 Definitions And Section 19-303 Table 19-303 Table Of Accessory Uses For Residential Districts And Article III Division 2 Table 19-305 Conditional Uses And Special Exception Standards 19-303.C. To Add Conditional Uses For Hobby Beekeeping And Backyard Chickens. And To Amend 19-303.C.14 Keeping Of Livestock – Ms. Sharon Richardson, Planning & Codes Administrator presented this item with no changes since 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Council Member Ducworth made a motion, seconded by Council Member Cox to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of a Proposed Text Amendment to the City Zoning Ordinance, Section 19-107 Definitions and Section 19-303 Table 19-303 Table Of Accessory Uses For Residential Districts And Article III Division 2 Table 19-305 Conditional Uses and Special Exception Standards 19-303.C. To Add Conditional Uses For Hobby Beekeeping

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and Backyard Chickens; and to Amend 19-303.C.14 Keeping Of Livestock. Vote on this motion was unanimous. (See attached.)

Consider a request for financial assistance for Clemson University’s 2015 Diversity and Inclusive Excellence Month events – Council Member Chapman presented this item and referenced the discussion from last meeting to support the live streaming of the Keynote address on October 28<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$3000.00. Council Member Chapman stated that the month of events are intended for the entire community to celebrate diversity. Council Member Chapman made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fowler to approve a request for financial assistance of \$3000.00 from the Hospitality and Accommodations Fund for Clemson University’s 2015 Diversity and Inclusive Excellence Month events for the live streaming of the Keynote address on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Vote on this motion was unanimous. (See attached.)

Consider a request from the Clemson Community Foundation for the City of Clemson to make a financial pledge at the Visionary Circle level in the initial fund-raising campaign for this new Foundation – Mayor Cook presented this item with details from the inaugural event. He stated that the request is for \$25,000.00 over a three year period or a one-time payment and would be funded from the Hospitality and/or Accommodations Tax Fund. Council Member Cox made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ducworth to approve a request from the Clemson Community Foundation for the City of Clemson to make a financial pledge at the Visionary Circle level in the initial fund-raising campaign for this new Foundation. Mayor Cook made a friendly amendment for a one-time \$25,000.00 and split between Hospitality and Accommodations Tax Fund. Council Member Cox accepted the amendment. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider a request from the Friends of Pickens County Guardian ad Litem to display a banner in the flag plaza – Mr. Andy Blondeau, Assistant City Administrator presented this item for the banner to display October 10<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Ducworth made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hay to approve a request from the Friends of Pickens County Guardian ad Litem to display a banner in the flag plaza October 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved

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Beverly A. Coleman, CMC

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
J.C. Cook III, Mayor