

**Regular Council Meeting
December 7, 2015
Council Chamber – Clemson City Hall**

Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tem Tim Fowler at 7:12 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Pro Tem Fowler

Members present: Council Members Chapman, Cox, Ducworth, Fowler, Hay and Oswald

Absent: Mayor J.C. Cook, III

Media present: Vince Jackson, the *Independent Mail* and Greg Oliver, the *Journal*

Notification emailed: December 2, 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.

Public Session: Mayor Pro Tem Tim Fowler presiding – Mr. David Lane, President-Clemson Area Chamber gave a personal invitation to City Council to the Chamber Holiday Christmas Party at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at the Courtyard by Marriott. It includes a silent auction to raise funds for Clemson Community Care.

Approval of Minutes: November 23, 2015 were approved as presented.

Reports/Discussion Agenda:

Receive a report regarding a recent grant award from the South Carolina Department of Transportation Mass Transit Division for future bus replacement acquisitions – Mr. Al Babinicz, CAT Director reported that CAT will be the recipient of a one-time \$2.75 million combined Federal Transportation & State Capital grant from SCDOT to replace aging buses. The local match for the federal dollars will be provided by the State. Mr. Babinicz also reported that CAT has already received \$4 million this year in capital and operating grants. He then stated that this past week President Obama signed a bipartisan transit bill known as “FAST” for \$305 billion over the next five years to provide funding for highways, bridges and public transportation. Mr. Babinicz expressed appreciation to Council and staff for ongoing support of the CAT System.

Staff and Council Reports:

Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator requested a Council Member to join the review of applications for the City Attorney position – Council Member Cox responded; and he requested a Council Member to join the review on the Design Build Qualification for the new Fire Sub-Station – Council Member Oswald responded. Mr. Cotton then reviewed City projects that are on the calendar for December and January forward.

Council Member Ducworth reported on a request to consider holidays in the Noise Ordinance update and Mayor Pro Tem Fowler reported on a request for a special provision to allow companies to work at night when traffic issues require it in the Noise Ordinance update. Council Member Chapman requested Council consider a Planning Retreat Work Session date for 2016 at the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Cotton also reported that the Joint City University Advisory Board will have an exchange visit with Kansas City / Kansas State University March 6th -8th and that travel plans will be forthcoming.

Policy/Action Agenda:

Consider the request from Mr. Kade Herrick, Tourism Director for the Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce, for a financial partnership between the Sports Council, Clemson University Campus Recreation and the City of Clemson to enhance the new artificial fields at the Snow Family Outdoor Fitness and Wellness Center in the amount of \$25,000.00 – Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator presented this item and stated that the City’s amount of \$25,000.00 was 1/3 of the total cost. Council Member Ducworth made a motion, seconded by Council Member Chapman to approve the request from Mr. Kade Herrick, Tourism Director for the Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce, for a financial partnership between the Sports Council, Clemson University Campus Recreation and the City of Clemson to enhance the new artificial fields at the Snow Family Outdoor Fitness and Wellness Center in the amount of \$25,000.00. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider taking action to provide the Central-Clemson Indoor Recreation Center with a loan forgiveness of the final year of the 2013 capital improvement internal loan, which was provided by the Hospitality Tax Fund and Local Accommodations Tax Fund – Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator presented this item and stated that there were equipment replacement/maintenance repairs with unanticipated costs this year at the facility and this will help them recover. Council Member Oswald made a motion, seconded by Council Member Cox to approve a loan forgiveness to the Central-Clemson Indoor Recreation Center of the final year of the 2013 capital improvement internal loan, which was provided by the Hospitality Tax Fund and Local Accommodations Tax Fund. 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 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved

By: _____

Beverly A. Coleman, CMC

J.C. Cook III, Mayor