

Regular Council Meeting
February 15, 2016
Council Chamber, Clemson City Hall

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor J.C. Cook, III

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

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

Notification emailed: February 11, 2016 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. Lowell Arwood, representing the Clemson Aquatic Swim Team presented Council with T-Shirts in appreciation for the A-Tax funds that was used for advertising the sport events.

Approval of Minutes – February 1, 2016 were approved as presented.

Reports/Discussion Agenda:

Receive a request and consider information from representatives of Clemson grocery and convenience store operators regarding the possible public referendum on Sunday alcohol sales for off-premise consumption – Mayor J.C. Cook, III presented this item and stated that since the referendum from the last election year for Sunday Alcohol sales for on-premises consumption, grocery and convenience stores, etc. have asked for a referendum to allow off-premises Sunday alcohol sales in the upcoming election. Ms. Missy Nail representing Bi-Lo requested consideration for both off-premises and on-premises sales for the November ballot. She stated that Seneca, Anderson and Pendleton referendums were passed last election and included both. Mayor Cook stated that this would be on the agenda for a formal vote at the next Council meeting.

Discuss the possibility of a Downtown Clemson event series and closure of College Avenue for special events, including traffic flow issues, hours of street closure, alcohol open container issues during events, and other issues related to special events – Ms. Jamie Cathey, Program Coordinator and Mayor J.C. Cook, III presented this item for the upcoming National Tri-Athlon to allow a festival event downtown. Mayor Cook stated that an Ordinance will be required to allow open container, and there will be plastic cups only at the event. Council discussed the Ordinance reflecting a one-time event or special events for others that may come up. The Tri-Athlon is April 22nd-23rd and the awards ceremony will be at Tillman Hall. The intent is to close College Avenue from Hwy 93 to Keith St. on April 23rd from 9:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. to celebrate. Council discussed other events and the issues with bar crawls that are not regulated. Staff will contact all downtown merchants to make them aware of the consideration and get their input.

Receive a report from the Fire Substation steering committee regarding a preferred design/build contractor team for the City of Clemson – Council Member Oswald provided an update and stated that the committee and the consultant interviewed the final four and by unanimous decision invited Hogan Construction Group to enter into negotiations for a Fire Substation with a \$1.9 million budget + \$100,000.00 for furnishings in a design build project. The Committee will be visiting other fire stations built and/or designed by Hogan and after visits the committee requested Council's approval to proceed. Council discussed design/budget items and different bid options.

Staff and Council Reports:

Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator reported: the State of Clemson is (tomorrow), Tuesday, February 16th at 11:30 a.m. at the Madren Center; the PCMA is Monday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at Liberty; the Council Plan Retreat is Friday, February 26th at 8:30 a.m. at the Madren Center; the Central-Clemson Council Work Session is Monday, February 29th at 6:00 p.m. at the old Central Senior Center facility; the exchange visit to Kansas is March 5th to 8th; and the Council meeting of March 7th is moved to March 14th. The Berkeley Drive Pedestrian Bridge project has been advertised and has officially started. Staff met with City Attorney Mary McCormac on the Earl Street infrastructure reimbursement for public parking spaces and will present an agreement in March. Staff has met with architects for Cochran Road laboratory building designs and will bid April-May for summer construction.

Mr. Andy Blondeau, Assistant City Administrator reported on the Old Calhoun District streetscape drop-in last week and said it was well attended. They were pleased with the plans and construction will start in May.

Mr. Cotton added that there was nothing to report on the RR project and weather has hindered the retaining wall and downtown construction. Staff will have a mosquito fogging report at the planning work session next Friday.

Policy/Action Agenda:

Consider 2nd Reading of an Ordinance for a proposed zoning text amendment to adopt a rewrite of Article XI. Architectural Review, including adding a definition for Green Roof to Article I, Section 19-107, and to amend the City Zoning Map to change the Architectural Review Overlay District designations by adding three new districts and modify the boundaries of the five existing districts as proposed – Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator presented this item with no changes since 1st reading. Council Member Fowler made a motion, seconded by Council Member Oswald to approve 2nd Reading of an Ordinance for a proposed zoning text amendment to adopt a rewrite of Article XI. Architectural Review, including adding a definition for Green Roof to Article I, Section 19-107, and to amend the City Zoning Map to change the Architectural Review Overlay District

designations by adding three new districts and modify the boundaries of the five existing districts as proposed. Vote on this motion was unanimous. (*See attached.*)

Consider a contract award for the Clemson Area Transit "Re-imaging CAT" route and planning study to Dan Boyle & Associates in the amount of \$149,863.00 and setting a total project budget of \$160,000.00 to include additional components to the analysis – Council Member Chapman presented this item and stated that the committee met last week and recommended to award the project to Dan Boyle & Associates. The project is expected to last 18 months including 4 months of implementation. Council Member Ducworth made a motion, seconded by Council Member Cox to approve a contract award for the Clemson Area Transit "Re-imaging CAT" route and planning study to Dan Boyle & Associates in the amount of \$149,863.00 and setting a total project budget of \$160,000.00 to include additional components to the analysis. Council discussed the University's position in the project and the City's commitment to serve the community. Vote on this motion was unanimous. (*See attached.*)

Consider an Amendment to Fire Service Agreement between Clemson University and the City of Clemson – Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator presented this item to extend the agreement for another year until the fire substation is built and changes for it are incorporated. Council Member Cox made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ducworth to approve an Amendment to extend the Fire Service Agreement between Clemson University and the City of Clemson for one year. Vote on this motion was unanimous. (*See attached.*)

There being no further business, a motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved

Beverly A. Coleman, CMC

By: _____
J.C. Cook III, Mayor