

Regular Council Meeting
April 18, 2016
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 Chapman

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

Media present: Greg Oliver, the *Journal*, Mike Eads the *Independent Mail* and Fox News

Notification emailed: April 14, 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 – Ms. Kristine Matthews, 312 Thomas Green Blvd. and three children, all members at the Indoor Rec Center, spoke in support of the Rec Center pool and requested it not be closed. Ms. Matthews said that it offers year around access, promotes good health, and there are routine swim lessons and active swim teams using the pool.

Mr. Jack Davis, 202 Westcott Dr. spoke of concerns for the allowable height for hotels in the commercial district and requested reconsideration from the Planning Commission's decision last Monday night.

Ms. Paula Appling, 126 S. Smith St., Six Mile and member at the Indoor Rec Center, spoke in support of the pool at the Indoor Rec Center.

Ms. Katie Healy, 140 Folger St., spoke of concerns for Gameday & Special Event Parking and Short Term Rentals. She stated that the events listed for parking are for the University and expressed her concerns for the parking time through 4:00 p.m. the next day; signage on light poles; no requirement for port-a-potty, and asked if tailgating would be allowed and the damage to lawns. She then questioned who was monitoring short term rentals for the number of days rented. She also stated that the Noise Ordinance was excellent.

Mr. Tal Slann, 408 College Ave. presented Council with a copy of a letter that he received about a rental property's violations. He requested a change to notify the property manager and owner as soon as possible when there is a violation and not after 2 violations. He said that the managers and owners would have a better chance to change the behavior and/or prevent more violations if there is better communication. He also noted that this violation was a criminal act by an uninvited guest and should not affect the rental permit. Mayor Cook and Council discussed this violation compared to others and the intent to notify is based on adjudication of an offense that may take months for the process.

Ms. Aleta Robinson, Six Mile, Indoor Rec member spoke in support of the Indoor Rec Center pool. She stated that it offers swim lessons, exercise and fellowship, and is even used by other counties. She requested the rates not be raised to maintain the pool. She suggested a Capital

Campaign to raise the funds to support the \$200,000.00 needed for improvements of the facility. Ms. Robinson said that the survey for community input has been taken down and asked what else the community should do to support the facility. Council Member Fowler explained that the facility is owned by a partnership between the City of Clemson and the Town of Central. He suggested the members go to Central's Town Council with the same support. Council discussed the partnership and the cost to operate/maintain the facility. Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator noted that Clemson and Central Councils have subsidized the facility for years and have met this month to discuss the needs of the facility and are considering the options. There has been a capital campaign in the past when the facility was expanded years ago but the needs now are due to the age of the building. Council Member Fowler stated that no one on Council wants to see the pool close.

Ms. Dorris Sias, 220 Heatherwood Dr., member of the Rec. Center, spoke in support of the Indoor Rec Center pool and stated that it is the only gym with a pool.

Approval of Minutes: April 4, 2016 were approved as presented.

Reports/Discussion Agenda:

Review and discuss draft Ordinances and/or amendments related to:

Game Day and Special Event Parking – Ms. McCormac reviewed the changes from the discussions at the last meeting and stated that the effective date is still to be determined. Council Member Chapman requested these Ordinances move forward with a Public Hearing and consideration for a formal vote. Council did suggest one change for the vehicles to be removed the following morning.

Short-term Residential Rental Regulations – Ms. McCormac reviewed the changes from the discussions at the last meeting and noted that the inspections were designated to begin January 2017.

Noise Ordinance – Ms. McCormac reviewed the changes from the discussions at the last meeting. City Council set a public hearing date of Monday, May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. for public input on all three Ordinances.

Staff and Council Reports:

Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator reported that the draft budget will be ready for Council on April 29th. CAT will begin transportation service for Amtrak on May 23rd and the RR Bridge construction will begin. The US Collegiate Triathlon event is this weekend with 1,600 athletes and a block party downtown 8:00 p.m. Saturday.

Council Member Chapman reported on an operational meeting on April 6th with Clemson University and said it was an outstanding meeting. The members were very cooperative with efforts to improve the CAT bus service. The routes were discussed and specifically electric buses on campus. There are grant opportunities and the University is very interested.

Mayor Cook reported on the GPATS meeting today and said that GTA and the City/County of Greenville is also doing grant applications for electric buses with Tiger Transit in Pickens County. He said he hoped there would be an improved communication with Greenville to get the best opportunities for future grants. Mayor Cook also stated that GPATS will start their long range planning for the next 25 years and there will committee members needed from this area.

Policy/Action Agenda:

Consider adoption of the proposed SCDOT Agreement for Road Transfer, between the SCDOT, Clemson University and the City of Clemson – Council Member Fowler made a motion, seconded by Council Member Oswald to approve adoption of the proposed SCDOT Agreement for Road Transfer, between the SCDOT, Clemson University and the City of Clemson. Vote on this motion was unanimous. *(See attached.)*

Consider a Resolution of the Clemson City Council regarding the proposed budget proviso of the South Carolina House of Representatives related to indigent defense assessments imposed on municipal courts – Mayor J.C. Cook, III presented this item from the State requirements for municipalities to cover costs for public offenders. Council Member Fowler made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hay to approve a Resolution of the Clemson City Council regarding the proposed budget proviso of the South Carolina House of Representatives related to indigent defense assessments imposed on municipal courts. Vote on this motion was unanimous. *(See attached.)*

Consider authorizing to Purchase two replacement buses for Clemson Area Transit with FTA Section 5339 funding allocation and CAT unencumbered reserve funds in the amount of \$430,000 – Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator presented this item and advised that the grant that was brought to Council in January but will not be available until 2017. These two buses need to be purchased as ordered and the other buses will be purchased at later date when grant is available. Council Member Oswald made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hay to approve authorizing a Purchase of two replacement buses for Clemson Area Transit with FTA Section 5339 funding allocation and CAT unencumbered reserve funds in the amount of \$430,000.00. Vote on this motion was unanimous. *(See attached.)*

Consider the bids received on the Berkeley Drive Pedestrian Bridge and Shared-use Path project – Mr. Kent Guthrie, City Engineer presented this item with only two bids from six plan holders. The low bid was over budget by \$700,000.00 at a total of \$2,000,040.00. Mr. Guthrie stated there are three options: accept the bid and find the funds & request funds from C-Funds; negotiate the current bid; or rebid the project. Council discussed the options and Mayor Cook suggested a rebid for 60 days

with larger start date. Council Member Hay made a motion, seconded by Council Member Oswald to decline the low bid and rebid the project. Vote on this motion was unanimous. *(See attached.)*

Consider an Agreement for exchange of Police Dispatch Services between the City of Clemson and the town of Central, to be effective on July 1, 2016 and continuing through June 30, 2019 – Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator presented this item as the same type agreement as in the past. Council Member Fowler made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ducworth to approve an Agreement for exchange of Police Dispatch Services between the City of Clemson and the town of Central, to be effective on July 1, 2016 and continuing through June 30, 2019. Vote on this motion was unanimous. *(See attached.)*

Consider authorizing the Purchase of a new Police vehicle, in the amount of \$37,752.00 with funds from the City's drug asset forfeiture account – Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator presented this item and stated that the windfall of the drug fund account from a recent bust will allow for a new vehicle and in turn the old vehicle will be a spare used by Narcotics/Business License Inspector. Council Member Ducworth made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fowler to approve a new Police vehicle, in the amount of \$37,752.00 with funds from the City's drug asset forfeiture account. 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 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved

By: _____

Beverly A. Coleman, CMC

J.C. Cook, III, Mayor