

**Regular Council Meeting
September 19, 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 Ducworth

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

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

Media emailed: September 15, 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, no public comments

Approval of Minutes: September 6, 2016 approved as presented

Reports/Discussion Agenda:

Consider a request from a representative of Fairway Outdoor Advertising to amend the City's current sign regulations related to billboards – Mayor J.C. Cook, III reported that this item has been withdrawn.

Receive a presentation from Mr. Tal Slann regarding the potential collection of re-usable household items during student move-in and the re-purposing of these items for persons in need – Council Member Ducworth presented this item and Mr. Slann explained his idea to help serve some needs in the community. He said the items going in dumpsters are not always trash and could serve others in need. He suggested a partnership with non-profit organizations and recruit volunteers to coordinate the pick-up / drop-off of items, i.e. TV's, microwaves, furniture, etc. The proceeds could benefit the non-profit organizations in building habitat houses or other needs in the community. Mr. Slann said that the program would get the items off the street through philanthropy resources. Mayor Cook said that the issues would be a storage facility for the time needed and recruiting the group of volunteers and/or City employees to make it work. Mr. Slann stated that if the City funded a portion of the cost for a storage facility he would organize a fundraiser for the balance. The program may not be complete for the next move out but could be within the next year. Council Member Ducworth suggested partnering with the University starting with Student Council, along with a non-profit organization. Council Member Cox stated that this was a great initiative and should see much support. Mayor Cook added that the program would also save costs on dumpster services at complexes. Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator suggested Mr. Slann research case study at Oxford, Ohio called Sharefest that was the same type program.

Receive a Report on the status of the City's Self-Funded group health and dental insurance program (for the initial eight months of the new program) – Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator presented a report and reviewed this year's claims thus far with the initial fund balance, premiums, claims and current balance compared to last year with Cigna. He stated that the program is on target with no cost increase next year if the claims experience continues in this way for the remainder of this year.

Staff and Council Reports:

Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator reported: Council will tour the Proterra plant at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 5th; PCMA meeting is at Pickens Historical Museum on Monday, September 26th; Council scheduled a Work Session on Wednesday, October 12th at 12:00 p.m. with Design South for the Sewer Treatment Plant Expansion; Berkeley Pedestrian Bridge Bids are due Thursday, September 29th; Transit received a clean report on the 2016 oversight review from SCDOT; the Economic Development Committee meeting is Thursday, September 29th at 12:00 p.m. and Council Member Cox volunteered to sit on the committee through 2016. The Green Crescent Committee will conduct a public presentation on October 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers before the regular Council meeting. The Public Hearing for the Public Art Plan is Monday, October 17th at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chamber followed by the regular Council meeting.

Mayor Cook reported that if Council was supportive, he will proceed with the purchase of a brick at the Arts Center.

Council Member Chapman reminded everyone of the relationship survey from Clemson University and the City of Clemson. He said they have received a good response so far but need more responses from citizens. The link is on city's website www.cityofclemson.org.

Policy/Action Agenda:

Accommodations Tax Committee Recommendations – Ms. Sharie Nickles, Assistant Finance Director presented this item with no changes since last meeting. Council Member Fowler made a motion, seconded by Council Member Cox to approve the Accommodations Tax Committee Recommendations as presented. Vote on this motion was unanimous. (*See attached.*)

Consider Amendment to the City of Clemson Code of Ordinances related to Smoking Regulations in Public Buildings and Vehicles, specifically related to definition of and inclusion of inhalant delivery systems – Police Chief Jimmy Dixon presented this item and stated that the e-cigarettes have become an issue in public buildings, etc. The Ordinance amendment changes the language to inhalant delivery systems that includes e-cigarettes or any other type smoking devise. Chief Dixon stated that 6-8 other municipalities that have a smoking ordinance have amended their

ordinance as well. Chief Dixon also said that they will inform businesses so they can modify their policies for employees. Council Member Ducworth made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fowler to approve the amendment to the City of Clemson Code of Ordinances related to Smoking Regulations in Public Buildings and Vehicles, specifically related to definition of and inclusion of inhalant delivery systems. 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 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved

Beverly A. Coleman, CMC

By: _____
J.C. Cook III, Mayor