

Regular Council Meeting
October 17, 2016
Council Chamber – Clemson City Hall

Call to Order: Mayor J.C. Cook, III at 7:04 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Chapman

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

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

Media emailed: October 13, 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. Sheila Hogan, 210 Brook St., requested Council's approval on the agenda item for advertising the November 19th St. Andrews Church Holiday Bazaar on the City's message board sign.

Ms. Renee Gahan, 300 Edgewood Ave. spoke in reference to the Berkeley Drive Pedestrian Bridge and suggested Clemson Elementary collaborate with the City for unveiling of the bridge as it progresses. She then suggested Council issue a construction moratorium for a period of 2 yrs. until infrastructure is in place and to include sidewalks downtown. Ms. Gahan said she was also in support of the Green Crescent Trail.

Ms. Marcia Sherman, 602 Red Maple Way requested Council's approval on the agenda item for advertising the November 3rd United Methodist Church Ministers Cook-off on the City's message board sign.

Mr. Chad Carson, 108-2 Broad St., spoke and expressed appreciation for Council's support of the Green Crescent Trail. Council discussed the timeline related to funding of the Trail project.

Mr. Brian McGrath, 324 Pendleton Rd., spoke in support of the Green Crescent Trail.

Approval of Minutes: October 3, 2016 were approved as presented.

Reports/Discussion Agenda:

Review and discuss a Resolution that has been requested by the Friends of the Green Crescent trail organization – Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator presented the formal request in a Resolution for financial support and partnerships. Mr. Cotton requested Council review and discuss further at the next work session.

Staff and Council Reports: Council scheduled a Work Session on Monday, October 31st at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Green Crescent Trail, the Art Plan funding and other financial issues. Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator shared an invitation to the Upstate Elected Officials Meeting, Thursday, October 27th at 2:30 in Greenville. Mr. Cotton then reported that the allocation of Indigent Defense costs in Clemson for the 2nd year of the unfunded mandate is \$7552. The next PCMA meeting is October 24th at the Pickens County Career Center. The Calhoun Streetscape project is progressing but with the recent Hurricane flooding in other parts of the state, power utility work has been

delayed. SCDOT now has the traffic signal proposal for Issaqueena Trail - Chapman Road for their review. The improvements for the Indoor Rec Center have begun with installations of pool heaters, other improvements will follow. Pacolet Milliken has advised that the housing section will begin first and they will meet with staff on Tuesday to discuss their park land.

Mayor Cook reported that Ms. Dianne Bitzer, City - Records Manager, is retiring December 16th and Ms. Sandra O'Kelley, Administration - Administrative Assistant, is retiring December 30th. He also reported that the GPATS long-term transportation plan has an online survey, at <https://Horizon2040.metroquest.com> and the regional meeting in Clemson was the best attended. Mayor Cook then shared an invitation to the presentation of the Billy Wilkins Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement on Wednesday, November 2nd at 10:00 a.m. at the Pickens County Courthouse.

Policy/Action Agenda:

Consider Approval of non-profit organizations for the City's digital message board advertising: St. Andrews Church Holiday Bazaar and Clemson Congregations in Touch (CCIT) Ministers Cook off – Mr. Andy Blondeau, Assistant City Administrator presented this item for the organizations. Council Member Cox made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ducworth to approve the non-profit organizations for the City's digital message board advertising: St. Andrews Church Holiday Bazaar and Clemson Congregations in Touch (CCIT) Ministers Cook off. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Mayor Cook commented that the Planning Commission will need to consider a change to the message board display timing for the number of messages that are being displayed.

Consider awarding a bid for the Berkeley Drive Pedestrian Bridge and shared path construction project to Thrift Development in the amount of \$1,681,414.60; and concurrently authorizing a transfer of \$380,000 from the General Fund to the Berkeley Drive pedestrian bridge construction account – Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator presented this item for the bid award and General Fund transfer. Council Member Ducworth made a motion, seconded by Council Member Cox to approve the bid award for the Berkeley Drive Pedestrian Bridge and shared path construction project to Thrift Development in the amount of \$1,681,414.60; and concurrently authorizing a transfer of \$380,000 from the General Fund to the Berkeley Drive pedestrian bridge construction account. Vote on this motion was unanimous. (*See attached.*)

Consider authorizing the City Administrator to execute an Engineering Services Agreement between the City of Clemson and Design South Professionals, Inc. for services related to the final design, bidding assistance and construction administration of the Cochran Road waste water treatment plant expansion in the amount of \$1,041,450 – Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator presented this item with reference to the Design South Presentation from the work session on October 12, 2016 and a new agreement for current year. Council Member Fowler made a motion,

seconded by Council Member Oswald to approve authorizing the City Administrator to execute an Engineering Services Agreement between the City of Clemson and Design South Professionals, Inc. for services related to the final design, bidding assistance and construction administration of the Cochran Road waste water treatment plant expansion in the amount of \$1,041,450. Mr. Cotton noted that the capacity limits have been discussed over the last year with private investment growth forcing an expansion trigger. Council approved a capacity reservation agreement tool a few months ago in preparation for the limited capacity. This agreement will not be necessary now with the Keowee Trail project moving forward that takes the remaining current capacity for the Clemson WWT downtown Hwy 93 area. If this project falls through, there are four other developments waiting in line. Vote on this motion was unanimous. (*See attached.*)

Consider a Resolution relating to the declaration of intent by the City of Clemson, South Carolina, to reimburse certain expenditures made prior to the issuance of federally tax-exempt Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds or State Revolving Fund Loans by the City related to the expansion of the Cochran Road WWTP – Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator presented this item in concurrent with the agreement for the project reimbursement. Council Member Ducworth made a motion, seconded by Council Member Cox to approve a Resolution relating to the declaration of intent by the City of Clemson, South Carolina, to reimburse certain expenditures made prior to the issuance of federally tax-exempt Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds or State Revolving Fund Loans by the City related to the expansion of the Cochran Road WWTP. Vote on this motion was unanimous. (*See attached.*)

Consider authorizing a Change Order to Panagakos Paving Co. in the amount of \$18,398.50 for additional asphalt paving quantities related to the Calhoun Streetscape project; with said expense to be paid from the City's Hospitality Tax Fund – Mr. Rick Cotton, City Administrator presented this item for the change order. Council Member Oswald made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ducworth to authorize a Change Order to Panagakos Paving Co. in the amount of \$18,398.50 for additional asphalt paving quantities related to the Calhoun Streetscape project; with said expense to be paid from the City's Hospitality Tax Fund. 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 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved

Beverly A. Coleman, CMC

By: _____

J.C. Cook III, Mayor