

**Special Called City Council Meeting
March 6, 2020
Council Chamber, Clemson City Hall**

Call to Order: Mayor J.C. Cook, III at 9:30 a.m.

Members present: Mayor Cook presiding, Council Members, Ducworth, Halfacre, McGuire and Smith; **Absent:** Council Members Cato and Cox

Media present: Greg Oliver, the *Journal*

Notification emailed: March 4, 2020 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.

Discussion:

Discuss moving the New Hope School building to a temporary location – City Administrator Andy Blondeau presented this item with details to move the building to City property behind the Fire substation on Issaqueena Trail. The building is currently on Pacolet Milliken property and has to be moved from the development site. The substation would be temporary until it can be moved to a permanent location. Fire Chief Bill Daniel was contacted and has no issue with moving it there. Council Member Smith stated that Pacolet has extended the time that it has to be moved and Clemson University could possibly allow it to be moved sooner to Dawson Park permanently so that it would only be moved once. Council discussed that the temporary location could be a backup plan if it has to be moved before the permanent location is determined and available. Further discussion on this item at the next meeting.

Policy Action:

Consider contract award to Development Strategies for the Master Plan consulting services – City Administrator Andy Blondeau presented the contract with a recommendation from the Steering Committee to approve it. Council discussed the timeline and that the consultants need to focus on all public input. Council Member Ducworth made a motion, seconded by Council Member Halfacre to approve the contract award to Development Strategies for the Master Plan consulting services. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Executive Session:

Council Member Ducworth made a motion, seconded by Council Member Smith to enter into Executive Session to discuss a possible land acquisition; Section 30-4-70(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where legal the advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim. Vote on this motion was unanimous. After discussion, motion was made, duly

seconded to exit Executive Session and return to the open session. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Following Executive Session Mayor Cook reported that Council discussed a possible land purchase. Council Member Ducworth made a motion, seconded by Council Member Halfacre to authorize the City Administrator to negotiate a contract to purchase the property at a not to exceed amount of \$130,000 that includes closing cost from the City's Hospitality 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 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved

By: _____

Beverly A. Coleman, MMC

J.C. Cook III, Mayor