

**CITY OF CAYCE***MAYOR*
ELISE PARTIN*MAYOR PRO-TEM*
JAMES E. JENKINS*COUNCIL MEMBERS*
TARA S. ALMOND
PHIL CARTER
EVA CORLEY*CITY MANAGER*
REBECCA VANCE*ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER*
SHAUN M. GREENWOOD**CITY OF CAYCE
Regular Council Meeting
October 6, 2015**

The October Regular Council Meeting was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center. Those present included Mayor Elise Partin, Council Members Tara Almond, Phil Carter, Eva Corley, and James Jenkins. City Manager Rebecca Vance, Assistant City Manager Shaun Greenwood, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, Municipal Treasurer Garry Huddle, City Attorney Danny Crowe, Director of Utilities Blake Bridwell, and Chief Charles McNair were also in attendance.

Mayor Partin asked if members of the press and the public were duly notified of the Council Meeting in accordance with the FOIA. Ms. Corder confirmed they were notified.

Call to Order

Mayor Partin called the meeting to order. Council Member Almond gave the invocation.

Mayor Partin thanked the City's residents for all their help during the recent rains and floods. She stated that they did a great job in keeping their neighbors up to date on the situation. She thanked everyone for staying indoors which helped keep the City's Public Safety Officers safe and available to help citizens in need. Mayor Partin thanked the City's Pastors for not having services on Sunday so no one would have to be on the roads and possibly be in danger.

Mayor Partin stated that Cayce Public Safety Officers rescued quite a few people that were in their cars in the flood waters and rescued people who were in their homes when they flooded in Riverland Park. She stated that the City's Utility staff worked around the clock as well. She asked everyone that was not affected by the floods to reach out to others that were affected. Mayor Partin stated that the City's Riverwalk was completely underwater and would be closed for quite some time until all repairs can be done.

Mayor Partin stated that repairs were being done on the City Hall buildings therefore the remainder of the 2015 Council Meetings will be held at the Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center.

Oath of Office

- A. Oath of Office Administered by Judge Keabii Henderson
Office of Council Member District 4

Judge Henderson administered the oath of office to Council Member-elect Phil Carter who was recently elected to office. After he took his Oath of Office, he joined the other Council Members at their seats.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Almond made a motion to approve the September 1, 2015 Regular Council Meeting minutes and the September 16, 2015 Public Hearing and Special Council Meeting minutes as written. Council Member Corley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Public Comment Regarding Items on the Agenda

Ms. Corder advised that Mr. John Banks had signed up to speak regarding Item VII. A. Mr. Banks stated he was speaking on behalf of himself, Mr. Bobby Sellers and the Historic Columbia Speedway. He thanked the City for moving the Congaree Bluegrass Festival to the speedway for 2015. He stated that the Events Committee cared a great deal about the Festival and making it even bigger and better for 2015. Mr. Banks stated that the City's Parks staff did an amazing job preparing the Speedway for the Festival and thanked them for their hard work. He stated they had a wonderful spirit and truly transformed the venue in a small amount of time. He stated he hoped the Congaree Bluegrass Festival would be held at the Speedway for years to come.

Presentation

- A. Presentation by Mr. Tom Walling re City Services

Mr. Walling did not attend the meeting.

Resolution and Ordinances

- A. Consideration and Approval of Resolution Ratifying Emergency Actions of City Manager

Ms. Vance explained that as part of her duties as City Manager she has emergency powers in emergency situations. She stated that on October 4, 2015 officials of the neighboring municipalities of Columbia and West Columbia, as well as Lexington County and Richland County, declared or advised that they would declare curfews (except for emergency workers) during nighttime hours in order to avoid a further strain on law enforcement and to maintain public safety and public order. The weather conditions also resulted in public safety emergencies including voluntary evacuations of the Riverland Park residential subdivision and all areas within one-quarter mile of the Congaree River.

Ms. Vance stated that the weather conditions further resulted in damage to and obstruction and undermining of some roadway surfaces and created dangerous travel conditions. At that point, she determined, after consultation with the Director of the City's Department of Public Safety, the Mayor and other officials in the Midlands, that a nighttime curfew (except for emergency workers), from the hours of 6 p.m. on October 4 to 6 a.m. on October 5, would be necessary and in the public interest.

Council Member Almond made a motion to approve the Resolution. Council Member Corley seconded the motion. Council Member Jenkins asked if this decision should not have been made until after contacting all of Council. Ms. Vance stated that she informed Council either via text or an email containing information regarding what was going on in the City. Council Member Jenkins stated he wanted to make sure that Council was not approving something after the fact. Ms. Vance explained that as part of her emergency powers she does have the authority to take emergency actions and is required to have Council ratify it afterwards. Mayor Partin explained that there are similar Ordinances with each city and each city is doing the same thing in regards to the recent floods. She explained that it is not possible to gather all of Council together during an emergency therefore the ratification is done afterwards. Council Member Almond thanked Ms. Vance and all of staff for putting the curfew in place and keeping the City's residents safe. After discussion, the motion was approved four to one with Council Members Almond, Carter, Corley and Mayor Partin voting yes and Council Member Jenkins voting no.

Mayor Partin thanked Ms. Vance, Chief McNair and Ms. Hunter for working around the clock during the emergency.

- B. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2015-09 Amending Section 6.6 Table 2 ("Schedule of Uses and Off-Street Parking Requirements for Commercial, Industrial & Development Districts") of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cayce – Second Reading

Council Member Almond made a motion to approve the Ordinance on Second Reading. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- C. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2015-10 Adopting Five Year Plan Update to the City of Cayce Comprehensive Plan – Second Reading

Council Member Corley made a motion to approve the Ordinance on Second Reading. Council Member Almond seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- D. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2015-11 Annexing Property located at Bluff

Road (Tax Map Number R13602-01-03 (P) into the City Limits Under the Provisions of South Carolina Code Section 5-3-150 (3) – First Reading

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation and the Ordinance on First Reading. Council Member Corley seconded the motion. Ms. Vance explained that the applicant is requesting to annex a portion (1.24 acres) of Richland County Tax Parcel R13602-01-03. The recommended zoning is C-4 (Highway Commercial). The property is currently undeveloped and located on Bluff Road, in unincorporated Richland County. The applicant requests to annex a portion (1.24 acres) of the property in conjunction with a C-4 zoning designation. Upon successful annexation and zoning, the applicant plans to use the property for entrance and exit to the proposed Love's Travel Stop. The property for the Travel Center was previously re-zoned from M-1 to C-4.

Ms. Vance stated that the Planning Commission considered the request for annexation in conjunction with a C-4 zoning designation at its regular meeting on September 21, 2015. The annexation request was opened for public hearing. No one from the public was present to speak in opposition to the annexation request. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the requested annexation in conjunction with a C-4 zoning designation. She stated the requested zoning is in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan.

Council Member Carter asked if the larger piece of property that the Travel Center will be built on was originally in the City or was it annexed as well. Ms. Vance stated it was annexed into the City eight years ago. Council Member Almond stated she is not usually in favor of annexing property on the other side of the Congaree River into Cayce. However, the small parcel of land in question is already connected to the larger piece of property and is necessary to make the Love's Travel Center viable.

Mayor Partin explained that the piece of property is on Bluff Road and the Travel Center is a great use of the property. She stated it will also produce hospitality tax funds for the City. Ms. Vance explained that Richland County also has a local option sales tax that the City will benefit from as well.

After discussion, the motion to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation and the Ordinance on First Reading was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Other

- A. Discussion and Approval of Rescheduling November Council Meeting Date

Mayor Partin explained that she is attending the Mayor's Institute for City Design to work on a project for the City and will not be able to attend the October 21, 2015 Special Council Meeting. She explained that the November 3, 2015 regular Council Meeting is on Election Day. She stated staff is recommending moving the October 21st Council Meeting and the November 3, 2015 Council Meeting to October 28, 2015. The Special Council Meeting is Wednesday, November 18, 2015. Mayor Partin stated that the City would only have one Council Meeting in November.

Council Member Almond made a motion to approve the rescheduled Council Meeting dates. Council Member Corley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

City Manager's Report

Ms. Vance stated that the City was very fortunate during the recent rain and floods. She stated that the Water Treatment Plant did fantastic. There was one large water main break near Amazon that was repaired as soon as possible and some minor water main breaks throughout the City. She explained there were a couple of minor sewer leaks that were isolated and repaired as soon as possible. Ms. Vance commended the Utilities staff for working extremely well under pressure.

Ms. Vance explained that that the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Raw Water Intake Pump were on a generator for two days during the rains. Staff had to be evacuated from the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Sunday due to rising waters. The plant operated on automatic for approximately twenty four hours.

Ms. Vance stated that the Riverland Park subdivision was the only area in Cayce that experienced any substantial damage from the flooding. She stated there were two roads in Riverland Park that were still closed because of standing water. She stated fifteen homes were flooded in Riverland Park and approximately forty that received damage.

Ms. Vance stated that staff had already met with FEMA. She explained that the City's responsibility was to assess all the damage and assist people with getting in contact with the right people at FEMA that can help them. She stated that staff has already assembled an assessment team who will receive training and assess each piece of damage. Staff has to identify that it is damaged from the storm before the resident can receive assistance from FEMA.

Ms. Vance explained that a contact person and/or email address will be established at City Hall over the next few days to assist everyone that needs to have their damage from the storm assessed.

Ms. Vance explained that a portion of 12th Street Extension that is outside of the City did experience damage and has been closed since the storm. She stated that anyone going to work at Amazon or Nephron will have to take a detour.

Committee Matters

A. Approval to Enter the Following Approved Committee Minutes into the City's Official Record

Council Member Corley made a motion to approve entering the following Committee minutes into the City's official record:

Beautification Board – August 11, 2015
Events Committee – August 13, 2015
Planning Commission – August 17, 2015

Council Member Almond seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

B. Appointment of Newly Elected Council Member to City Foundation

Mayor Partin stated Council needed to discuss which Foundation they would like to serve on since a new Council Member was recently elected. She explained that currently Council Member Almond serves on the Beautification Foundation and Council Member Corley serves on the Public Safety Foundation. After discussion, it was decided Council Member Almond and Council Member Corley would continue to serve on their current Foundation and the matter would be discussed after the 2016 Election.

Council Comments

Council Member Carter thanked Mayor Partin and Council, Ms. Vance, Mr. Greenwood and Ms. Corder for including him since the day he was elected. He stated he was being taken care of by everyone and wanted to publicly thank them.

Council Member Almond thanked staff and Mr. John Banks for all they did in preparation for the Congaree Bluegrass Festival. She stated everyone was sad that it had to be cancelled due to the rains and floods but it was unavoidable. She also thanked Cayce staff for their hard work during the recent floods. She stated you really learn the caliber of staff you have during an emergency event like what the City just experienced.

Ms. Vance thanked Ms. Ashley Hunter for her long hours of work keeping the City's social media updated during the storm.

Mayor Partin thanked Ms. Hunter and said she did an amazing job keeping the City's residents in the know during the storm.

Executive Session

- A. Receipt of legal advice relating to claims and potential claims by the City and other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege
- B. Receipt of legal advice regarding possible Utility debt refinancing
- C. Receipt legal advice regarding City TIF District
- D. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements for the 12,000 Year History Park

Council Member Corley made a motion to postpone the Executive Session items to the October 28, 2015 Council Meeting. Council Member Almond seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mayor Partin explained that it was decided to postpone the Executive Session items to a later meeting since staff was exhausted from the recent storm events.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Council Member Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Corley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mendy C. Corder, Municipal Clerk

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON A MATTER APPEARING ON THE MEETING AGENDA, PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING.* THANK YOU.

COUNCIL MEETING SPEAKERS' LIST

Date of Meeting October 6, 2015

Name	Address	Agenda Item
John Burks	2032 Fairlawn Cir. Chapel SC	III. A.

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