

Mayor
Elise Partin

Mayor Pro-Tem
Tara S. Almond

Council Members
Phil Carter
Eva Corley
James E. Jenkins

City Manager
Tracy Hegler



CITY OF CAYCE
Regular Council Meeting
March 5, 2019

The March Regular Council Meeting was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Those present included Mayor Elise Partin, Council Members Tara Almond, Phil Carter, Eva Corley and James Jenkins. City Manager Tracy Hegler, Assistant to the City Manager Rachelle Moody, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, Municipal Treasurer Garry Huddle, Planning and Development Director Carroll Williamson, Utilities Director Blake Bridwell, Director of Public Safety Byron Snellgrove, Deputy Director Jim Crosland and City Attorney Danny Crowe 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 Jenkins gave the invocation. Mayor Partin stated that the City is proud to honor military veterans by inviting them to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance at every regular Council Meeting. She stated that Lieutenant Colonel Justin Schaeffer graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Infantry Branch in 1998. He later earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of South Carolina's Darla Moore School of Business in 2007. He's been assigned to Army units at Fort Stewart Georgia, Fort Jackson South Carolina, Fort Drum New York, Fort Campbell Kentucky, and Arlington National Cemetery. He's deployed to Bosnia, Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Lt. Col. Schaeffer's final assignment was as a Battalion Commander where he deployed his unit to Baghdad in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. He retired in May 2018 and is currently the Director of Government Contracts at Boyer Commercial Construction.

Lt. Col. Schaeffer stated that he was nominated as a candidate for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Man of the Year. Candidates across the county form powerful fundraising teams to raise the most funds for blood cancer research and compete in honor of two local children who are blood cancer survivors. He stated that he had three initiatives; 1) to highlight the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 2) be a part of the Cayce community and showcase how giving the local community is and 3) show that retired military Veterans still have a lot to give and can be leaders in the community. Lt. Col. Schaeffer stated that his father was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma 10 years ago right before he was deployed. He stated that if anyone was

interested in being a member of his Team of Angels and raise as much money as possible to support finding a cure they could join him at teamwedid.com. He stated that "teamwedid" comes from when the next generation asks who cured cancer one can state we did. He stated that his first fundraising event is being held March 31, 2019 from 1pm to 4pm at Steel Hands Brewery in Cayce.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Corley made a motion to approve the February 5, 2019 Regular Council Meeting minutes, the February 20, 2019 Special Council Meeting minutes, the February 26, 2019 Special Council Meeting minutes and the February 27, 2019 Special Council Meeting minutes as written. Council Member Almond seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Public Comment Regarding Items on the Agenda

No one signed up for Public Comment.

Presentation

A. Presentation by Mr. James Brown of Brookland Cayce High School Student's Food Desert Project

Mr. Brown stated that his environmental students at Brookland Cayce High School completed a project involving food deserts and food swamps in the local area. The students noticed that DHEC had maps of these locations throughout South Carolina, but nothing tailored to the needs in Cayce, and Lexington. They decided to focus on one aspect of food deserts (transportation), and determine the locations and walkable distances for food choices within the interstate corridor. The students mapped grocery stores, convenience stores, farmers markets, and community gardens to identify places within the city region that potentially are inaccessible for people without vehicle access. They also looked for places where fresh food existed however these places were way outnumbered by fast food options (i.e. food swamp).

Mr. Brown stated that his students discovered that there are large portions of residents who have limited access to vehicles, are underserved and have extremely limited access to fresh food. Furthermore, even when fresh food options were available the sheer number of fast food options made it easier to understand why our region is under an obesity epidemic. The students created the maps as a way for people to re-evaluate the way we understand the food landscape and to maneuver the conversation toward healthier eating, as well as increasing access to fresh food sources for those most in need.

Mr. Brown stated that he is partnering with his Principal, the Superintendent of Lexington 2 School District and the University of South Carolina to initiate a Farm-to-School Program. The program will increase student's access to nutritiously dense fruits and vegetables for school breakfast and lunch while simultaneously providing a platform to develop new STEM-based curriculum based on horticulture and sustainability. Mayor Partin thanked Mr. Brown for his and his student's hard work.

B. Presentation of Outstanding Business Awards by Cayce Public Safety

Director of Public Safety Byron Snellgrove stated that he and his staff would like to recognize three Cayce businesses for their support of the department and the community. Corporal Josh Addy and Officer Eddie West of the City's Community Outreach Policing Service Unit joined Chief Snellgrove to recognize the local businesses for their contributions over the last year to the Cayce Department of Public Safety. Corporal Addy stated that he has always thought local businesses are the backbone of their community. He stated that three businesses supported the department in 2018 both financially and with moral support. Their continued commitment of support to the Department is an example of the spirit and pride evident within the City of Cayce. These contributions were used primarily for continuation of several community projects. For example, \$3,000 was donated for Shop with a Cop and the Department took 10 kids to Walmart for a shopping spree for Christmas. These children would not have had a Christmas without the generosity of the businesses that donated money. The Department also had a Back to School Supply Drive where school supplies were donated and given to students in need. Lizard's Thicket hosted Coffee with a Cop which is instrumental in the City's Officers getting to know the community in a comfortable setting. The Bi-Lo on Knox Abbott Drive contributed a large amount of food for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. The Manager of Bi-Lo also gave a grocery shopping spree to one of the families in need. The owners of La Estrella contributed to the Shop with a Cop and the Back to School Supply Drive. Corporal Addy said that the food at their restaurant is amazing authentic Mexican food. He thanked the Outstanding Business Award recipients for their dedication, loyalty and commitment to the citizens of Cayce. He also thanked the Cayce Public Safety Foundation for all they do for the Department.

Resolutions

A. Consideration and Approval of Resolution Approving Financing Terms for General Fund SCBA Purchases

Council Member Almond made a motion to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and sign a lease purchase agreement to purchase the SCBA units; and utilize the General Fund to make the lease purchase payments, which will be allocated in the

appropriate fiscal years for the term of the lease agreement. Council Member Jenkins asked if the new air packs would be compatible with the surrounding community's equipment. Ms. Hegler confirmed that they would be compatible. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

City Manager's Report

Ms. Hegler stated that she did not have anything to report.

Committee Matters

- A. Approval to enter the following Committee approved Minutes into the City's Record
 - Cayce Housing Authority – October 16, 2018
 - Museum Commission – January 2, 2019
 - Events Committee – January 10, 2019
 - Planning Commission – January 28, 2019

Council Member Almond made a motion to enter the approved Cayce Housing Authority, Museum Commission, Events Committee and Planning Commission meeting minutes into the record. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- B. Appointments and Reappointments
 - Accommodations Tax Committee – One (1) Person

Mayor Partin stated that the Accommodations Tax Committee has one open position that has to be filled by someone that works in the hotel industry in the City. She stated that the City has received a potential member application from Mr. Neal Patel, the General Manager of the Country Inn & Suites. Council Member Carter made a motion to appoint Mr. Patel to the Accommodations Tax Committee. Council Member Corley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Council Comments

Mayor Partin stated that Council was conducting interviews for the City's Municipal Judge position before the 6pm Council Meeting and after the meeting once it adjourns. She stated that Council usually start the Council Meetings on time but they were running a few minutes late that evening due to the interviews. Mayor Partin showed the assembly a picture of Council Member Jenkins when he was a senior at Lakeview High School. He was voted Most Handsome and Most Serious in 1965 and featured in the 2019 Lakeview Commemorative Calendar.

Council Member Carter stated that it was a pleasure to meet Lt. Col. Schaeffer and hear about his Man of the Year nomination. He stated that he knows all three of the nominees for Man of the Year. He stated that they raise very large amounts of money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Mayor Partin stated that Lt. Col. Schaeffer's fundraising information and video will be on the City's Facebook page. She stated that when he deployed he thought he would never see his father again since he was diagnosed with terminal cancer but thanks to advancements he is still alive ten years later.

Council Member Almond thanked the City's Public Safety Officers for all they do for the City and its residents.

Executive Session

- A. Receipt of legal advice relating to claims and potential claims by and against the City and other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege
- B. Receipt of legal advice relating to and discussion of negotiations incident to proposed franchise agreements for SCE&G and Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative

Mayor Partin stated that there were not any items to be discussed under Item VIII. A.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to table Item X. A. until the Regular Council Meeting in April. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Council Member Almond made a motion to table Item X. B. until the Regular Council Meeting in April. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved b roll call vote.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Council Member Jenkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Almond seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mendy C. Corder, CMC, 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 March 5, 2019

Name	Address	Agenda Item

***Appearance of citizens at Council meetings - City of Cayce Code of Ordinances, Sec. 2-71.** Any citizen of the municipality may speak at a regular meeting of the council on a matter pertaining to municipal services and operation, with the exception of personnel matters, by notifying the office of the city manager at least five working days prior to the meeting and stating the subject and purpose for speaking. Additionally, during the **public comment period** as specified on the agenda of a regular meeting of the council, a member of the public may speak on a matter appearing on the meeting agenda, with the exception of personnel matters by signing a speakers list maintained by the city clerk prior to the start of the public comment period. At the discretion of the mayor or presiding officer, the length of time for any speaker's presentation may be limited and the number speakers also may be limited.