

Mayor
Elise Partin

Mayor Pro-Tem
James E. Jenkins

Council Members
Phil Carter
Tim James
Hunter Sox

City Manager
Tracy Hegler

Deputy City Manager
Jim Crosland
Assistant City Manager
Michael Conley



**City of Cayce
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 19, 2022**

The October Regular Council Meeting was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Those present included Mayor Pro Tem James Jenkins and Council Members Phil Carter, Tim James and Hunter Sox. City Manager Tracy Hegler, Deputy City Manager Jim Crosland, Assistant City Manager Michael Conley, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, Finance Director Kelly McMullen, Human Resources Director Lynn Dooley, Police Chief Chris Cowan, Fire Chief Steven Bullard, IT Director Jamie Beckham and City Attorney Danny Crowe were also in attendance. Mayor Partin was not in attendance due to an illness.

Mayor Pro tem Jenkins asked if members of the press and the public were duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the FOIA. Ms. Corder confirmed they were notified.

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins called the meeting to order and Council Member Sox gave the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment Regarding Items on the Agenda

No one signed up for Public Comment.

Presentations

- A. Presentation by Mr. Spencer Hutchinson, Quackenbush Architecture and Mr. Mike Dawson, The River Alliance, of the 12,000 Year History Park Visitors Center Drawings

Ms. Hegler stated that the City was generously awarded a million-dollar grant from the state's PRT to do the design work and prepare for construction of the City's 12,000 Year History Park Visitors Center. She stated that staff was working with Mike Dawson with the River Alliance, who had contracted with Quackenbush Architecture to design this beautiful facility. She stated the presentation was Council's first look at the initial drawings.

Mr. Dawson stated that he and Mr. Hutchinson were in attendance to brief Council on the progress of the design of the building and about the rest of the project. He stated that Ozzie Naglar created the original concept which the design was based on along with input from the City over the years. He stated that there were four (4)

acres of buildable property that the City received from SCANA and a trail connecting that site back to the loop trail. He stated that Charles Howell with LandPlan and his team were working on the site plan, the parking layout and the berming and landscaping.

Mr. Quackenbush stated that he wanted to make clear that the authorship of the concept for the Visitors Center was Ozzie Naglar's and they were doing their best to be faithful to that original concept therefore they were working with him collaboratively. He stated that he and his team look at the Visitors Center as a very unique opportunity. He stated that it serves as a gateway for the 12,000 Year History Park and in a sense, it was like a billboard. He stated that the building was like a piece of sculpture which makes it a very unique building and an exciting building to be working on.

Mr. Hutchinson stated that he was an architect with Doug Quackenbush Architects. He stated that the Visitors Center was conceived as a portal or gateway to the History Park in the way that it was designed and oriented on the site. He stated that it was also an educational gateway in terms of the information that will be in the exhibit space to introduce visitors to all of the history that's being discovered at the site and to encourage them to go out and explore on their own. He stated that the open breezeway divides the building into two distinct areas. Mr. Hutchinson stated that the restrooms were grouped together to allow for the restrooms to be secured and independent of the exhibit space which helped with flexibility of scheduling. He stated that to the left of the breezeway was the main exhibit gallery space with a video theater and a small office suite. He stated that the roof line was very sculptural with a gradual slope up to the main exhibit space where the roof pops up with a little bit of high glass to get some nice northern daylight into the exhibit space. Mr. Hutchinson stated that the sculptural aspect of the building was inspired from the artifacts discovered on the very site where the building would be located.

Mr. Hutchinson stated that the evidence of ancient creatures that roamed the area, which was really remarkable, and served as a great inspiration, was very unique to the site and to the building. He stated that silhouettes of the animals, a very subtle etching into the building, would create an approach that would help visitors get an idea of what the building was all about. He stated that the closer one gets to the building, the more evident the etching becomes. He stated that even the approach from the parking lot was designed to guide visitors straight into the heart of the building, as a portal to the park. He stated that the idea was that people would be able to not only see the elevation, but could experience the building, touch it and feel the etchings, and that the building was a partner to all of the information that would be inside of it.

Council Member Carter asked about the arrows that were on one of the slides. Mr. Dawson stated that some land was left open in case it was decided to build a maintenance building there or on site space for archaeological labs. He stated that Mr.

Nagler had visited a number of museums that have the ability to expand out and add more exhibits over time.

Resolutions

A. Consideration and Approval of Resolution Authorizing and Approving Financing through Lease Purchase and Award of Lease Purchase Contract – Replacement Sanitation Truck, as Approved by Council on September 6, 2022

Ms. Hegler stated that on September 6, 2022 Council approved the purchase of a new sanitation truck since the City had a unique opportunity to replace an older truck through a vendor who had a truck that was rolling off the line. She stated that with supply chain issues and how long it takes to purchase a truck if it had to be built it was definitely a great opportunity. She stated that staff said at that time options on how to fund the truck would be brought back before Council. She stated that the financing that staff put out was not to exceed \$250,000. 18 financial institutions were contacted and requested lease purchase financing proposals for the truck. She stated that was how the City usually purchased vehicles. Ms. Hegler stated that staff asked the financial institutions to propose a 36 month and a 48 month term given the rising interest rates. She stated that the City received responses from Truist Financial and US Bank Corp. She stated that if Council approved the Truist Financial 48-month lease, annual payments, with no down payment, would be \$67,805 for four (4) years at a 4.05% interest rate. Ms. Hegler stated that the payments were monthly and in arrears. She stated that this was an unbudgeted purchase since it was not something staff anticipated as an opportunity to come before them. She stated that staff's recommendation would be to contract with Truist Financial for the 48 month lease and use the general funds unrestricted fund balance to pay for the current year lease and years two, three and four could be budgeted in those budget years. She stated that funding for the current year was \$45,202.

Council Member James made a motion to move forward with the lease purchase contract with Truist Financial for four (4) years at 4.05%, annual payments in arrears of \$67,805 for principal and interest and use the general fund unrestricted fund balance not to exceed \$46,000. He also made a motion to approve a resolution approving the financing and giving the City Manager the authorization to execute the contract. Council Member Sox seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Items for Discussion and Possible Approval

A. Discussion and Approval to Purchase a Replacement Police Vehicle

Ms. Hegler stated that recently one of the Police Department's 2019 Ford Interceptor was involved in a collision while in route to a call. She stated that the Police Officer and the other person were fine and there were no injuries. She stated that the

City's vehicle was totaled but the City's insurance is anticipated to cover \$23,000 of that vehicle. She stated that money would be put into the general fund however, to replace the vehicle, it would cost \$47,844.75. She stated that this was an unbudgeted purchase so staff was requesting utilizing funds from the general fund unrestricted fund balance for this expense. Ms. Hegler stated that the general fund would be replenished with the revenue recovered from the insurance agency and other property sales estimated to total that amount, so staff hoped to break even at the end of the year. She stated that the vehicle was currently available at Brandon Motor Company in Georgia who is one of the contractors under the state contracts.

Council Member Sox made a motion to approve the purchase of one (1) total police package Tahoe to replace the vehicle that was involved in the collision in the amount of \$47,844.75 and that it be funded through the general fund unrestricted fund balance. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Committee Matters

- A. Appointments
 - Beautification Foundation – One (1) Position
 - Public Safety Foundation - One (1) Position

Council Member Carter made a motion to appoint Ms. Lisa Cole to the Beautification Foundation and Ms. Mary Winter Teaster to the Public Safety Foundation. Council Member James seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

City Manager's Report

Ms. Hegler stated that the Axon equipment purchase for the Police Department that Council approved last year to be funded with ARPA money was on site and staff would begin to install it the following week. She stated that the Parks staff repaired the pedestrian bridge by the Public Safety complex that had been in disrepair for quite some time. She stated that the Circus that was recently held at the Columbia Speedway was successful and went well. She stated that longtime employee, Charles Turner, in the Finance Department had accepted a job in the private sector and she wished him well. She stated that she received kudos from the Principal of Brookland Cayce High School stating how thankful and pleased he was that Officer Mandy Fournier was at the high school recently assisting the students who were grieving over a student that was killed in the car wreck a couple of weeks prior. Officer Fournier was there with the City's therapy dog, K9 Hudson. The Principal stated that they were both a blessing and very helpful to staff and the kids who were grieving and K9 Hudson was definitely welcomed and needed and played his role very well as did Officer Fournier.

Ms. Hegler stated that Mayor Partin shared a post from the Fire Department on her social media of them training and doing drills as they always do. She stated that a gentleman commented and said “those guys were able to bring me down from a very steep ladder to get me out of the attic and to a waiting ambulance when I had a health episode. They are the best in my book.” She stated that the constant training certainly helped staff assist the City’s citizens in times of need.

Council Comments

There were no Council comments.

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. Personnel Matter – City Manager’s annual evaluation and salary review

Council Member James stated that with the absence of Mayor Partin he would like to make a motion to postpone the City Manager’s evaluation to the November 1, 2022 Council Meeting so Mayor Partin could be there. He stated that he asked Ms. Hegler if this would cause any concern with the timeline and she stated that it would not. Council Member Sox seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Adjourn

Council Member James made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mendy Corder, CMC, Municipal Clerk

