

CITY OF CAYCE

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City of Cayce Special Council Meeting July 16, 2014

A Special Council Meeting was held this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Those present included Mayor Elise Partin, Mayor Pro-tem James Jenkins, Council Members Tara Almond, Eva Corley and Tim James. Assistant City Manager Shaun Greenwood, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, Municipal Treasurer Garry Huddle, Charles McNair, Director of Public Safety, and City Attorney, Danny Crowe were also in attendance. City Manager Rebecca Vance was not in attendance due to an illness. Mayor Partin 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.

Mayor Partin opened the meeting and Council Member Jenkins gave the invocation. Mayor Partin led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Other

- A. Approval of Ordinance Calling for a Referendum and Ballot Question to Authorize the South Carolina Department of Revenue to Issue Temporary Permits for Off-Premises Sales of Beer and Wine Without Regard to the Days or Hours of Sales in the City of Cayce – Second Reading

Council Member Almond made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Council Member Corley seconded the motion. Mr. Greenwood explained that Council approval was needed for the second reading of an Ordinance to allow the question of off premise Sunday alcohol sales in grocery stores, gas stations and other establishments to be placed on the November general election ballot. He explained that the proposed referendum question is specific for the City of Cayce.

Mr. Greenwood stated that Lexington County will have their own referendum question on the ballot that does not specifically exempt the cities in the County from their ballot. He explained that initially there was a question regarding whether or not the County would include the cities in their ballot so staff felt it was best that the City have their own referendum. Staff also wanted Council to have the option to do it separately so the City's citizens have a specific vote in off premise alcohol sales.

Mr. Greenwood explained that if Lexington County's ballot passes it would allow sales in the City of Cayce for off premise sales of alcohol on Sunday. If the County's ballot failed, but the City had its own, than sales would still be allowed. If the City does not have its own question on the ballot and the County's fails than the City would not be allowed to have alcohol sales on Sunday.

Mayor Partin asked if the City's and the County's question would look the same on the ballot. She voiced concern that this might confuse the voters. Mr Crowe stated the question would read "in this municipality". Council Member Almond stated she felt that the question needs to be on the ballot in case the County's does not pass. Council Member James stated that he believed the people of Cayce elected Mayor and Council to be their voice. He stated it is ideal when the voters can have their own voice on an issue.

Mr. Greenwood stated that staff has made sure to be clear that Council is not voting to allow Sunday alcohol sales. He stated Council is voting to allow the citizens to decide. Mr. Crowe pointed out that the Ordinance specifically states that Council wishes to call for a referendum so that the voters will have the opportunity to decide. After discussion, the motion was unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mayor Partin announced that there were not any items to discuss in Executive Session.

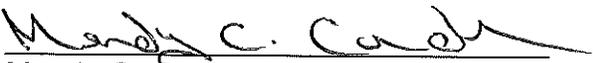
Adjourn

Council Member James made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Almond seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.



Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mendy C. Corder, Municipal Clerk