



Mayor
Elise Partin

Mayor Pro-Tem
Tim James

Council Members
Phil Carter
Hunter Sox
Byron Thomas

City Manager
James Crosland

Deputy City Manager
Michael Conley

**City of Cayce
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday April 1, 2025**

The April 1, 2025, Regular Council Meeting was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Those present included Mayor Elise Partin, Mayor Pro Tem Tim James and Council Members Phil Carter, Hunter Sox and Byron Thomas. City Manager Jim Crosland, Deputy City Manager Michael Conley, Assistant City Manager Wesley Crosby, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, Finance Director Kelly McMullen, Human Resources Director Lynn Dooley, IT Director Jamie Beckham and City Attorney Will Dillard were also in attendance.

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.

Call to Order

Mayor Partin called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro Tem James asked Council Member Thomas to include Lawrence Gardner's family in his prayer. He stated that Mr. Gardner was a long time fireman and engineer for the City and he recently passed away. He stated that Mr. Gardner's family was a big part of the City. He stated that not only was Lawrence a great firefighter and public servant, but he also volunteered countless number of hours to Airport High School for 30 plus years. Council Member Thomas gave the invocation. Mayor Partin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Sox made a motion to approve the March 4, 2025, and March 19, 2025, Regular Council Meeting minutes as written. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Public Comment Regarding Items on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

Presentations

A. Presentation of the Whole Sole Award

Mayor Partin stated that the Whole Sole award was a time to recognize when City staff went above and beyond, and usually it was a surprise. She asked IT Director Jamie Beckham and IT team member Ryen Kelly to join her at the podium. She stated

that Chris Bowe was also part of the IT team, but was not able to make the meeting, but was absolutely included in the Whole Sole award. Mayor Partin read the nomination, "the city is full of quiet employees who stay behind the scenes but perform critical roles in our city. The IT team is no exception, from fixing computers to cyber security, this team is tasked with the responsibilities vital to the strength and stability of our city and every service that we provide to our citizens. Jamie Beckham, Chris Bowen and Ryen Kelly epitomize the principles of the Whole Sole award, whether Chris is building out a new facility for the Utility Administration Department, or Ryen is helping the garage outfit police vehicles, or Jamie is upgrading the audio visual equipment right here in Council Chambers. This IT team is rarely ever in the same place at the same time but are always on the same page in regard to their dedication, their flexibility and their unwavering support of city operations. Their hours are not the usual eight to five that most of us work, but more late nights. Their tireless contributions are the backbone of what make this city great, and their quiet dedication to Cayce and its citizens may often go unnoticed. In fact, I venture to guess they might be a little uncomfortable being up here for that reason. " Mayor Partin thanked Mr. Beckham and Mr. Kelly for all their great work.

Items for Discussion and Possible Approval

A. Discussion and Approval of Bid Award for Brownfield Environmental Consulting Services

City Manager Crosland stated that Council approval was needed to accept the proposal from Stantec Consulting Services for the consulting services for implementation of the City's Brownfields Environmental Program and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract between the City and Stantec Consulting Services. He stated that the City sought professional services from a qualified and experienced environmental consulting firm to conduct consulting services for the Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Assessment Grant, which was awarded to the City in the amount of \$500,000. He stated that the consultant would assist the City with the management and execution of the grant program. City Manager Crosland stated that the grant and its implementation were of no cost to the City and solicitation complied with the Federal Procurement Standard outlined in CFR 200.318 and CFR 200.327, which were applicable to hiring and consulting firms to assist the communities with grants awarded. He stated that the City issued a Request for Proposal complying with the City's procurement policy as well as the Federal standards noted above for Brownfield Environment Consulting Services on February 10, 2025. He stated that the City received proposals from four (4) firms - BL Companies, Incorporated, CHH Consulting Incorporated, Stantec Consulting Services Incorporated, and Weston and Sampson. He stated that the Evaluation Committee, consisting of City staff, determined that Stantec Consulting Services was the most responsive, responsible responder.

Council Member Sox made a motion to approve the proposal from Stantec Consulting Services as the most responsive and responsible proposer and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract between the City and Stantec Consulting Services. Council Member Thomas seconded the motion. Mayor Partin stated that this item might sound like it was environmental, but it was actually economic development. She stated that Brownfields grants did come from the EPA, but they were designed to help properties that have been sitting, languishing, not being revitalized because of things that were not regulated decades ago. She stated it gave a property owner some support to be able to get a new business in their building and revitalize their property and did a lot of things that would help to bring some more economic development into the City. Mayor Partin stated that Council knew this was something she had wanted for a very long time and the City finally got this grant this year after many times of trying, because it was not an easy grant to get. Mayor Partin called the question which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Committee Matters

- A. Approval to Enter the Following Committee Approved Minutes into the City's Record
 - Cayce Housing Authority Annual Board Meeting – January 27, 2025
 - Cayce Housing Authority – January 27, 2025
 - Museum Commission – February 5, 2025
 - Events Committee – February 13, 2025

Council Member Sox made a motion to enter the Committee approved minutes into the record. Council Member Thomas seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Crosland thanked City staff and residents for their commitment to the Soiree on State. He stated that over 3,800 people attended the Soiree this year which was 1,000 more than last year's Soiree. He stated that the Cayce Museum just unveiled their Columbia Airport Exhibit which covered the history of the Airport transforming from an Army base to commercial traffic. He stated that the pre-bid meeting was held earlier that day for the 12,000 Year History Park and 10 contractors attended the meeting. He stated that the Fire Department was expecting delivery of their new fire truck that Council approved either by the end of the week or next week and he would share the projected date of the ceremony once it was set. He stated that landscape lighting was added to City Hall recently as part of improvements to the grounds. He stated that the lights change from color to color and coordinate with music and would be utilized for Christmas in Cayce and to celebrate Law Enforcement Week and Fire Department Week.

Council Comments

Council Member Thomas reminded everyone that the City's Fire Department replaced smoke detectors for free and that was an amazing service that the Fire Department offered citizens. He stated that the Soiree on State was Mayor Partin's baby and the crowd at the event was just amazing and congratulated Mayor Partin for that. He stated that Lexington Two School District was having their registration for next school year and asked everyone to get their student registered. He stated that he spoke with some of the administrators for the schools and they would love it if parents could get their students registered early, because that helped them with figuring out class sizes and if more teachers were needed for the next school year.

Council Member Sox stated that at the last Council Meeting he provided some updates on the Glenwood Park renovations and he got more updates that day. He stated that the basketball goal was installed and the basketball court would be painted that week and landscaping, seed, pine straw and grass would be installed that week as well. He stated once that was done the grand reopening ceremony would be scheduled. He stated that an invite would be sent to the school district and groups from the neighborhoods around the park and then a flyer would be put on resident's roll carts. He stated that the Soiree on State was amazing and everyone had a great time.

Mayor Partin thanked Council Member Thomas for his kind words and stated that the Soiree was another thing that did not look like economic development but actually was. She stated that the Soiree on State was an economic development engine. She stated that in 2015 she was invited to go to the Mayor's Institute for City Design, which was a collaboration of the US Conference of Mayors, the National Endowment for the Arts and the American Institute of Architects and it was at no cost to the City. She stated that everyone had to bring an opportunity or a challenge to the Institute, and the City was trying to revitalize the original heart of the City which was languishing. Mayor Partin stated that she learned so much that she brought back, and this street party was one of those things that had been a really important part of helping to revitalize that area and create the Cayce River Arts District. She stated that it was important that all of those buildings were vibrant and great small businesses since those small businesses were the fabric of the community.

Mayor Partin stated that before the Council Meeting, Council had a Budget Workshop. She stated that the Director of Utilities, Betsy Catchings, attended the budget workshop and everyone was thrilled to have her back after a horrible car accident. She stated Ms. Catchings was really good and she did a great job of taking care of the City's utilities. She stated that Council put all information out for residents so they knew the decisions Council made and had the same information Council did. She stated that she started the idea of putting informational flyers on resident's roll carts since everyone had to put their roll cart back by their house so they knew all citizens would get the information and be informed of what Council was doing on their behalf,

because it was a collaboration. Mayor Partin stated that it was a great, inexpensive way to make sure that they were communicating with citizens. She stated that the City's utility rates were literally half what most of the Midlands utility rates were for their citizens. She stated that they had all that data for anyone to look at and the City was the sixth largest utility provider in the entire state. She stated that the City had such a professional utilities team that did an absolutely phenomenal job of providing professional level water and wastewater treatment to citizens and to those outside the City that was serviced by the City.

Executive Session

- A. Discussion of Lexington County economic development projects relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses within the City
- B. Receipt of legal advice and discussion of proposed contractual arrangements relating to:
 - i. Fire-truck warranty litigation

Council Member Carter made a motion to move into Executive Session. Council Member Sox seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Reconvene

After the Executive Session was concluded, Mayor Pro Tem James made a motion to reconvene the Regular meeting. Council Member Thomas seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Mayor Partin announced that no vote was taken in Executive Session other than to adjourn and resume the Regular meeting.

Possible actions in follow up to Executive Session

There were no actions in follow up to Executive Session.

Adjourn

Council Member Sox 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 6:55pm.

Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mendy 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 April 1, 2025

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. The number of speakers at a council meeting may be limited in the discretion of the mayor or presiding officer, the length of time for any speaker's presentation is limited to a maximum of five minutes, and a presentation may be curtailed if determined to be uncivil, contentious, or disruptive in the discretion of the mayor or presiding officer or by majority of vote of council.