



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, February 22, 2023**

The February Regular Council Meeting was held this evening at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Those present included Mayor Elise Partin, 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, 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 meeting in accordance with the FOIA. Ms. Corder confirmed they were notified.

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Partin called the meeting to order and Council Member Sox gave the invocation. Mayor Partin introduced members of the Busbee Creative Arts Academy Girls Volleyball Team. She stated that Lt. Danielle McCord had coached the team for just two years and in the team's first year with Lt. McCord they beat the school record. Mayor Partin stated that in this past season they once again beat the school record and only had one loss during the season and were named the 2022 Eastern Division Champions. Players Jayla Mack, Jaiya Johns, Laney Williams, Charlotte Wojiak, Peyton Durrett, Alex Neal, Dereon Robinson, August Heyward, Averie Bailey, Grace Mower, Allie Newton, Chauncey Smith, Maison Young and Norah White led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment Regarding Items on the Agenda**

No one signed up for Public Comment.

### **Presentations**

- A. Recognition of City Employee, Denis Bergeron, being awarded the Water Environment Association of South Carolina Capital District Laboratory Analyst of the Year

Mayor Partin congratulated Mr. Bergeron on receiving the distinguished award. Mr. Neal Klimeck, the City's Superintendent of Treatment Facilities, stated that several years ago the City's various labs did not have a manager. He stated that he requested that position be added and Mr. Bergeron was the City's first director for both the water and wastewater labs. Mr. Klimeck stated that Mr. Bergeron streamlined all

documentation and purchased new lab equipment which saved the City money on things that were previously being outsourced. He stated that Mr. Bergeron had done a really great job for the City and it was appreciated.

**B. Presentation by Mr. Tommy Stringfellow on the Riverbanks Zoo and Gardens**

Mayor Partin stated that Mr. Stringfellow was actually scheduled to present at the March 22, 2023 Council Meeting.

**Items for Discussion and Possible Approval**

**A. Discussion and Motion to Ratify Action of the City Manager entering into a Contract for Emergency Repairs to Bypass Pumps at Pump Station 1**

Ms. Hegler stated that the City's Pump Station 1 was designed to contain three (3) permanent pumps that alternate lead operation of distributing wear on the pumps as wastewater flowed towards the City's Treatment Facility. She stated that staff had to take immediate action in response to damage to two (2) of the three (3) pumps in late January. She stated that staff immediately secured some small pumps at no cost to attempt to bypass the one remaining (1) permanent pump that was in operation at that time. She stated that the pumps proved to only be a quick temporary fix since they could not handle the flow efficiently and effectively therefore staff had to try to find appropriate bypass pumps.

Ms. Hegler stated that a few months ago staff did something very similar for Six Mile Creek outside of Moss Creek. She stated that on February 2, 2023 staff got quotes from Sunbelt Rentals for bypass pumps and as the City Manager she provided approval to secure them to work in tandem to provide the necessary backup that was needed for the one (1) permanent pump the City had. She stated that Sunbelt Rentals provided a quote and an acceptable delivery schedule for the equipment to be on site and were a real pleasure to work with. Ms. Hegler stated that a price for the needed equipment, materials, and labor to complete the job was agreed upon. She stated that the total price for the quote for two (2) Emergency Bypass pumps was \$32,162.42 for the first month of use, which included setup and some fees that did not continue after the first month. She stated that as the City Manager she approved the quote using the Emergency Powers afforded to her by the City of Cayce Ordinance Section 2-146 under Emergency Powers.

Ms. Hegler stated that since that time, the City's Pump Contractor had been able to repair one (1) of the two (2) permanent pumps that went down and it had been back in operation since February 9<sup>th</sup>. She stated that the pumps were somewhat feeble therefore as a safety precaution, staff would like to continue to utilize the two (2) temporary bypass pumps at least for the remainder of February. She stated that the City's contractors were working to repair the final permanent pump but were waiting on

parts on but hoped to get it online very soon. Ms. Hegler stated that at that point, staff would revisit whether one or both were needed or would recommend one or both of the bypass pumps that the City was currently renting.

Ms. Hegler stated that the City's permanent pumps were old and were the ones that were being worked on. She stated that the parts were not readily available since the manufacturer no longer made them. She stated that replacement pumps were on the City's Capital Improvement Plan and had been on the plan for a while. She stated that staff would be looking into how to get those secured since it currently took 24 to 36 weeks to build anything. Ms. Hegler stated that staff would bring that back to Council as a possible purchase. She stated that moving forward, staff would bring to Council a plan for an intermediate and long term strategy for Pump Station 1, but she needed their approval to ratify the action she took to get the bypass pumps in there for this immediate month.

Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins made a motion to approve and ratify the prior actions of the City Manager concerning the agreement with Sunbelt Rentals for \$32,162.42 as described in the certificate in the agenda packet. Council Member James seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

### **Committee Matters**

#### **A. Appointment Public Safety Foundation – One (1) Position**

Mayor Partin stated that there was one (1) open position on the Public Safety Foundation and the City had received a potential member application from Ms. Trinessa Dubas. Council Member James made a motion to appoint Ms. Dubas to the Public Safety Foundation. Council Member Sox seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

### **City Manager's Report**

Ms. Hegler stated that the Fleet Maintenance staff would begin installing the maintenance and GPS trackers the following week on the City's vehicles. She stated that these purchases were approved in the last budget. She stated that two (2) of the City's newest canine teams had almost completed their training and staff was excited to present them to Council in the coming weeks. She stated that staff was deep in the middle of budget discussions. She stated that Administration had met with the Utility Departments and would be meeting with the General Fund Departments the following week. Ms. Hegler stated that the Cayce River Arts District plan and project was submitted for an MASC Achievement Award and hopefully it would be chosen. She stated that the Beautification Foundation had started a business award to identify and

promote businesses within the City that are doing a lot to beautify their facilities. She asked anyone that knew of one to let staff know. She stated that staff was supposed to receive word on the status of the City's stormwater grant application that was submitted to the South Carolina Office of Resiliency. She stated that notice was supposed to be received the past Friday but all applicants received an email indicating that it would be another week before word would be received.

Ms. Hegler stated that she had one (1) staff kudo she wanted to share. She stated that access to the Riverwalk was closed recently due to flooding. She stated that Parks staff knew that two (2) people who cycle the Riverwalk daily were in the park so they made a point of finding them and ushered them out before they closed access since flood waters were coming in. She stated that the two (2) citizens thanked staff for that extra work because it really was them knowing those riders and knowing the people who come to that park and making a point to track them down and find them.

### **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

Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Council Member James seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

### **Reconvene**

After the Executive Session was concluded, Council Member Carter made a motion to reconvene the Regular meeting. Council Member Sox 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 by Council in follow up to Executive Session**

There were no actions in follow up to Executive Session.

### **Adjourn**

Council Member James made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Sox seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

---

Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:

---

Mendy Corder, CMC, Municipal Clerk

