



<b>Mayor</b> Elise Partin	<b>Mayor Pro-Tem</b> Tim James	<b>Council Members</b> Phil Carter Hunter Sox Byron Thomas	<b>Interim City Manager</b> James Crosland	<b>Interim Deputy City Manager</b> Michael Conley
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**City of Cayce  
Special Council Meeting  
Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

The September 11, 2024, Special Council Meeting was held this evening at 5:00 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. Interim City Manager Jim Crosland, Interim Deputy City Manager Michael Conley, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, Interim Police Chief Shawn Grant, Fire Chief Steven Bullard, Finance Director Kelly McMullen, Human Resources Director Lynn Dooley, IT Director Jamie Beckham 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 led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Michael Norris – Item V. B. Mr. Norris stated he lived at the entrance of the easement that was needed by the City. He stated that his bedroom window was 10 feet from the site of the project. He stated that he met with Interim City Manager Crosland and Interim Deputy City Manager Conley earlier that day and felt a lot more confident and comfortable with what was going on after meeting with them. He stated that he wished the project would not happen at all but understood the drainage issue that everyone dealt with all over the City. He stated that he currently had privacy and that was why he bought the house but understood it needed to be done to help the whole City.

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

Interim City Manager Crosland stated that with it being the anniversary of 911 the City's first responders were honored in different ways that day. He stated that in keeping with the City's tradition the United States flag was raised at 8:46 a.m. at the Blossom Street Bridge. He thanked the City of West Columbia for helping the City do that again this year. He stated that Still Hopes provided a meal for first responders and Lindsay and Muffin went to Mission Barbecue. Mayor Partin stated that for anyone who did not know, Muffin was the City's therapy horse. She thanked Lindsay for that phenomenal idea and providing the opportunity for healing and connection.

## **Council Comments**

Council Member Thomas stated that the upcoming weekend was a huge weekend for the community since ESPN's College Game Day was being hosted from Williams Brice Stadium. He stated that College Game Day was a huge economic impact driver for the community. He stated that he researched the impact of Game Day and found that beyond campus borders, local communities saw an immediate positive economic impact. He stated that the 100 plus person production team visited hotels and restaurants. He stated that the show spotlighted regional businesses like restaurants, as the hosts enjoyed televised tastings of local restaurants. Council Member Thomas stated that Jackson State estimated that Game Day was a part of an \$8.9 million economic impact when they visited Jackson, Mississippi. He stated that he was happy for Richland County and the City of Columbia but when people flew into the airport or took I-26 to I-77 they go through the City of Cayce, so he hoped the City's local restaurants and tourist attractions took advantage of this huge weekend and the positive impact it would have on the City.

Council Member Carter thanked Sanitation Manager Thomas White and the street sweeper crew for their recent work in Moss Creek. He stated that his neighborhood had a couple of water line breaks recently and when the water bubbled out the ground, dirt and rocks went everywhere. He stated that the street sweeper crew came out and cleaned the streets. He stated that it was good to see them, and he hoped to see more of them.

Mayor Partin thanked staff for always remembering 911 and taking the time on that day to pause in the morning. She stated that it meant a lot to a lot of people who came across the bridge and for decades now, had seen that larger-than-life flag reminding everyone that we are all Americans, we are all together, and we have a lot of people to thank and a lot of people to remember.

## **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. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed purchase of easement for stormwater drainage grant

Mayor Pro Tem James made a motion to move into Executive Session. Council Member Carter 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 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**

- A. Discussion and approval of negotiations incident to proposed easement for stormwater grant

Council Member Sox made a motion to approve the monetary agreement, as discussed in Executive Session, for the easement from the Congaree Bluff Homeowners Association for the Avenue Stormwater Grant and authorize the City Manager to finalize the easement agreement, with the deadline of September 19, 2024, at 5pm. Mayor Pro Tem James seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Adjourn**

Council Member Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem James seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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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      September 11, 2024

Name	Address	Agenda Item
Michael Norris	100 Riverhill Ct, Cayce	5B

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