



<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**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 5, 2024**

The November 5, 2024, 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. Interim City Manager Jim Crosland, Interim Deputy City Manager Michael Conley, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, Police Chief Herbert Blake, Assistant Fire Chief Ryan Gates, 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 Thomas gave the invocation. Mayor Partin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Resolutions**

- A. Consideration and Approval of Resolution Recognizing Senator Nikki Setzler for his Outstanding Achievements and Contributions to the State of South Carolina and the City of Cayce

Mayor Pro Tem James made a motion to approve the Resolution recognizing Senator Nikki Setzler for his outstanding achievements and contributions to the state of South Carolina and the City of Cayce. Council Member Thomas seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Senator Setzler thanked Mayor Partin and Council for the honor and the Resolution. He thanked the citizens of Cayce and employees of the City. He stated that he grew up in Cayce on L Avenue and rode the streets of the Avenues on his bicycle. He stated that the first lady he dated lived on the Avenues but then he met Ada Jane who had served him as a partner throughout this venture and journey of politics and public service. He stated that it could not be done without your family, but Cayce had always been near and dear to me. Senator Setzler stated he was serving as the City's judge when he decided to run for the Senate. He stated that he loved what he did and could do it to the day he died, but that was not what needed to be done. He stated that 48 years in public service in the Senate was a blessing from God, and it was time for him to retire. He stated that he would be practicing law and doing some consulting and looked forward to working with the community continuously. He thanked his wife, Ada Jane, who had been his partner in the entire journey.

**B. Consideration and Approval of Resolution Recognizing Lexington County Council Member Debbie Summers for her Leadership and Years of Service to Lexington County**

Mayor Pro Tem James made a motion to approve a Resolution recognizing Lexington County Council Member Debbie Summers for her leadership and years of service to Lexington County. Council Member Thomas seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Council Member Summers stated that she actually grew up in Richland County, but spent the better part of her life in Lexington County. She stated that it was home and she had lived there for 40 years and it was absolutely the best place in the world to live. She stated that she did not live in Cayce, but served Cayce, because when one served on Lexington County Council, you made decisions that profoundly affect people throughout the county and all the municipalities. Council Member Summers stated that it had been a pleasure and she would miss it.

**Presentations**

**A. Swearing in of Police Chief Herbert Blake**

Police Chief Blake took the Oath. Chief Blake thanked Council and Interim City Manager Crosland for giving him the opportunity and trusting in his leadership and embracing his leadership style, which was going to be somewhat different. He stated that he really wanted to thank the employees that were in attendance from the Cayce Police Department and those that drove from Buncombe County to witness his swearing in. He stated that when he left Buncombe County, it happened as a hurricane was going on, so they never got a chance to say goodbye. Police Chief Blake stated that he promised to do the best he could with what he had to work with. He stated that he understood how municipal governments worked and he would try as best he could to educate those within the department to understand how things worked and how things did not work. He stated that it was a great honor and privilege and it felt like a dream come true. He stated that he was excited and humbled and honored for the opportunity.

**Public Comment Regarding Items on the Agenda**

There were no public comments.

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Sox made a motion to approve the October 1, 2024, and the October 16, 2024, regular Council Meeting minutes as written. Council Member Thomas seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

## **Ordinance**

### **A. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2024-11 Amending the Zoning Map and Rezoning Property Located on Fish Hatchery Road (Tax Map Number 006896-02-035) from RG-1 to M-1 – First Reading**

Interim City Manager Crosland stated that Council approval was needed for the First Reading of an Ordinance to rezone property from RG-1 to M-1. He stated that the owner, Browder's Creek Properties, had requested a map amendment to rezone property located on Fish Hatchery Road. He stated that the subject property was located among other M-1 properties as well as developed and undeveloped areas. He stated that the M-1 zoning classification was intended to accommodate wholesaling, warehousing, light manufacturing, office and related business uses on individual lots and in business park settings. He stated that the M-1 zoning district also permitted retail, restaurants and hotels, along with other various uses. Interim City Manager Crosland stated that the requested rezoning was in compliance with the City's Comprehensive Plan. He stated that the Planning Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on October 21, 2024, and unanimously voted on the map amendment to rezone the property on Fish Hatchery Road from RG-1 to M-1. He stated that no one at the Public Hearing spoke in support or against the amendment. He stated that staff recommended that Council approve the request to rezone the property from RG-1 to M-1.

Mayor Pro Tem James made a motion to approve the rezoning. 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 Ratify an Agreement Approved by the City Manager, Under the Emergency Powers of Sec. 2-146, with 3D Dirt Works on October 1, 2024, for the Emergency Clean-up of the Cayce Riverwalk**

Interim City Manager Crosland stated that on September 29, 2024, the City experienced flood levels similar to those in 2015 and they flooded the Riverwalk as well as almost flooded the Riverland Park neighborhood. He stated that after the storm, many trees were down on the Riverwalk and the boardwalks were covered in 3 feet of mud. He stated that staff was concerned for the public's safety since it was impossible to keep everyone out of the Riverwalk. He stated that 3D Dirt Works was called in and they came in with 20 people, skid steers and excavators and had the Riverwalk cleared, with Parks staff assistance, in two (2) days.

Council Member Sox made a motion to approve staff's recommendation for Council to ratify the City Manager's action, executing an agreement with 3D Dirt Works

for \$164,077 which would be funded from the TIF. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**B. Discussion and Approval to Ratify an Agreement Approved by the City Manager, Under the Emergency Powers of Sec. 2-146, with G.H. Smith Construction, Inc. on October 22, 2024, for the Emergency Repair of a Broken Sewer Main**

Interim City Manager Crosland stated that the City had to take immediate action in response to a broken sewer main off of Rainbow Drive. He stated that G. H. Smith Construction provided a quote and the project consisted of replacing approximately 20 linear feet of damaged pipe. He stated that the emergency repair was completed on October 23, 2024, and the total price quoted for the emergency repair work was \$14,500.

Council Member Carter made a motion for Council to ratify the City Manager's action executing an agreement with G.H. Smith Construction Incorporated for \$14,500 which would be funded from the utilities wastewater collection equipment repair expense account. Council Member Sox seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**C. Discussion and Approval of an Agreement of a Monetary Gift to the City of Cayce**

Interim City Manager Crosland stated that as Council was aware, Mayor Partin and staff had been involved in discussions with a private foundation for a donation of a monetary gift to the City for specific purposes. He stated that the City and the foundation had reached a tentative agreement on the terms of the donation and a copy of the proposed agreement had been provided to Council. He stated that the agreement would be available to the public upon execution by both parties and a public announcement of the nature of the gift would be announced at a later date.

Council Member Sox made a motion to accept staff's recommendation requesting that Council approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City. Mayor Pro Tem James seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**D. Bid Award – Engine Repair for City Sanitation Truck**

Interim City Manager Crosland stated that the City's 2011 Western Star 4900 sanitation truck, which had 496,064 miles and 15,503 engine hours, recently had a catastrophic engine failure. He stated that however, the truck body and hydraulics were still in great condition and should be able to provide many more years of service. He stated that the City received two (2) quotes from companies that offer a two (2) year,

200,000 mile warranty for a remanufactured engine and WW Williams quote was \$55,326.11 and Excel truck group quoted \$57,082.19. He stated that staff recommended Council approve the selection of WW Williams in Columbia for completing the engine repairs to the 2011 Western Star sanitation truck in amount not to exceed \$55,326.11 as they were the lowest, most responsive, responsible bidder.

Mayor Partin stated that City staff was doing a lot with a little and this was amazing work. She stated that as Council Member Sox said under his breath the sanitation truck was obviously well maintained. She stated that the City had a great garage that did phenomenal work. She stated that the truck had 496,000 plus miles on it, which was amazing. She stated that staff would love to have new equipment all the time and thanked them for putting band aids on things and making them work so they could take care of the citizens.

Mayor Pro Tem James made a motion to accept the lowest quote from WW Williams. Council Member Thomas seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

### **Committee Matters**

- A. Approval to Enter the Following Committee Approved Minutes into the City's Record
  - Board of Zoning Appeals – May 20, 2024
  - Museum Commission – September 5, 2024
  - Events Committee – September 12, 2024
  - Planning Commission – September 16, 2024

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve entering the Committee approved minutes into the City's record. Council Member Sox seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- B. Reappointments
  - Events Committee – One (1) Position

Mayor Pro Tem James made a motion to reappoint Ms. Tiffany Aull to the Events Committee. Council Member Sox seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

Interim City Manager Crosland stated that the City's Finance team once again was awarded the 24/25 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by GFO for the City's budget book for two (2) years in a row. He stated that the request for quotes for Glenwood Park had been advertised along with the City's code rewrite and staff would

be bringing that back to Council soon. He stated that the work was almost complete with the boardwalk repairs in the City's Riverwalk and it should be open by the end of the week, if not sooner. Mayor Partin stated that it was incredible that the entire boardwalk should be open by the end of the week. She asked Interim City Manager Crosland to thank the team for Council.

### **Council Comments**

Council Member Thomas stated that he loved his country and hoped that no matter who was elected President that night the country would stick together and remain the United States of America. He stated that he did believe that everything was going to be okay because crisis would not overcome the world.

Mayor Pro Tem James stated that almost 70 years of service was leaving the community and thanked Senator Setzler and Council Member Summers for all they did for the community. He congratulated Police Chief Blake. He stated that Chief Blake brought a great deal of experience and he had the opportunity to introduce him at the press conference and in doing so, found that Chief Blake was a servant leader who really wanted to serve others.

Council Member Carter stated that Police staff did a great in his neighborhood Halloween night and his grandchildren came to the Police Department's Tales on Trails and had a great time.

Mayor Partin asked Interim City Manager Crosland if Council could get an update on the Brownfields grant at the next Council Meeting, or as soon as staff could get it scheduled. She stated that she worked very hard and it took over a decade to get, but the City finally got a Brownfields grant. She stated that a Brownfields grant was something that really helped with economic development and she would love it if the organization who had that grant could come and give Council an update and a presentation, because she would like to know the progress on that because it was really important for the City and economic development.

### **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 real property and proposed donation of real property

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

### **Reconvene**

After the Executive Session was concluded, Council Member Thomas 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 in follow up to Executive Session**

- A. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property of Approximately 1.92 Acres Consisting of Tax Map Number 004655-01-002

Council Member Sox made a motion to authorize the purchase of real property of approximately 1.92 acres consisting of tax map number 004655-01-002. Council Member Thomas seconded the motion. Mayor Partin stated that to clarify for the public this item was connected to the grant work that the City was doing for the storm water easement and was another piece of property needed to continue that multi-million dollar grant so it was great progress. She called the question which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- B. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Real Property by Donation of Approximately .50 Acres Consisting of Tax Map Number 004652-08-012

Interim City Manager Crosland stated that staff recommended moving this item to the November 20, 2024, Council Meeting. Council Member Sox made a motion to postpone this item until the November 20, 2024, Council Meeting. Council Member Thomas seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- C. Other

### **Adjourn**

Council Member Sox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Thomas seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

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Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mendy Corder, CMC, Municipal Clerk

