

Mayor
Elise PartinMayor Pro-Tem
Phil CarterCouncil Members
Tiffany Aull
Byron Thomas
Alice RoseCity Manager
Michael ConleyAssistant City Manager
Wesley Crosby

**City of Cayce
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 6, 2026**

The January 6, 2026, Regular Council Meeting was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Those present included Mayor Elise Partin, Mayor Pro Tem Phil Carter and Council Members Byron Thomas, Tiffany Aull and Alice Rose. City Manager Michael Conley, Assistant City Manager Wesley Crosby, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, Finance Director Allison Barrs, Human Resources Director Keisha Brunson, Assistant City Manager/Utilities Director Betsy Catchings, IT Director Jamie Beckham and City Attorney James Smith were also in attendance.

Mayor Elise 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 Regular Council meeting to order and Council Member Thomas gave the invocation. City staff member and Army Veteran Amanda Rowan led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Thomas made a motion to postpone approval of the December 2, 2025, Regular Council Meeting minutes so his comments regarding appointing James Smith as City Attorney could be added. Council Member Rose seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Public Comment Regarding Items on the Agenda

Chip Salak – Item IV. C. Mr. Salak voiced support of rezoning 1109 F Avenue from C-1 to RS-3.

Iveral Wise – Item IV. C. Ms. Wise voiced opposition to the rezoning of 1109 F Avenue from C-1 to RS-3.

Richard Boiteau – Item IV. C. Mr. Boiteau voiced support of rezoning 1109 F Avenue from C-1 to RS-3.

Items for Discussion and Possible Approval

- A. Discussion and Approval to Amend the January 21, 2026, Council Meeting Date

Mayor Partin stated that the January 21, 2026, Council Meeting was being held therefore no action was needed for this item.

Resolutions and Ordinances

- A. Consideration and Approval of Resolution Appointing Representation and an Alternate to the Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission

Mayor Partin and Council Member Aull recused themselves from this item. Their recusal forms are attached.

Council Member Thomas made a motion to appoint Mayor Partin to the Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission board and appoint Council Member Aull as the alternate. Council Member Rose seconded the motion and Mayor Pro Tem Carter voted yes so the motion passed.

- B. Consideration and Approval of Resolution to Authorize Acceptance and Execution of a Loan Assistance Agreement from the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority for the Water Treatment Plant Advanced Treatment Study

Mayor Pro Tem Carter made a motion to approve the Resolution. Council Member Thomas seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- C. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2026-01 Amending the Zoning Map and Rezoning Property Located at 1109 F Avenue (Tax Map Number 004634-07-004) from C-1 to RS-3 – First Reading

Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the rezoning Ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- D. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2026-02 Amending the Zoning Map and Rezoning Property Located Near the Intersection of Dunbar Road and Millen Street, Abutting 1401 Dunbar Road (Tax Map Number 005766-03-008) from M-1 to RG-2 – First Reading

Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the rezoning Ordinance. Council Member Rose 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
 - Cayce Historical Museum Commission – October 1, 2025
 - Planning Commission – October 20, 2025
 - Board of Zoning Appeals – October 20, 2025
 - Cayce Historical Museum Commission – November 5, 2025

Council Member Rose made a motion to enter the Committee approved minutes into the City's record. Council Member Thomas seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- B. Appointments and Reappointments
 - Cayce Housing Authority – One (1) Position
 - Beautification Foundation – One (1) Position
 - Events Committee – One (1) Position
 - Standard Technical Codes Board of Appeals – One (1) Position

Council Member Thomas made a motion to reappoint Ms. Johnetta Riley to the Cayce Housing Authority. Council Member Aull seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Council Member Thomas made a motion to appoint Ms. Blair Layman to the Beautification Foundation. Council Member Rose seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Council Member Thomas made a motion to reappoint Ms. Teresa Mitchell to the Events Committee. Council Member Aull seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Council Member Thomas made a motion to reappoint Mr. Derek Hutton to the Standard Technical Codes Board of Appeals. Council Member Rose seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Conley stated that he did not have anything to report.

Council Comments

Council Member Thomas stated that Lexington County Council approved \$134,938 on December 9 to resurface Lee Street using C funds and thanked the City's State and County partners for helping to get this done. He thanked everyone involved in making the Lee Street renaming project happen, in helping honor former Mayor Pro Tem Skip Jenkins, the City's longest serving City Councilman, and Eddie Brown, the

first African American to serve as a Public Safety Officer. He stated that he had partnered with the Center for Heirs Property in regard to do another Free Wills Clinic. He stated that he was holding a litter clean up on Martin Luther King Jr. day to honor Dr. King through service. Council Member Thomas stated that the Cayce Public Safety Foundation was working with the woof trax app as a fundraiser for the Police and Fire Departments. He stated that he was selected to be the chairman of the Small Cities Council for the National League of Cities for this upcoming year and was very excited to serve.

Mayor Partin stated that the Museum's Christmas Traditions event was amazing. She stated that it was decorated and welcoming and had almost like an Etsy fair. She stated that a lot of residents volunteered and helped to give tours and welcome families. She stated that it was extremely well done. She stated that she received a message from a friend who stated they had a positive interaction with two of the City's Police Officers recently who came to the rescue of an elderly motorist who had merged the wrong way from the frontage road onto I-26. Mayor Partin stated that the Officers were compassionate and professional.

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
 - i. Zoning Appeal Litigation (1028 Michaelmas Avenue)
- B. Discussion of potential Economic Development project
- C. Legal advice regarding Accommodations Tax

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

Reconvene

After the Executive Session was concluded, Mayor Pro Tem 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 action by Council in follow up to Executive Session

- A. Discussion and possible approval of proposed settlement of zoning appeal litigation (1028 Michaelmas Avenue)

There was no action in follow up to Executive Session.

Adjourn

Council Member Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Aull seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

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

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

***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.

RECUSAL STATEMENT

Member Name: Tiffany Aull

Meeting Date: January 6, 2026

Agenda Item: Section IV.A Number _____

Topic: Consideration & Approval of Resolution

Appointing representation and an alternate to
the joint municipal Water & Sewer Commis. on.

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Justification to Recuse:

Professionally employed by or under contract with principal

Owns or has vested interest in principal or property

Other: Spouse

Jan 6, 2026
Date

Tiffany Aull
Member Signature

Approved by Parliamentarian:

RECUSAL STATEMENT

Member Name: Elise Partin

Meeting Date: January 6, 2026

Agenda Item: Section IV.A. Number _____

Topic: Consideration + Approval of Resolution
Appointing Representation + an Alternate to
the Joint Municipal Water + Sewer Commission

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Other: Stipend

Jan 6, 2026
Date

Elise Partin
Member Signature

Approved by Parliamentarian: