



Mayor
Elise Partin

Mayor Pro-Tem
Tara S. Almond

Council Members
Phil Carter
Ann Bailey-Robinson
James E. Jenkins

City Manager
Tracy Hegler

Assistant City Manager
James E. Crosland

**City of Cayce
Regular Council Meeting
August 19, 2020**

A Regular Council Meeting was held this evening at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom video and conferencing software. Those present included Mayor Elise Partin and Council Members Tara Almond, Ann Bailey-Robinson, Phil Carter, and James Jenkins. City Manager Tracy Hegler, Assistant City Manager Jim Crosland, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, IT Director Jamie Beckham, Director of Planning Carroll Williamson 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. Mayor Partin stated that the meeting was being recorded through Zoom. She stated that the public was provided a call in number and Zoom meeting invitation to be able to follow all of the City business as normal. She asked any caller to mute their audio so there would not be any feedback. She stated that the meeting organizer was also able to mute calls. Mayor Partin stated that the public could speak on any item on the agenda if they prearranged speaking with the City's Municipal Clerk.

Call to Order

Mayor Partin called the meeting to order and Council Member Carter gave the invocation. Mayor Partin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of Office

B. Oath of Office Administered by Judge Bryan Jeffries
Office of Council Member District 3

Judge Jeffries administered the oath of office to Council Member-elect Ann Bailey-Robinson who was recently elected to office. After Council Member Bailey-Robinson took her Oath of Office, she joined Mayor Partin at their seats.

Public Comment Regarding Items on the Agenda

No one signed up for Public Comment.

Presentations

A. Presentation by Mr. Will Schenk with EngenuitySC of the Midlands Regional Competitiveness Report

Mayor Partin stated that Mr. Schenk's presentation would be held at a later date so he would have more time to present the Midlands Regional Competitiveness Report.

Ordinances

A. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2020-27 Authorizing and Implementing a Water Rate Classification for Users in Saxe Gotha Industrial Park – Second Reading

Ms. Hegler stated that Ordinance 2020-27 was amended between First and Second Reading. She stated that a slight change was made. Council Member Carter made a motion to move to amend Ordinance 2020-27 to conform with the version contained in the agenda packet. Council Member Almond seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Council Member Carter made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-27 as amended. Council Member Almond seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

B. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2020-28 Approving and Ratifying a First Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lexington County Concerning Participation in the City's TIF Plan – Second Reading

Council Member Almond made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-28 on Second Reading. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

C. Discussion and Approval of Emergency Ordinance 2020-29 Amending Emergency Ordinance 2020-18 Extending the Expiration Date of a Section of Emergency Ordinance 2020-05 Concerning Certain Temporary Signs

Council Member Almond made a motion to approve Emergency Ordinance 2020-29. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

D. Discussion and Approval of Emergency Ordinance 2020-30 Requiring Individuals to Wear Face Coverings in Certain Circumstances, And Matters Related Thereto

Council Member Almond made a motion to approve Emergency Ordinance 2020-30. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion. Ms. Hegler stated that the City currently had a face covering Ordinance that expired in the near future so staff wanted to take the opportunity as studies are showing that cities with face covering Ordinances are seeing a reduction in COVID cases. She stated that schools were also added in Ordinance 2020-30 as places that require face coverings to support the Department of

Education's decision to require students, teachers and faculty to wear face coverings in schools. Mayor Partin called the question which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Discussion Items

A. Discussion and Approval of Agreement with John Jameson to Collaborate and Execute the Activities of 12,000 Year History Park (12KP)

Ms. Hegler stated that Council's approval was requested to accept the proposal from Mr. John Jameson, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract to collaborate and execute the activities of 12,000 Year History Park (12KP) proposed by Mr. Jameson and to spend up to \$32,800 from Hospitality Tax funds for the project. She stated that for several years, the City had provided hospitality tax funding to Mr. Jameson through the River Alliance for the purposes of coordinating events, activities and educational opportunities at the 12KP, through its competitive grant process. The City seeks to contract for historical interpretation program planning and execution for the 12KP directly with Mr. Jameson. She stated that the goal of the direct contract with Mr. Jameson is to expand opportunities at the Park and increase its overall exposure. She stated that City Council approved a similar contract last year for \$57,200.

Ms. Hegler stated that many of the tasks related to Mr. Jameson's proposal were adapted for COVID-19 and included virtual versions of 12KP events, as well as using this time to memorialize the volunteer training program and seek other partners to assist with the Park's growth. She stated that when it was safe to resume face-to-face events, the agreement might be amended. She stated that a City staff person would be assigned to directly monitor Mr. Jameson's deliverables, as well as coordinate the provision of City-related support and supplies needed to deliver these services.

Council Member Almond made a motion to approve the proposal from John Jameson, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract to collaborate and execute the activities of 12,000 Year History Park (12KP) proposed by Mr. Jameson and to spend up to \$32,800 from Hospitality Tax funds for the project. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

B. Discussion and Approval of Application from the Greater Cayce West Columbia Chamber of Commerce for Community Rebranding

Ms. Hegler stated that Council's approval was requested to accept the proposal from the Greater Cayce West Columbia Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) for community rebranding and to spend up to \$32,500 from Hospitality Tax for the project. She stated that the City received a request from the Chamber to partially fund a full community rebrand, for the Chamber and the Visitor's Center, which will utilize local businesses within the area to provide creative services.

Ms. Hegler stated that the Chamber had historically planned and held a number of successful events throughout the year, with proven increases in tourism. She stated that the Chamber was hoping to optimize on the current environment and event slow-down to rebrand itself. The roll-out of the new brand was planned to coincide with the possible reopening of public events in early 2021. The new brand would reenergize and boost future events, as well as better promote local businesses that also bring new visitors to our area.

Council Member Almond made a motion to approve the proposal from the Greater Cayce West Columbia Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) for community rebranding and to spend up to \$32,500 from Hospitality Tax for the project. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Committee Matters

A. Appointments and Reappointments Cayce Housing Authority – One (1) Position

Council Member Almond made a motion to reappoint Mr. Jack Sightler to the Cayce Housing Authority. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

City Manager's Report

Ms. Hegler stated that Epting Forestry said that the timber company was approximately 40% completed and the City had already passed 50% of the projected revenues. She stated that a few months ago a project was approved to upgrade some stormwater culverts in the Avenues area. She stated staff was pursuing one more temporary construction easement for the Tremont Apartments then construction can begin for the Stormwater Project at Axtel Drive. She stated that there were currently three (3) storms in the Atlantic that staff was closely monitoring.

Council Comments

Council Member Almond welcomed Council Member Bailey-Robinson to City Council. Council Member Jenkins congratulated Council Member Bailey-Robinson on her election and welcomed her as well. Council Member Carter stated that he and Council certainly regretted that they could not be there in person for her swearing in. He stated that he and Council were there with her in spirit and heart. He wished her good luck and stated that she would do well. Council Member Bailey-Robinson thanked everyone for their kind words and support and stated she was excited to serve on Council. Mayor Partin stated that Council was very glad Council Member Bailey-Robinson was part of the team and thanked her for standing up and serving.

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

There were no items to discuss in Executive Session.

Adjourn

Council Member Almond made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mendy Corder, CMC, Municipal Clerk

