



Mayor  
Elise Partin

Mayor Pro-Tem  
Tara S. Almond

Council Members  
Phil Carter  
Eva Corley  
James E. Jenkins

City Manager  
Tracy Hegler

Assistant City Manager  
James E. Crosland

**City of Cayce  
Regular Council Meeting  
January 22, 2020**

A Regular Council Meeting was held this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Those present included Mayor Elise Partin, Council Members Tara Almond, Phil Carter, Eva Corley and James Jenkins. City Manager Tracy Hegler, Assistant City Manager Jim Crosland, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, City Treasurer Kelly McMullen, Planning and Development Director Carroll Williamson, Director of Public Safety Byron Snellgrove, Deputy Director of Public Safety JJ Jones, Director of Human Resources Lynn Dooley 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 Corley gave the invocation. Mayor Partin led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment Regarding Items on the Agenda**

Ms. Karen Dawkins signed up to speak regarding Item V. A. Please see Ms. Dawkins comments attached.

**Proclamations**

A. Approval of Proclamation – School Choice Week

Council Member Almond made a motion to approve a Proclamation proclaiming January 26 – February 1, 2020 School Choice Week. Council Member Corley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Ordinances**

A. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2020-01 Amending Zoning Ordinance Article 4 Applications for Change and/or Relief to Add Language Concerning Appeals of the Board of Zoning Appeals and Reconsiderations of Denied Applications for Change and/or Relief – First Reading

Council Member Corley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-01 on First Reading. Council Member Almond seconded the motion. Ms. Hegler stated that the proposed amendment would restrict the same action from coming back twice within a

year once it has been denied by the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mayor Partin called the question which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

### **Other**

#### **A. Discussion and Approval of Financial Participation Agreement Between the South Carolina Department of Transportation and the City of Cayce for Cayce Avenues Area Drainage Improvement**

Council Member Almond made a motion to approve the financial participation agreement and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement. Council Member Corley seconded the motion. Ms. Hegler stated that the City was awarded funding from the SCDOT to assist the City in addressing the drainage issues in the Avenues area. The 2016 Drainage Study the City commissioned recognized \$21,000,000 in needs in this area. The agreement states that it has been determined that SCDOT contributes 25% of the storm water discharge to this drainage issue. Therefore, SCDOT will reimburse the City 25% of the incurred project expenses, up to a maximum of \$608,790 in Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The SCDOT has committed \$5.25M over the next three to five years. Ms. Hegler stated that as that funding becomes available, it will be addressed with a Supplement to the Agreement.

Ms. Hegler stated that she had received edits to the agreement from the City Attorney before the Council Meeting and needed Council Member Almond to amend her motion so Ms. Hegler could seek those changes with the SCDOT per the City Attorney's advice and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement once those changes were made. Council Member Almond amended her motion. Council Member Corley seconded the amended motion.

Council Member Jenkins stated that there were flooding issues all over the City and asked if a study was going to be done to address those issues as well. Ms. Hegler stated that after the 2015 floods the City commissioned American Engineering to do a Drainage Study Report. Council Member Almond stated that if she remembered correctly the report stated that the best way to address the City's overall drainage issues was to start at the Avenues end of the City. Council Member Jenkins asked if there were future plans to have a study done to address other drainage issues in the City. Ms. Hegler stated that staff and Council could discuss what area the City should focus on next. She stated that she could report back to Council on what water shed the City's Engineer recommends should be focused on next.

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

Ms. Hegler stated that the City's new Municipal Treasurer Kelly McMullen was in attendance at the meeting. She stated that the City was co-hosting Stroll on State on January 28, 2020 with Engenuity SC as part of their Competiveness Week. She stated that the Stroll on State would be from 6pm to 8pm and would showcase businesses, the

City's Riverwalk and local artist's artwork. She stated that the Stroll would be from Lexington Avenue to the railroad tracks. Ms. Hegler stated that the Cayce Museum is continuing to offer temporary exhibits to encourage guests to visit often. She stated that the following week the Museum would open an exhibit on Alcohol in Cayce, showcasing a number of cool artifacts that have been donated for this purpose.

### **Committee Matters**

#### **A. Appointments and Reappointments Planning Commission – One (1) Position**

Council Member Almond made a motion to reappoint Mr. Chris Kueny to the Planning Commission. Council Member Corley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

#### **B. Appointment of Council Member to the Cayce Public Safety Foundation**

Council Member Almond made a motion to appoint Council Member Carter to the City's Public Safety Foundation. Council Member Corley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

### **Council Comments**

Council Member Jenkins stated that a gray fox was seen on Poplar Street and was recently seen on Lee Street as well. He stated that the fox has only been seen at night.

### **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 possible contractual arrangements concerning Lexington County water rates
- C. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements regarding proposed Project Eiffel
- D. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements with Lexington School District Two regarding the former Taylor Elementary School

Council Member Jenkins 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 Jenkins 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 taken in follow up to 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 6:06 p.m.

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Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mendy Corder, CMC, Municipal Clerk



**Cayce City Council  
January 22, 2020**

**Good evening,**

**Prior to Councils approval to enter into a Financial Assistance Agreement with SCDOT for Cayce Avenues Area Drainage Improvements, I would like to clarify that not all of the Avenues drainage areas were presented in the 2016 Drainage Study Report. According to my Council Representative, the drainage issue behind my home with a repair price tag of \$475,000 was never brought into the study.**

**That being said, I would not be sure that the contract between The City of Cayce and the SCDOT would be accurate.**

**In regard to obtaining financial assistance from SCDOT to help repair and maintain these drainage problems, I have recently been made aware of a program called the "Turn Back Program" . This program enables SCDOT to transfer roadways or segments of roadways such as the road and parking area around the Public Safety building, and the one entering this complex to local government entities under a mutually agreeable arrangement. That would mean that The City of Cayce would maintain the area instead of SCDOT. I feel certain that there are many others. The program was authorized at \$10 Million through June 30, 2019. This is only one way of working "smarter not harder", I have found to work together in achieving a particular goal.**

**I hope you will take both of these suggestions seriously before any final decisions are made.**

**Thank you- Karen Dawkins**