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Mayor Pro-Tem James E. Jenkins Council Members
Phil Carter
Tim James
Hunter Sox

City Manager Tracy Hegler Deputy City Manager
Jim Crosland
Assistant City Manager

Michael Conley



City of Cayce
Special Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 26, 2023
5:00 p.m. – Cayce City Hall – 1800 12th Street

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- I. Call to Order
 - A. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Public Comment Regarding Items on the Agenda
- III. Items for Discussion and Possible Approval
 - A. Discussion and Approval of Request to Lexington County Board of Voter Registration and Elections for an Early Voting Center for the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election
- IV. 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
- V. Reconvene
- VI. Possible actions by Council in follow up to Executive Session
- VII. Adjourn

SPECIAL NOTE: Upon request, the City of Cayce will provide this document in whatever form necessary for the physically challenged or impaired.

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Council

From: Tracy Hegler, City Manager

Date: September 26, 2023

Subject: Early Voting Center for the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election

ISSUE

Council approval is needed in order to proceed with requesting the Lexington County Board of Voter Registration and Elections open an Early Voting Center for the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election.

DISCUSSION

Early voting was implemented in June 2022 for the November General Elections. The Lexington County Board of Voter Registrations and Elections evaluated Lexington County as a whole and has created five (5) Early Voting Centers for the municipalities within the County. These were used in the 2022 election and the County has come to us with the option of using them again in this election to make voting more accessible to voters throughout the County – the closest being the West Columbia Community Center on B Ave.

The Lexington County Board of Voter Registration and Elections requested that each municipality take this matter before their Council and report back to them for their Board to consider at a meeting on September 25, 2023 (see attached email and spreadsheet).

The approximate cost for one (1) Early Voting Center is \$12,312.64.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approve staff to request an additional Early Voting Center for the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election and fund the cost, which depending on the number of municipalities that participate and centers opened would be no more than \$12,312.64.

From: Mendy Corder
To: Tracy Hegler

Subject: FW: Early Voting Center - Reconsideration Meeting 9/25/2023 6 pm

Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 11:30:51 AM

Attachments: image002.png

Copy of Estimate Cost 1EVC (002).xlsx

Mendy Corder, CMC Municipal Clerk 803-550.9557

From: Shoemaker, Lenice <LShoemaker@lex-co.com> Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 11:24 AM

To: lancershull@gmail.com; Bill Danielson <billdanielson@townofirmosc.com>; Erik Sickinger <eriksickinger@townofirmosc.com>; Courtney Dennis <cdennis@townofirmosc.com>; Kelly Busch <kellybusch@townofirmosc.com>; Barb Waldman <barbwaldman@townofirmosc.com>; Barry Walker <barrywalker@townofirmosc.com>; Tluckadoo@batesburg-leesville.org; Stevecain_2000@yahoo.com; Skip_jenkins@hotmail.com; epartin@outlook.com; Tatewilbourne@yahoo.com; John.reeder@townofgilbertsc.com; Vmcdaniel@comporium.net; Mike Green <mgreen@westcolumbiasc.gov>; Mendy Corder <MCorder@cityofcayce-SC.gov>; Steve MacDougall <smacdougall@lexsc.com>; Kathy Maness <KManess@lexsc.com>; Becky Hildebrand <bhildebrand@lexsc.com>; Tmiles@mileslawfirm.com; Crystal Bouknight <cbouknight@westcolumbiasc.gov>; Fecasfamily@aol.com; Ddavis@townofpineridgesc.com; Ssimms@townofpineridgesc.com; Mlewie@townofpineridgesc.com; Floydwillisdinkins@gmail.com; Beth.sturkie@yahoo.com; Vmiller@townofpineridgesc.com; Dknight@chapinsc.com; Communications@chapinsc.com; Akoon@chapinsc.com; Greggwhite@bellsouth.net; Joann.Derrick@townofgilbertsc.com; Townhall@pelion.sc.gov; Reesebuilders@gmail.com; Jghoyt7085@gmail.com; Campbellcindy63@gmail.com; Hushotis6@aol.com; Juston.ricard@dominionenergy.com; Shallman@ckr.com; Cthook23@gmail.com; Wilkj8993@aol.com; Jreeley@bellsouth.net; Steve MacDougall <smacdougall@lexsc.com>; awatkins@springdalesc.com; County Administrator < CountyAdministrator@lex-co.com>; floydwillisdinkins@gmail.com; huntersoxforcaycecouncil@gmail.com; Margaretr@comporium.net; Townofgaston@gmail.com; Timjamesforcouncil@gmail.com; Crepes, Dean <dccrepes@lex-co.com> Subject: Early Voting Center - Reconsideration Meeting 9/25/2023 6 pm

Good Morning,

This will be the first time Early Voting has been implemented for your Municipal General Elections. There has been several discussions regarding adding (4) additional Early Voting Centers to the November 7th Election. I have attached the breakdown of these centers showing they can cost an average of \$10,000 per center. The cost of these Elections fall on the shoulders of 'each' Municipality. In order to verify the desire to **open all (5) Early Voting Centers**, I am asking to have a representative from *each Municipality* to attend

an 'Emergency Board Meeting' at the Registration and Elections office on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Please email me with conformation of your attendance. In the meantime, please reach out to other Councilmembers that are not included in this email thread so this request can be addressed. I have been asked that a letter be presented from your Council, stating that they agree or disagree with this request. Please know, at Mayor Shull stated, that there is the option for 'Absentee Voting' for many Voters who cannot Vote during scheduled Early Voting or Election Day dates. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me directly. Sincerely,



Lenice Shoemaker | Director Lexington County Board of Voter Registration and Elections 605 W. Main Street, Suite C, Lexington, SC 29072 p: 803.785.8193 o: 803.785.8369

w: https://lex-co.sc.gov/departments/registration-and-elections

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