



Mayor  
Elise Partin

Mayor Pro-Tem  
James E. Jenkins

Council Members  
Phil Carter  
Tim James  
Hunter Sox

City Manager  
Tracy Hegler

Assistant City Manager  
James E. Crosland

**City of Cayce  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, April 5, 2022**

The April Regular Council Meeting was held this evening at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. The meeting started at 6:30 p.m. due to a tornado warning in the immediate vicinity. Those present included Mayor Elise Partin, Mayor Pro Tem James Jenkins and Council Members Phil Carter, Tim James, and Hunter Sox. City Manager Tracy Hegler, Assistant City Manager Jim Crosland, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, IT Director Jamie Beckham, Human Resources Director 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 Carter gave the invocation. Mayor Partin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Sox made a motion to approve the March 1, 2022, Regular Council Meeting minutes, the March 16, 2022, Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting minutes and the March 24, 2022, Special Council Meeting minutes as written. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Public Comment Regarding Items on the Agenda**

Mr. Alex Snipe, Item IV. A. Mr. Snipe stated that he and his wife own the property located at 1810 Airport Boulevard. He stated that they were not familiar with the process to request a zoning change therefore they attended the meeting to thank Council for considering their rezoning request.

**Presentations**

A. Presentation by Mr. Lee Tant with Cooperative Health re the services they offer

Mr. Tant rescheduled his presentation due to the severe weather.

**Ordinances**

A. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2022-06 Amending the Zoning Map and Rezoning Properties Located at 1810 Airport Boulevard, Lots B & C (Tax Map Numbers 005717-07-020 and 005717-07-013) from M-1/RS-3 to C-4 – First Reading

Ms. Hegler stated that the applicant wished to rezone the two (2) parcels to C4, which was highway commercial zoning. She stated that the properties were surrounded by a mix of uses, retail, gas stations and restaurants. She stated that the C4 zoning districts intended to accommodate commercial development that caters to the needs of the traveling, public highway, dependent commercial, and business uses. She stated that the applicant requested the rezoning to make it easier to develop and therefore more marketable to sell. Ms. Hegler stated that the subject property was surrounded by C4 zoning, as well as RS3 properties that were a residential district. She stated that the requested rezoning was in compliance with the City's Comprehensive Plan that was recently adopted. She stated that the Planning Commission did hear this request in February and no one spoke for or against it. The Planning Commission did recommend unanimously that Council approve First Reading of the rezoning.

Council Member Sox made a motion to approve the rezoning on First Reading. Council Member James seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Items for Discussion and Possible Approval**

A. Discussion and Approval to Amend the Municipal Judges' Agreements

Ms. Hegler stated that the City had agreements with two (2) judges who had been doing a great job for the City for several years. She stated that both judges entered into their current agreement with the City in 2021. She stated that both judges currently worked approximately two (2) days a month. She stated that the current agreement did not afford any additional days for the judges to work and there were times when they were needed for jury trials and other matters that took longer than could be done in the scheduled one (1) day a week.

Ms. Hegler stated that staff had spoken to both judges regarding an amendment to their agreement which would compensate them \$500 a day for any additional days that they were needed. She stated that the need was not frequent and would have to be preapproved by her but would allow the Court to keep cases moving. She stated that both judges had full time jobs in other places so it was fair compensation to offer them. Ms. Hegler stated that the agreements included a minimum two (2) year term that was required by State law. She stated that if Council approved the amendment, it would start a new two (2) year agreement with the judges.

Council Member James made a motion to approve the amendment to the judge's agreements. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**B. Discussion and Approval of Hospitality Tax Application for the 2022 Soiree on State**

Ms. Hegler stated that the City had a grant application process for Hospitality Tax funds and historically staff submitted an application for the Soiree on State. She stated that during the most recent H Tax application process staff was not sure if the Soiree would be held in 2022 due to COVID therefore an application was not submitted. She stated that staff wanted to look for a different way to fund the Soiree via the budget process but since staff did not know it was going to be held it was not included in the budget process. Ms. Hegler stated that staff was working steadily on the planning for the Soiree therefore a request for \$25,000 was before Council. She stated that the Soiree did qualify for hospitality grant funding. She stated that staff did take and keep record of zip codes of people who attend the Soiree.

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve the application for Hospitality Tax grant money. Council Member James 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 Housing Authority – December 21, 2021, Annual Board Meeting  
Museum Commission – February 2, 2022  
Events Committee – February 10, 2022

Council Member James made a motion to accept the Committee approved minutes into the record. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**City Manager's Report**

Ms. Hegler stated that on May 4 at 10am the Police Department was holding a Mending Tree Ceremony. She stated that it might be the first one being held in the state. She stated that the ceremony was an opportunity for victims of crime and their families to tie a ribbon on the tree in an effort to mend that pain and move forward. She stated that staff would like to make it an annual event. She stated that a beautiful metal tree had been created by people at DJJ. She stated that the stormwater upgrade work on Blake Drive was almost complete. She stated that phase two and phase three would start soon and staff had been communicating with residents about that. Ms. Hegler

stated that the Fire Department was working hard that week to recertify City staff on First Aid and CPR. She stated that the newly hired payroll and benefits coordinator, Ms. Beth White, would be starting that week. She is a resident of the City and was coming to the City from Lexington District 2. She stated that Ms. JoAn Roland retired the past week and Ms. White had been coming to City Hall and training every day since she was offered the job. Ms. Hegler stated that the Lexington County Mobile Library would be at Burnette Park that Thursday, on April 21 at 3pm, offering books for students and kids in the area. She stated that the Beautification Foundation had purchased large planters that were going to be installed at the brick plazas at State Street and Knox Abbott Drive. Mr. Eric Shealy, a Beautification Foundation member, is a manager at Riverbanks Zoo's Botanical Gardens. She stated that Mr. Shealy was really instrumental in helping design the project and helped order the planters, flowers and plants through the Zoo. She stated that members of the Foundation would be at the plazas on April 16 installing the planters and getting them planted. Ms. Hegler stated that Ms. Corder, Ms. Rowan and staff were busy coordinating the Soiree on State. She stated that she had one (1) staff kudos that she wanted to share with Council and the assembly. She stated that Chief Cowan received a compliment for Officer Carnavale from a person passing through the City. He said he had an exchange with Officer Carnavale one morning when he did not fully stop at a stop sign. He wrote "...I'm writing you because Officer Carnavale demonstrated extraordinary professionalism, respect, and I suspect empathy during his interaction with me. The sort of qualities needed in a police officer and potential future community leader. I'm 72 years old with Parkinson's disease and had just driven two and a half hours from Beaufort. He was patient as I fumbled for my driver's license and registration and he made the decision to take pity on me and only give me a warning ticket. He did make me promise to obey the law forever in the future. I'm grateful not only for the warning, but also that he stopped me and that he was really really kind. It would be nice for officers who are trained like that to interact with citizens. It is nice that they interact with citizens in such a professional and respectful manner." Ms. Hegler stated that the gentleman wanted his compliment passed up the chain and wanted Officer Carnavale to know that he made a positive lasting impression on him.

### **Council Comments**

Council Member James stated that the recently held Tartan Days was awesome. He stated that it was a great flagship event for the City and everyone did a great job. He stated that he was very proud of the City to be able to host the 10th annual Tartan Day.

Mayor Partin stated that Mr. John Banks had done an amazing job creating Tartan Day and he got teared up at the opening ceremony because it's really been his and Donovan's work of art and they did an amazing job of creating a lasting program. She stated that Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins was not in attendance that evening. She stated that he was at an event with his grandchildren.

### **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 contractual arrangements concerning 800 Lexington Avenue
- C. Discussion of possible contractual arrangements concerning sewer rates

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

### **Reconvene**

- A. Discussion and approval authorizing City manager to proceed as discussed in Executive Session regarding 800 Lexington Avenue, with further negotiation and further documentation for future Council consideration

After the Executive Session was concluded, Council Member Sox made a motion to reconvene the Regular meeting. Council Member Carter 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**

Council Member James made a motion to authorize the City Manager as discussed in Executive Session, to move forward regarding Lexington Avenue to allow her further negotiations and to come back to Council with any further considerations in reference to 800 Lexington Avenue. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

### **Adjourn**

Council Member Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Sox seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mendy Corder, CMC, Municipal Clerk

