



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
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**City of Cayce
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

The April Regular Council Meeting was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Those present included Mayor Elise Partin, Mayor Pro Tem James Jenkins, Council Members Phil Carter, Tim James and Hunter Sox. City Manager Tracy Hegler, Assistant City Manager Jim Crosland, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, Finance Director Kelly McMullen, Human Resources Director Lynn Dooley, IT Director Jamie Beckham, Police Chief Chris Cowan 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 James gave the invocation. Mayor Partin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment Regarding Items on the Agenda

Danny Creamer, Item V. A. Mr. Creamer stated he was concerned with the proposal to address speeding on the Avenues especially regarding the proposed stop signs and their proposed locations. He stated that he had lived on the Avenues since 1968 and there had been issues with traffic all the time he had lived there. He stated that Cayce was growing and getting a lot of different aged people. He stated that there were a lot more people walking with their kids in the afternoons. He stated that the speeding issue had been ongoing for several decades and it seemed like all of a sudden over the last four or five weeks, it had come to a boiling point and people felt something had to be done immediately. Mr. Creamer stated that he found out about SCDOT's proposal when he stopped to talk to a reporter doing an interview at 1028 M Avenue. He stated that was the first time that he had heard about any kind of stop sign proposals. He stated that he was not a member of the Cayce Avenues Association and did not think one needed to be a member of any kind of Avenues Association to know what was happening in the community. Especially with the City and local government wanting to have some kind of change in your neighborhood, you as a member of that neighborhood should have had the opportunity to voice your opinion. He stated that he thought the proposals needed to be looked at very closely and make the correct decisions so it does not have to be revisited in the future. Mr. Creamer stated that he was asking that as a group everyone look at the proposal and work together to make it work because help was needed on the Avenues to address speeding.

Greg Brandon, Item IV. A. Mr. Brandon stated that he worked for CMC Steel, South Carolina and he had spoken to City Administration and each one of the Council Members, except for Mayor Partin. He stated that he had reached out to Mayor Partin a couple of times but they had not been able to connect. He stated that CMC Steel, South Carolina was the first steel mill in the state of South Carolina and had been operating in the City of Cayce since 1962. He stated that CMC employed a little over 400 employees with an average salary over \$75,000. He stated that a lot of CMC's staff was in attendance to make their presence known. Mr. Brandon stated that CMC had always tried to be a good corporate citizen and contributed to the community and different charitable organizations throughout the area. He stated that from an economic impact standpoint, CMC impacted the local community to the amount of \$1.5 billion dollars. He stated that the proposed Franchise Fee Ordinance would impose, for the first time, a 5% franchise fee on all industrial customers in the City of Cayce. Mr. Brandon stated that it was his understanding that there were five (5) industrial customers in the City and CMC was by far the largest. He stated that the proposed fee would impose 5% not only on one's electrical bill, but also on natural gas, which CMC was a very large consumer of. He stated it would be an extraordinary act by the City to increase CMC's electric rates and essentially tax them on a service that they were already being taxed on and provided by Dominion. He stated that part of the argument and to the ramifications and justification of passing the franchise fee was the use of City right of ways and streets to deliver power to CMC but Dominion's power transmission lines only operate on private property and do not cross any City street in which the City maintains and thus neither do they cross any City right of way. He asked that Council take that into consideration. Mr. Brandon stated that CMC felt they were being unfairly targeted and would be the one to bear the burden for the City. He stated that CMC's fees would be larger than all other consumers combined. He asked Council to consider these things and consider CMC's viability. He stated that they were not only a local company, but were doing business on a global level and had to be globally competitive. He stated that in light of the pandemic and recent inflation and all the other costs constraints on CMC then to have to pay another 5% in electrical fees which would end up being over a million and a half dollars was a profound statement for Council to actually pass. Mr. Brandon stated that he understood that initially the proposed franchise fee was going to be passed because negotiations with Dominion Energy had failed. He stated that he met with Dominion Energy and they were more than welcome to visit with the City and negotiate on the five (5) items that he was told were on the negotiation table, four of which had been resolved. He stated that the only one that was not resolved was the inclusion of industrial clients in the franchise fee which CMC wanted to continue to be excluded as they had been for the past 60 years. Mayor Partin asked Mr. Brandon to give staff his email address before he left so she could ensure she had his correct address. She stated that she had emailed him several times and hated to think he was not getting any of her emails.

Judy Aughtry, Item IV. B. Ms. Aughtry stated that she wanted to speak on the Ordinance rezoning Airport Boulevard and Memorial Drive. She stated that it was her

understanding from the Planning Commission meeting that part of the land the property owner was trying to sell was part commercial and part residential. She stated that she was concerned a bar might be put there. She stated they were constantly having issues with Carl's Corner which was right across the street. She asked Council to consider not allowing a bar to be put there since it was next door to a church.

Ed Fuson, Item V. A. Mr. Fuson stated that he had lived on L Avenue for over 50 years and it was considered the heart of the Avenues. He stated that he found out about SCDOT's proposal from a friend of his that lives in Colombia. He stated that there had been discussions over the years regarding how to control the traffic and speeding. He stated that he got busy researching and talking to his neighbors. He stated that none of his neighbors knew about the proposed plan to stop speeding on the Avenues. Mr. Fuson stated that he was in full support of the plan and liked the proposal but would like to see some sort of proposal to get the public together. He stated that some of the public that may not be on social media and was not in the loop might have concerns about other areas. He stated that he had a couple of little areas of concern but nothing that was a deal breaker. Mr. Fuson stated that he and his wife walk and cycle the Avenues every day and knew of other areas that should be addressed. He stated that a forum of some sort was needed before locking in anything to get these items addressed so there is a more perfect proposal for DOT to work with.

Jean Boiteau, Item V. A. Ms. Boiteau thanked Mayor Partin for getting her started on the project of calling Cayce a very beautiful place to stop. She also thanked Mayor Partin for talking with her over a year ago about reducing speeding in the Avenues. Ms. Boiteau thanked Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins and Council Member James for responding to her emails when she asked how to get started with trying to stop speeding on the Avenues. She stated that she lived on Holland Avenue and on Easter morning a speeder hit a parked car on her street. She stated that on Christmas morning, her husband was out walking the dog and a drunk driver came down Holland Avenue and struck a parked car and walked away from the accident. Ms. Boiteau stated that she had two (2) very young daughters who were eager to be out on the beautiful sidewalks on Holland Avenue and eager to cross Axtell Drive to go to the Riverwalk and Piecewise Coffee. She stated that she and her husband were frequently terrified by the traffic and speeding on their street and on Lafayette Avenue. She stated that Stop the Speeding on the Avenues had some social media and 123 voters that frequent the Stop the Speed page. She stated they were also trying to get word of through other means other than social media and she would like to add a name and a telephone number to the record for residents to contact the DOT representative who had spoken at some of their recent community events. Ms. Boiteau stated his name was Matt Kelly and his number was 803-737-6660. She stated that he was the DOT representative that had prepared the plan for Stop the Speed and was very receptive. She thanked Chief Cowan for being very diligent with reaching out to community members. She stated that she hoped that they moved forward that evening with getting additional stops signs and safety protocols in place for Cayce.

Pamme Eades, Item V. A. Ms. Eades stated that she lived on Poplar Street in the Avenues and was President of the Cayce Avenues Association. She stated that she would take Mr. Fuson and Mr. Creamer's suggestions for better communications to heart. She stated that sometimes it was difficult in this age of social media to know exactly how to reach everybody in a cost effective way. She stated that the Association had a new Board that was doing quite well and they would address more communication methods moving forward. She stated that speeding in the Avenues had been a hot topic at association meetings for several years and sometimes it took the right people at the right time to be a catalyst for change. She stated that Ms. Boiteau happened to make a presentation regarding speeding to Council that was seen by the new Police Chief who happened to know the right person at DOT to initiate a review of the Avenues traffic flow. Ms. Eades stated that she was very happy that Ms. Boiteau had joined the Board of the Avenues Association. She stated that she was going to be a great leader in Cayce. She stated that once the initial review was completed by DOT, Chief Cowan asked the Board to hold a meeting for residents. She stated they held the meeting in February, which Council Member James attended, where the plan was well received and other additions were suggested. She stated that in addition to a few other changes to the stop sign layout residents also wanted a review of upper L and the Axtell Road area as well. She stated that they put that information as well as the video of the entire meeting on Facebook and posted information on Next Door. She stated that they received positive feedback on both along with similar suggestions that they passed on to Chief Cowan and to DOT again. Ms. Eades stated that at their April meeting they invited City Manager Tracy Hegler to discuss the final traffic flow map and then it would be brought before Council. She stated that the overall consensus of the residents at the meeting was that the proposal was a positive step forward on the issue. She stated that they realized that it was just a step forward and new and repositioned stop signs were only one part of the final solution for reducing speeding within the Avenues. Ms. Eades stated that the Board felt that upper L Avenue would need to be reevaluated to determine what other items needed to be addressed to reduce the risk between Charleston Highway and 12th Street besides the stop sign that was being added midway and Axtell Street required more study. Ms. Eades stated that the Board was in agreement with Chief Cowan that they should not delay in addressing the main areas of the Avenues while waiting on those solutions. She stated that she also wanted to speak as President of the Public Safety Foundation. She stated that Chief Cowan was addressing the issue with a multi prong approach. She stated that stop signs were one way to affect traffic flow and speed within the Avenues but behavior modification and data were also needed. She stated that Chief Cowan came to the Foundation Board requesting help with replacing the City's only incredibly decrepit speed trailer with five (5) new speed trailers that could provide the City enough coverage for all of the neighborhoods and also provide valuable data. Ms. Eades stated that speeding was a problem not just for the Avenues but changing driver behavior with the use of the speed trailers, whether it's reducing their speed, or not cutting through the neighborhood's at all is an important part of the equation. She stated that the City needed to know if there was really an actual speed issue, or just the perception that people were speeding. She

stated that if residents had a perception that cars were going at an unsafe speed, then the speed limits need to be reviewed versus just more patrols at the existing speed. She stated that this concept was true for all areas of Cayce and not just the Avenues. Ms. Eades stated that the Public Safety Foundation was proud that they were able to purchase one (1) of the trailers and were currently raising funds for a second trailer. She stated that she did want to encourage Council to endorse the DOT plan for the Avenues knowing that it was just a first step.

Janie Kerzan, Item V. A. Ms. Kerzan stated that she lived on Oakland Avenue. She stated that she had been a resident there for the last three (3) years and also a member of the Board of the Avenues Neighborhood Association. She stated that she wanted to speak to her support for the new stop signs. She stated that she agreed it was certainly not the only thing that needed to be done but speeding was really seemingly one of the greatest quality of life issues that members of the Avenues had. She stated that people took a lot of pride in living there. She stated that on the way to the Council Meeting she passed six (6) different groups of walkers with eight (8) dogs and three (3) strollers. Ms. Kerzan stated that she really believed that people were a lot like water in that they would going to choose the fastest and most efficient way to drive especially if they wanted to get from point A to point B quickly. She stated that currently the Avenues was an extremely attractive cut through and new stop signs would deter some people from cutting through. She stated that she really wanted people to wake up and remember that they were in a neighborhood environment. Ms. Kerzan stated that she did not want to lose momentum so if they needed to make some adjustments they could but she did not want to lose the perfect opportunity that they had where all the right people were in the right places at the right time. She stated that there was energy behind making something happen and when she spoke to her neighbors they said they had been asking for this for decades and had lost hope. She asked that Council not allow the momentum to die which would enable them to make some great things happen with new stop signs.

Mayor Partin stated that before moving on to the next item, she wanted to remind everyone that Saturday, April 23, was the Soiree on State. She stated that it was from 2pm to 8pm and she invited everyone to attend and enjoy a family friendly event. She stated that the streets would be closed and not only was it a great time but it was also a really cool economic development engine. She stated that if anyone wanted to know that story she would be glad to tell them during the event.

Presentations

A. Presentation of Whole Sole Award

Mayor Partin asked Mr. Andy Thomas and the members of the African American Committee to join her at the front of the room. She stated that the Whole Sole Award was an opportunity for the City to recognize employees for one of the following criteria:

a special act not related to job duty, which relates to dedication or a special service act to the public. It can be a consistent, outstanding act that relates to the job relating to dedication or service to the public. An extra measure of safety compliance or special acts directly related to employee relations and operations within the city or special efforts in training and development. She stated that Ms. Lynn Dooley wrote “after receiving numerous emails from members of the City of Cayce Historical Museum's African American Committee, praising Andy Thomas, and stating how instrumental he has been in getting the committee started, I would like to nominate Andy Thomas for the Whole Sole Award. They genuinely wished that his efforts be recognized. And he is passionate about the City of Cayce history and worked incredibly hard towards getting the Legends of Cayce trading cards printed to hang on a tree in the museum during Christmas. He meets with the African American Committee members each month and works diligently to help make this committee be successful. And he brought to fruition the Cayce African American story by proposing to spotlight Cayce residents for Black History Month on social media platforms. He's done this for several years now. And in the first year doing so he highlighted a legend every single day of the month. I also know how hard he has worked on developing really cool programs for the museum demonstrating our great colonial history. He held the first ever colonial village at the wildly successful Tartan Days earlier this month, building on his prior event highlighting George Washington's visit to Cayce in May of 2019. The colonial visit village included demonstrations and exhibits of colonial and revolutionary war crafts, traditions and historical information. It included information about the 12,000 Year History Park, Congaree Fort 1, a children's coloring area, sweet grass basket making, spinning cloth, blacksmithing, indigo dyeing and how to write with a feather Quill and ink. It is for these and many other reasons that I would like to nominate Andy Thomas for the City of Cayce's Whole Sole Award.” Mayor Partin congratulated Mr. Thomas and thanked him for his dedication to the Museum.

Mr. Thomas thanked everyone for the recognition and quoted Sir Isaac Newton “I've seen further because I stood on the shoulders of giants”. He stated that he had done more because he had the help of City staff, the people from the community and a lot of other people had really helped him. He thanked everyone for their help and stated that he wanted to continue to make a great museum even better.

Ordinances

- A. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2022-03 to Establish a Consent Fee or Franchise Fee for Certain Uses of Public Streets or Public Places in the Absence of a Consent Agreement or Franchise Agreement with the City – Second Reading

Ms. Hegler stated that Council and staff had been discussing this item for several years and Council deferred action a couple weeks ago. She stated that it had always been the City's preference to be able to work out an agreement instead of an Ordinance

even though the Ordinance was a default and would allow both to happen. She stated that staff met with members of Dominion's staff and their attorneys and talked about some of the remaining items. She stated that Dominion provided a revised agreement that staff had done a cursory review of but would like to have more time to review it in the hopes of achieving the goal of coming to an agreement with Dominion. Ms. Hegler stated that she would like to ask that Council defer Second Reading to at least to the next Council Meeting so staff could further review the revised agreement.

Council member James made a motion to defer this item to the next Council Meeting. Council Member Sox seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

B. 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 – Second Reading

Ms. Hegler stated that there was no new information on this item since the First Reading. She stated that there was a State setback law that would affect certain businesses, particularly bars, being allowed there as long as there was a church located nearby.

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve Second Reading. Council Member Sox seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Items for Discussion and Possible Approval

A. Consideration and Approval to Endorse the SCDOT Proposal for Addressing Speeding in Parts of the Avenues

Ms. Hegler stated that Council heard from a few citizens earlier on this matter. She stated that speeding had been an issue in the Avenues for many years. She stated that the Police Department had received numerous complaints, particularly along the long streets in the Avenues. She stated that a resident did come forward in early October and helped spearhead a conversation into a working group to address this effort. She stated that she liked the comment made earlier in the meeting regarding sometimes it takes certain people in the right time. Ms. Hegler stated that Chief Cowan was new and it was his first Council Meeting and he said let's do something about this. She stated that he brought together the DOT, City Administration and the neighborhoods to discuss what to do. She stated that the Police Department ramped up their enforcement and purchased new speed trailers. She stated that education and some behavioral modifications were also needed.

Ms. Hegler stated that DOT immediately came out and met with staff on the street and started looking at what would be a good proposal. She stated that was not how that typically occurred. She stated that typically a city would put forward a plan and make a recommendation to the DOT and ask for their help and DOT would take that plan and say that it would not work which would have been a waste of staff time. She stated that DOT's plan was basically a matrix of additional stop signs to certainly draw some closure to cars being able to go the full length of the Avenues without having to stop. Ms. Hegler stated that some crosswalks were proposed in places where staff knew they were needed, particularly one at Julius Felder and Frink where a recent fatality of a pedestrian occurred. She stated that nothing about the proposed plan was permanent or could not be adjusted. She stated that she thought it was a great proactive and positive step to put forward this plan. She stated that that it was alluded to that there had been comments made about some other parts of the Avenues also having issues. She stated that staff and the DOT recognized that and wanted to continue to research solutions for those parts of the Avenues as well and they might be different solutions.

Ms. Hegler stated that the plan presented that night was a multijurisdictional plan. She stated that DOT had requested that Council acknowledge and endorse the plan so they would know they had their support regarding proceeding with the project. She stated that she had worked with the DOT for many years and getting them to immediately come out and address an issue was not common. She stated that they were moving quickly and trying to address an issue that had been long standing. She stated that nothing in the plan had to be permanent and it could all be adjusted if needed. Ms. Hegler stated that certainly put something out in the community that would help to address speeding.

Council Member James made a motion to endorse DOT's plan. Council Member Sox seconded the motion. Council Member James stated that everyone who stepped up to speak that night played a vital role over the last several months, even the last several years with this issue. He thanked Ms. Eades for what she continued to do for the Neighborhood Association. He thanked Ms. Boiteau as well. He stated that as Mayor Partin said Cayce was a beautiful place to stop. He stated that Chief Cowan certainly stepped up to the plate and tried to build this partnership and move it through in a very quick way. Council Member James stated that he heard everything everyone said that night and it gave him comfort. He stated that it gave other members of the community like Mr. Creamer and Mr. Fuson and others comfort in that Council and staff realize that it was not a one size fits all win-win. He stated that they also recognized as Ms. Hegler stated that it was not often that all the players come together at the same time to where one wants to sit on the sideline and not take advantage and move forward. Council Member James stated that even though everyone realized that the plan was a living document he was happy that Chief Cowan and SCDOT went further than just stop signs. He stated that the plan included a proposed traffic light at 7th Street and Knox Abbott which he was ecstatic about because 7th Street and Knox

Abbott had Still Hopes which has over 400 residents and 300 employees and BC High School, where children are dropped off every single day on Knox Abbott. He stated that he believed that the plan had a great scope. He stated that when he was at the meeting with Ms. Eades and Matt with the SCDOT, others did ask about East of State Street and West of 12th street. He stated that a plan was coming for those areas as well. He stated that he and others recognized that the plan for L Avenue might need some altering and Karlaney at 9th Street might need to be viewed a little differently. Council Member James stated that it was a living document. He stated that they recognized that there were other areas in the City that Chief Cowan and others would look at as well. He stated that he was happy to see that these things were moving forward. He stated that it was decades and decades of an issue and thanked Chief Cowan for all his work on a solution.

Mayor Partin stated that Miss Boiteau did come forward to Council and spoke at a meeting in October. She stated that this was the kind of government that Cayce was that the citizens really helped to make the city even better than it could be otherwise. She stated that at Chief Cowan's very first Council Meeting he jumped straight in and spoke to Ms. Boiteau after the meeting and said let's talk and it had been a great conversation and collaboration since. Mayor Partin stated that she was really thankful for Chief Cowan's leadership on that and then getting DOT involved. She stated that it was unique that City staff did not have to put together a plan, send it to DOT and they review it and send it back. She stated that they came out and met with Chief Cowan and with citizens and created a plan to help make things safer and to help make that part of the city still walkable and safe for families. Mayor Partin thanked the Avenues Neighborhood Association for doing a great job of helping to get the word out and host forums for people to be able to express their thoughts and opinions. She stated that they even got the media to attend one of their meetings. Mayor Partin thanked Ms. Hegler for sending an email in February to all of Council with the plan from DOT as soon as the City received it, so they could review it and see what was coming. She stated that Council had the plan before them for several months. She asked staff to convey Council's thanks to DOT for getting involved especially since they were pulled in so many different directions statewide. She stated that the plan was really helpful and they would continue to make the plan even better and take more steps forward. Mayor Partin stated that she was thankful for the City's responsive government. She stated that she wished she could say it was faster than seven months but it was a really good conversation and collaboration to come up with a plan that would be beneficial and helpful moving forward.

Council Member Carter stated that while listening and hearing some of the streets that were mentioned he could unfortunately think of some devastating accidents that happened on those streets, fatalities over the past 50 - 60 years. He stated that at the intersection at L Avenue and 12th Street there was a death there many years ago and then a traffic light was installed. He stated that it was refreshing that they were being proactive, not reactive. He stated that it was driven by the community and that

was amazing. Council Member Carter stated that he appreciated them working with the DOT because that was not always an easy thing to do. He stated that he appreciated the remarks from the Neighborhood Association that they were going to work with City staff and the Police Department to raise the awareness next time. He stated that Council would do what they could to help but it was appreciated. He stated that they had a great opportunity with the plan.

Mayor Partin stated while, they were being somewhat proactive earlier that evening they heard about two (2) accidents where thankfully the vehicles were unoccupied but they were hit over the last couple of months. She stated that they did lose a citizen on Frink Street a couple of months ago. She stated that she appreciated Council moving forward because they could not lose any more citizens and certainly could not lose a child. Mayor Partin called the question which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

B. Discussion and Motion to Ratify Action of Assistant City Manager for Emergency Sewer Repairs

Ms. Hegler stated that an emergency sewer repair was needed near Henry's Restaurant on April 8. She stated that G.H. Smith Construction specialized in that type of work and was hired to repair the sewer main. She stated that staff did not have time to go through the normal procurement process and Section 2- 146 of the City Code enabled staff to use emergency powers to make sure that the City could operate in those emergency situations. Therefore the Assistant City Manager did have to approve a quote with G. H. Smith construction for \$30,720. Ms. Hegler stated that they made the repair immediately and everything was back up and running again on April 9. She stated that in the packet was the justification that Assistant City Manager Jim Crosland signed which was a formality to make sure that the City was transparent in these actions when they have to be made.

Council Member Sox made a motion to ratify the Assistant City Manager's action. Council Member James seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

City Manager's Report

Ms. Hegler stated that staff was working really hard in preparation for the Soiree. She stated that the weather was going to be excellent that day. She stated that she was really excited to announce that the City had hired the first firefighter who completed the certification program at the Innovation Center. She stated that he was starting with the City immediately upon graduating in June and was coming with all of his certifications. She stated that meant the City did not have to send him to school to get certified. Ms. Hegler explained that the Innovation Center was a facility on 12th Street that was part of Lexington School District Two. She stated that they provide programs

that enable students to leave with certifications for certain careers. Ms. Hegler stated that it was a career development facility where students could get hands-on certified training and literally step out of that school with the ability to go and work, whether it was in cosmetology, firefighting, welding, culinary or auto body repair. She stated that it was a fantastic facility and that was why she wanted to highlight this particular hire because it showcased exactly why the facility was such an asset. She stated that the firefighter was coming to the City at 18 years old. Ms. Hegler stated that it was just exactly what that innovation center was supposed to be and how important their programs are, even to our ability to provide service. She stated that Chief Bullard was excited to get the new hire. She stated that there were a couple of interesting development updates. She stated that the lot at 12th Street and Taylor Road was being cleared for the long awaited medical rehab centers. She stated that Zaxby's was currently closed so they could build a more modern facility and expand their footprint to make it a more efficient. She stated that a new restaurant was coming to Parkland Plaza, a Poke Bowl type restaurant. Ms. Hegler stated that the Quik Trip grand opening was the next day. She stated that prom season was in full swing so the Police Department would continue the tradition of demonstrating the importance of not driving impaired with their prom promise. She stated that Airport High School's would be held at 9am on April 27 and Brookland Cayce's would be held at 10am on April 29. She stated that she had a couple staff kudos. She stated that there was an email from one of the City's investigators who was telling the police staff that while working with the juveniles that they had to put into DJJ over the weekend they had some run-ins with one particular juvenile. He stated that the family of the juvenile expressed their gratitude to them and particularly thanked them for their patience with the juvenile. She stated that she received a letter about Monique Ocean in the City's Planning Department. A lady had a home that she was renting and the renter had suddenly passed away. The renter had a family that lived far away and could not come take care of the property really quickly. The homeowner had to renew her business license and property registration application and worked with Ms. Ocean. She stated that she highly wanted to commend her because unknown to Ms. Ocean earlier this year this person had fractured vertebrae in her back and had a bad reaction to some muscle relaxer and was forgetting simple things like how to use a computer and how to do the applications. She said Ms. Ocean was calm and patient and helped her fill out the form. She asked her prudent questions that helped her do this and she was really very reassuring that she was not doing anything to violate City Ordinances. She found her remarkable to work with. Ms. Hegler stated that the last staff kudo she had was from Ms. Kay Hutchinson acting in her volunteer capacity. She said the Woman's Club of Cayce had a fantastic Hot Flash 5k on April 9 in Timmerman Trail. She stated the 5K was a huge success and could not have been accomplished without the efforts of many Cayce employees. As you know, the River crested at 16 feet 11 inches just two (2) days prior. At that point, Ms. Hutchinson was extremely concerned that the run would have to be cancelled. However, James Denny sent her an email early on reassuring her that his projections that the river would recede and according to him as soon as the level got to 14 feet, Parks staff would begin clearing and cleaning the trail. Not only did they do so but one

of the Parks staff, Tim Bozeman, returned Saturday morning at 5:30am right before the run because it had been windy on Friday night and had blown debris all over the trail. This ensured that Timmerman Trail was both beautiful and safe for the runners. They had a record number of participants that were able to have time for life and experience a beautiful city. Ms. Hutchinson stated that many of the runners were from outside of the Cayce area, including one from Kenya. According to the owner of Strictly Running this will put the Hot Flash 5K as a top profile run and it will be a top 20 Run in South Carolina next year. Ms. Hutchinson stated that the Police Department also did an excellent job. Officers Jeffcoat and Reel did an outstanding job helping out along with Park Rangers Creed and Strum who helped ensure traffic was directed appropriately. They represented Cayce well by welcoming and greeting members and runners. Lastly, but not least, Ms. Hutchinson wanted to thank Ms. Mendy Corder. Ms. Corder graciously volunteered and had a great time with the Woman's Club members and everyone she met and they were all complimentary of her and her assistance. Ms. Hutchinson wanted Administration to know that on behalf of the Woman's Club of Cayce she greatly appreciated the professionalism and they get it done attitude of City staff.

Council Comments

Council Member Carter James thanked Chief Cowan for deploying one of the new speed trailers on Moss Creek Drive. He stated that Chief Cowan was at a press conference the prior week to showcase Mr. Jim Hudson and his kind donation for the electric bikes and the two speed trailers were on display as well. Council Member Carter stated that he casually mentioned putting Moss Creek Drive on the list and three (3) hours later the speed trailers were on Moss Creek Drive. He stated that his wife and several of his neighbors found out what kind of technology the speed trailer had. He stated that if one was speeding blue and red lights flash. He stated that he appreciated the Public Safety Foundation for providing that opportunity for the department. Council Member Carter stated that he spoke to a real estate agent recently who was very complimentary of City staff from the approval to the meeting inspection. He was complimentary of the whole process. He complimented staff for the process for new construction.

Council Member James stated that he wanted to applaud his peers. He stated that he was out of town the prior week for vacation and when he came back to town he saw the beautiful planters at Knox Abbott and State Street. He stated that the Beautification Foundation, to include Mayor Partin and Council, worked on a Saturday morning to plant plants in the new pots. He stated that he wanted to again applaud Mr. Crosland for being so attentive to the residents at Blake Drive where the road has been dug up. He stated that the project was now moving on to Slann Drive. He stated that the City loved to over communicate to its residents and Mr. Crosland had done that with this project as well.

Mayor Partin stated that Mayor Pro Tem who was a longtime CMC employee who just recently retired. She stated that he had a heart procedure that day and he just texted and said he was doing great and would be back at the next meeting

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 sewer rates
- C. Discussion of Dominion's proposed Franchise Agreement

There were not any items to discuss in Executive Session.

Adjourn

Council Member James made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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

Date of Meeting *April 20, 2022*

Name	Address	Agenda Item
<i>Danny CRAMER</i>	<i>1011 M Ave</i>	<i>V-A</i>
<i>GRIS BRANDEN</i>	<i>310 NEW STATE</i>	<i>IV-A</i>
<i>Judy Aughtry</i>	<i>Ordinance 2022-06</i>	<i>TV-B</i>
<i>Ed FUSAT</i>	<i>803 Linstead, W. Ave</i>	<i>V-A</i>
<i>Patrice Eades</i>	<i>619 Poplar Street</i>	<i>V-A</i>
<i>Jean Boitau</i>	<i>811 Holland Ave.</i>	<i>V-A</i>
<i>Jamil YURTAN (Kerzan)</i>	<i>614 Oakland</i>	<i>V-A</i>

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