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| Mayor Elise Partin | Mayor Pro-Tem James E. Jenkins | Council Members Ann Bailey-Robinson Phil Carter Tim James | City Manager Tracy Hegler | Assistant City Manager James E. Crosland |
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City of Cayce
Regular Council Meeting
May 4, 2021

A Regular Council Meeting was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom video and conferencing software. Those present included Mayor Elise Partin and Council Members Ann Bailey-Robinson, Phil Carter, Tim James and James Jenkins. City Manager Tracy Hegler, Assistant City Manager Jim Crosland, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, IT Director Jamie Beckham, Finance Director Kelly McMullen 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 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 James gave the invocation. Mayor Partin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins made a motion to approve the April 6, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes and the April 21, 2021 Regular 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

No one signed up for Public Comment.

Presentations

Mr. Cliff Springs re Noise Issues

Mr. Springs stated that he owned Genesis Studios and wanted to speak about the noise issues at the Historic Columbia Speedway. He stated that he invested over a million dollars in his facilities and equipment to make Genesis one (1) of the top two (2) production companies in the state. He stated that he had talked to some of Council and

City staff about the noise issues from the concerts being held at the Speedway and stated that he appreciated that efforts were being made to address the issue. He stated that however he did want to go on record with his concerns. Mr. Springs stated that any amount of sound that he could hear in his studio made it impossible to record. He stated that he could work around brief noises such as a train or motorcycle but could not work around 90 minute sound checks during the week and concerts that take place every week for five (5) months. He stated that it made it impossible for him to manage recordings inside of his property. Mr. Springs stated that it also took away his ability to rent his studio to out of town companies.

Mr. Springs stated that the production director for the Cola Concert Series came to his studio while a sound check was being held at the Speedway and confirmed that the noise level was unsuitable for recording. He stated that Council Member James texted him that the sound level had been adjusted at the Speedway and was not nearly as loud. Mr. Springs stated that he was concerned that the sound level might creep back up over time and interfere with his recording. He asked if he could count on any enforcement to remedy the situation quickly if that occurred and he contacted the Speedway and the volume was not lowered. Mr. Springs stated that he thought sound barriers needed to be installed opposite the stage. He stated that he thought it would be a great investment and make the concert experience better while protecting his business and the homes in the area from the noise intrusion.

Ms. Springs stated that he thought the City's Noise Ordinance was acceptable as it was written and did not need decibel level requirements in it. He stated that the current Ordinance dealt with impact rather than decibel levels. He stated that the Ordinance had already been modified once to accommodate the concert series and felt that modifying it again could potentially target his business for the protection of the Speedway. He thanked Council for giving him a chance to speak and stated that he hoped that he could count on them for their support to encourage the Speedway to be responsible members of the community if the situation was not resolved.

Ordinances

- A. Discussion and Approval of Emergency Ordinance 2021-12 Amending Emergency Ordinance 2021-09 to Further Extend the Expiration Date on the Suspension of Certain Prohibitions on Temporary Signs

Council Member James made a motion to approve Emergency Ordinance 2021-12. Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- B. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2021-13 Amending Emergency Ordinance 2021-10 to extend the Expiration Date on Requiring Individuals to Wear Face Coverings in Certain Circumstances, and Matters Related Thereto

Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins made a motion to approve Emergency Ordinance 2021-13. Council Member James seconded the motion. Mayor Partin stated that City staff did some research before the Council Meeting by reaching out to Lexington Medical Center who was keeping their mask Ordinance and wished that every municipality would keep their mask Ordinance. She stated that Lexington Medical Center was thankful to the City for extending the mask Ordinance and stated that it helps them protect their employees and assisted with keeping their patient load low. Mayor Partin stated that the Superintendent of Lexington 2 School District stated that the City continuing its mask Ordinance would be very helpful to the School District. The Superintendent noted that it was clearly working since Lexington 2 had historically always had fewer cases of COVID than surrounding districts. Mayor Partin stated that for the last few weeks the school district's total positive cases had been in the single digits. Mayor Partin shared a quote from Dr. Edward Simmer, SC DHEC's Director, who said "We continue at DHEC to recommend that those communities that have mask Ordinances to keep them." Mayor Partin stated that Governor McMaster strongly said many times before that South Carolina cities were in the best spot to make local decisions on masks. Mayor Partin called the question which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Discussion Items

A. Discussion and Approval of RFP Award for Professional Landscape Architecture, Engineering and Planning Services

Ms. Hegler stated that Council's approval was needed to enter into an on-call agreement with Land Plan Group South for professional services related to landscape architecture. She stated that a landscape architecture, engineering, and planning services RFP was requested by Council to select a firm for a minimum period of two years for a service agreement with the City concerning landscape architecture and planning. An Evaluation Team was selected from City staff and consisted of three team members. The City received responses from eight (8) firms. After review of the proposals, criteria scoring and a team discussion, the Evaluation Team recommended to enter into an agreement with Land Plan Group South, as the highest ranking firm and as the most responsive, responsible responder.

Council Member James made a motion to give approval for the City Manager to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Land Plan Group South for "on-call" landscape architecture, engineering, and planning services. Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Committee Matters

A. Approval to Enter the following Committee Approved Minutes in the City's Record

Board of Zoning Appeals – January 4, 2021
Cayce Housing Authority – February 16, 2021
Museum Commission – March 3, 2021
Events Committee – March 18, 2021

Council Member Carter made a motion to enter the Committee approved minutes into the record. Council Member Bailey-Robinson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

B. Reappointments

Accommodations Tax Committee – One (1) Position
Events Committee – One (1) Position
Museum Commission – One (1) Position

Council Member James made a motion to reappointment Mr. Suki Patel to the Accommodations Tax Committee. Council Member Bailey-Robinson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins made a motion to reappoint Ms. Evony Reed to the Events Committee. Council Member Bailey-Robinson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins made a motion to reappoint Ms. Mary Sharpe to the Museum Commission. Council Member James seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

City Manager's Report

Ms. Hegler stated that the mast arm base at the intersection of Knox Abbott Drive and 12th Street was hit by a car and shattered. She stated that a replacement was ordered but it was the wrong model and the correct model had been ordered.

Council Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins asked everyone to continue to be safe. Council Member James thanked Ms. Hegler and Mr. Crosland for bringing their leadership team together in a very COVID friendly and safe way so Council could hold a budget workshop with them in person.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Council Member James seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Reconvene

After the Executive Session was concluded, Council Member James made a motion to reconvene the Regular meeting. Mayor Pro Tem 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

No actions were taken in follow up to Executive Session.

Adjourn

Council Member Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mendy Corder, CMC, Municipal Clerk

