

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, May 10, 2022**

The May 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 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 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 April 5, 2022, Regular Council Meeting minutes and the April 20, 2022, 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.

Proclamations and Ordinances

A. Approval of Proclamation - Declaring May 1 - May 7 Municipal Clerk's Week

Council Member James made a motion to approve a Resolution declaring May 1 – 7 Municipal Clerk's Week. Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

B. 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 requested that Council defer this item again. She stated that City staff received an amended agreement from Dominion after meeting with them. She stated that staff would like more time to review the amended agreement to ensure that they were advising Council properly. She asked that it be deferred to the June 7, 2022, Council Meeting.

Council Member Sox made a motion to defer Ordinance 2022-03 to the June 7, 2022 Council Meeting. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

C. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2022-07 Amending the Zoning Map and Rezoning Property Located at 2222 Taylor Road (Tax Map Number 005759-07- 005) from C-2 to RS-3 - First Reading

Ms. Hegler stated that the applicant was asking to rezone the property from a Commercial Zoning to Residential. She stated that the property was surrounded by both uses. She stated that the property was designated in the City's Future Land Use Map as residential conservation and infill, therefore the request would be compliant with the City's Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Hegler stated that the property had a residential structure on it but it had not been used as such therefore in its current state as in the commercial zoning district, it had a legal nonconformity. She stated that the owner wanted to use it residentially. She stated that the Planning Commission did hear the request at their April 18, 2022, meeting. She stated that no one spoke in favor or against the request and the Planning Commission unanimously recommended that Council give First Reading approval to that rezoning.

Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-07 on First Reading. Council Member Sox seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Items for Discussion and Possible Approval

A. Discussion and Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Regional Gateways Project

Ms. Hegler stated that the Regional Gateways Project was a really exciting project. She asked that Council defer any action on it to the June 7, 2022, Council Meeting. She stated that a lot of work had been put into the project and she had learned the day before that there was one (1) additional amendment that one of the City's partners would like to make to the agreement. She stated that she would not want to ask Council to vote on something that she knew was going to change. She stated that she was thrilled about the progress that had been made. She stated that she would let Council know the status of the agreement at the June 7, 2022, Council Meeting.

Council Member James made a motion to defer this item to the June 7, 2022, Council Meeting. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

B. Consideration and Approval of an Agreement for Mutual Aid and Support with Various Surrounding Law Enforcement Agencies

Ms. Hegler stated that the City had a number of mutual aid agreements in existence already however Police Chief Cowan wanted to get the agreements standardized and put under one umbrella. She stated that the proposed agreement did that and included a few other agencies that Chief Cowan would like to work with and included some of the tasks that he knows the City needs from its partners.

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

C. Discussion and Approval of the Purchase of Two (2) Replacement Police Vehicles

Ms. Hegler stated that one of the City's Police Officers had an accident where the car was totaled. She stated that thankfully the Officer was fine. She stated that staff would like to retire Officer Barr's vehicle. She stated that neither replacement of vehicles were in the current budget but staff did anticipate some revenue from sales, insurance and other items this year. She stated that if Council approved the purchase of two (2) vehicles she asked that they give staff permission to use General Fund balance to pay for the two (2) vehicles at \$73,864. She stated that the vehicles would be purchased outright and not with a lease purchase.

Council Member James made a motion to authorize the purchase of two (2) vehicles using General Fund balance funds. Council Sox seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

D. Discussion and Approval of a Successive Agreement with the River Alliance for Project Management of the Design of the 12,000 Year History Park Visitors Center

Ms. Hegler stated that the City had been awarded a million dollar grant from the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism to develop and plan for the 12,000 Year History Park Visitor Center. She stated that staff had already started some of that work and had engaged the Land Plan Design Group to help with site planning. She stated that the next step was to actually do the architecture and design of the building itself. She stated that the City had an existing agreement with the River Alliance for something similar and they had really started the process with the City

several years ago. Ms. Hegler stated the process included the conceptual designs that staff had and that they were trying to achieve with this project. She stated that the proposal was asking the River Alliance to manage the process which was helpful since they were part of the original concept and were very familiar with what the design was intended to be. She stated that the River Alliance thought it was a natural and really logical extension of the work that they do for the Riverwalk. She stated that the cost to actually develop the design and the architectural drawings would be \$94,000. Ms. Hegler stated that this was just an extension of an existing agreement to allow them to manage the project for the City and not to exceed the amount of \$94,000.

Council Member James made a motion to approve the agreement with the River Alliance. Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

City Manager's Report

Ms. Hegler stated that City staff really had a wonderful time with Council at the budget workshop. She stated that she was sorry that a few of the Council Members were not able to attend. It's fun to watch staff get face to face time with Council because they cannot hide their enthusiasm for what they do. She stated that the joy and dedication staff has to the City makes the budget workshop her favorite meeting of the year. She stated she was excited to announce that Michael Conley would be joining the City that week as the new Assistant City Manager. She stated that Leila Williams would be starting as the new staff accountant in the Finance Department and two (2) firefighters including one from the Innovation Center were joining the City as well. Ms. Hegler stated that staff had a lot of great success with the City's online portal for business license renewals and that was allowing staff to work on other things and catch up on their other day to day things. She stated that the portal had worked really well and kudos to staff for that. Ms. Hegler stated that Jamie and John, the City's IT gurus had been working really hard over the last few days reconfiguring the City's network. She stated that they caught some minor exposure recently and worked all weekend to ensure that the City was safe. She stated that the Employee Appreciation Day was the following Wednesday and was going to be held on the lawn by police headquarters. Ms. Hegler stated that Firehouse Subs was coming along on Knox Abbot Drive as well as the Starbucks on Charleston Highway. She stated that the City's GIS Analyst, Bob Hawks, had a lot of accolades under his belt and another one she wanted to share with Council. She stated that Mr. Hawks had been published in Volume Three of *Measuring Up, The Business Case for GIS*. She stated that his article was titled *Building a Cohesive GIS Structure in Cayce, South Carolina*. She stated that Mr. Hawks was getting Cayce known in the GIS world. Ms. Hegler stated that Mr. Curtis Richardson worked in the City's Sanitation Department and recently attended a Riverland Park Neighborhood meeting. She stated that multiple people called her to say what a great job he had done. She stated that he answered some

good tough questions and was very professional. She stated that Mr. Richardson clearly loved his job and when multiple people call her to tell her that she definitely wanted to share those comments with Council.

Council Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins stated that he wanted to thank everyone for all the kindness that they extended to him and his family after the passing of his sister. He stated that it was greatly appreciated.

Council Member James stated that he wanted to touch base on the City's last three (3) weeks. He stated that the City of Cayce had to face something that many cities, many mayors, city managers and police chiefs would never have to face - a tragedy and a murder of a Police Officer, a public servant. He stated that he was so proud of how the City reacted and he was so proud of the men and women that work here every single day. He stated that on that particular night he was so happy to know that a public servant had gone to heaven and here on earth the City had people like Jim and Tracy and Chief Cowan and the Mayor responding and to be with the with men and women and how they tempered strength with compassion and love. He stated that how Mayor Partin did that over that week he stood impressed and thankful for what she did and how she did it. Council Member James stated that people see the strength of Mayor Partin every day but it was tempered with such a loving compassion for the City. He stated that he just prayed that no other city would ever have to endure losing an Officer. He stated but if they did, he also prayed that they have a leadership like what the City of Cayce had because it helps you through that time. Council Member James stated that he was so happy that Chief Chris Cowan was there. He stated that God puts people in places like they did Chief Cowan and Jim Crosland. He stated that Ms. Hegler heard him say all the time that she had pixie dust and a little magician about her when she puts a team together. He stated that Mayor Partin and the team she put together was just awesome. He stated that he was proud to be able to serve at Cayce with his Council Members who recognized that this particular time was a time that unity was the most important thing they could do. He stated that he was proud to serve with his fellow Council Members and proud to call Cayce home. Council Member James thanked Drew's family for allowing him time to be with the City and stated that the City would never forget or allow his memory to be forgotten.

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 Dominion's proposed Franchise Agreement

Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins made a motion to move 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 action was taken in follow up to Executive Session.

Adjourn

Council Member Sox 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 7:16 p.m.

Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mendy Corder, CMC, Municipal Clerk

