

Mayor Elise Partin	Mayor Pro-Tem Phil Carter	Council Members Tiffany Aull Byron Thomas Alice Rose	City Manager Mike Conley	Assistant City Manager Betsy Catchings Wesley Crosby
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**City of Cayce
Council Work Session
Wednesday, March 18, 2026**

The March 18, 2026, Council Work Session was held this afternoon at 12:00 PM at Southern First on Knox Abbott Drive. Those present included Mayor Elise Partin, Mayor Pro Tem Phil Carter, and Council Members Byron Thomas, Tiffany Aull, and Alice Rose. Attendees also included City Manager Michael Conley, Assistant City Managers Wesley Crosby and Betsy Catchings (Utilities); Municipal Clerks Mendy Corder and Kristen Hall; Director of Public Works Johnny Dillard; Director of Development Services Luke Godbold; Director of Human Resources Keisha Brunson; Fire Chief Steve Bullard; Police Chief Bruce Wade; Assistant Police Chief Jonathan von Moltke; and Facilitator Irene Dumas Tyson.

Mayor Partin asked if members of the press and public were duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Ms. Corder confirmed that they were notified.

Call to Order

Mayor Partin called the Work Session to order, Council Member Thomas gave the invocation, and Mayor Partin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Other

Council members and staff participated in an introductory exercise in which each participant introduced a partner and shared their favorite place in the City of Cayce, their favorite meal and dining location, and their most memorable personal journey. Responses emphasized the importance of relationships, personal growth, and service. A strong appreciation for the City's natural assets—particularly the Riverwalk—highlighted their continued value to the community. The exercise fostered team building, strengthened connections, and revealed shared values among Council and staff.

Council members and staff also reflected on individual actions they can take to improve the City. Identified priorities included strengthening partnerships across local, state, and federal levels; delivering excellent customer service across all departments; continuing community-oriented policing and building public trust; increasing community engagement,

communication, and transparency; supporting employees through resources and recognition; and improving internal efficiency, workflows, and overall organizational effectiveness.

The visioning discussion focused on defining a shared direction for the future of the City of Cayce, grounded in community values, quality of life, and long-term sustainability. Core themes included prioritizing quality of life; fostering community-centered growth; reinforcing a strong sense of place; promoting equity and inclusion across the City; advancing organizational excellence and customer service; encouraging collaboration and engagement; and embracing long-term, legacy-driven decision-making.

Council and staff emphasized the importance of translating this vision into action through strategic planning, targeted redevelopment initiatives, infrastructure investment, and continued collaboration among Council, staff, and the community.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was held during this workshop.

Adjourn

Council Member Aull made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Rose seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.



Elise Parin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kristen Hall, Municipal Clerk