



Mayor  
Elise Partin

Mayor Pro-Tem  
James E. Jenkins

Council Members  
Phil Carter  
Tim James  
Hunter Sox

City Manager  
Tracy Hegler

Deputy City Manager  
Jim Crosland  
Assistant City Manager  
Michael Conley

**City of Cayce  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 6, 2022**

The September Regular Council Meeting was held this evening at 6:30 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, Deputy City Manager Jim Crosland, Assistant City Manager Michael Conley, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, Human Resources Director Lynn Dooley, Finance Director Kelly McMullen and IT Director Jamie Beckham 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**

Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins made a motion to approve the August 2, 2022 Regular Council Meeting and the August 17, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes as written. Council Member James 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**

A. Recognition of Lt. Danielle McCord for receiving the Order of the Palmetto

Mayor Partin stated that Lieutenant Danielle McCord recently received the Order of the Palmetto from Governor Henry McMaster for her many accomplishments in law enforcement. She stated that it was such a surprise that Lt. McCord's family did not get to be there. She stated that the City wanted to take the opportunity to celebrate Lt. McCord and have her family there.

Lt. McCord stated that her position within the Cayce Police Department is very special to her. She stated that the School Resource Officer unit and the Community Services Division were very near and dear to her heart so everything she and her fellow

officers did inside those buildings was teamwork. She stated that even though she won this award, it was a team effort. Lt. McCord stated that no one could do their jobs by themselves, it truly was a team effort. She stated that she personally believed that she had one of the best teams in the Midlands. She stated that they loved the kids they worked with and loved every single person that came inside the schools no matter what background they had. She stated that they welcomed them fully. Lt. McCord stated that she and her fellow officers pride themselves in the passion they all had for their job. Mayor Partin thanked Lt. McCord for her passion and heart for her job.

- B. Presentation of a Request for Saxe Gotha Industrial Park Wastewater Gravity Line Capacity by Ms. Lou Kennedy, CEO of Nephron Pharmaceuticals Corporation and Mr. Kyle Clampitt, Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc.

Mr. Clampitt stated that he was with Alliance Consulting Engineers. He stated that he had positive news and developments from the prior week. He stated that he served as Vice President and Principal of Alliance Consulting Engineers and the firm served as the engineer of record for Lexington County for the infrastructure within Saxe Gotha Industrial Park. He stated that they also were the engineer of record for Nephron Pharmaceuticals current campus as well as the Nephron Nitrile Facility. Mr. Clampitt stated that his firm had been coordinating with City of Cayce personnel over the last several months to determine capacity in the existing system at the Saxe Gotha Industrial Park. He stated that on August 29, 2022, there was a coordination meeting that took place with City personnel, Lexington County Election personnel, American Engineering, which is the City of Cayce's engineering consultant, and Alliance Consulting Engineers. He stated that he was happy to report that the City of Cayce personnel issued email correspondence which provided a confirmation that there was currently sufficient capacity in the system to provide a commitment in the amount of 171,000 gallons per day, or equivalent to 118.74 gallons per minute. Mr. Clampitt stated that would allow Nephron Nitrile to begin operations as early as October 2022. He stated that was equivalent to three (3) production lines for Nephron's system as well. He stated that it was their understanding that the capacity approval was connected to currently underway wastewater system improvements that were being completed by the County of Lexington within the corridor as well. He stated that they had expressed their appreciation for this outcome and positive impact this economic development project would have in the state, county and local community.

## **Resolutions**

- A. Consideration and Approval of Resolution Approving Financing Terms for General Fund Vehicles and Equipment Lease Purchase

Ms. Hegler stated that Council did approve purchases of these vehicles in the current fiscal year budget. She stated that it consisted of eight (8) Police Department vehicles, one (1) Fire Department vehicle and seven (7) mobile radios. She stated that

City staff submitted and issued an RFP and received three (3) responses. She stated that Truist Financial had the best response, offering four (4) years at 2.86%. She stated that the annual payments, with no down payment, would be \$120,257 annually for four (4) years at 2.86%. Ms. Hegler stated that was for \$488,000 worth of vehicles and the total interest paid would be \$29,026.24. She stated that the payments would be made monthly in arrears. She stated that funding for this lease purchase contract was included in the City's current fiscal year General Fund budget and would be included in successive years.

Council Member James made a motion that the lease purchase contract be awarded to Truist Financial for a four (4) year term contract at 2.86% with annual payments in arrears of \$120,257 for principal and interest and made a motion to approve a Resolution approving that financing through Truist Financial and that the City Manager be authorized to execute the contract documents. Mayor Pro Ten Jenkins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

#### **Items for Discussion and Possible Approval**

##### **A. Discussion and Approval to Purchase a Replacement Sanitation Truck and Issue an RFP for Lease purchase**

Ms. Hegler stated that the City had been presented with a unique opportunity to replace one of the older sanitation trucks. She stated that Council approved a new sanitation truck with the first tranche of ARPA money and that truck should be completely built soon. She stated that Sanitation Manager Thomas White's relationship with local vendors allowed a vendor to come forward because he knew the City had another Sanitation truck that needed to be replaced. The vendor had a demo that they were not intending to sell but was willing to sell it to the City. Ms. Hegler stated that the purchase of the truck was not in the current budget because staff thought there would not be any available because of the supply chain issues. She stated that staff was told if a vendor currently started processing a vehicle, it would take years to build because of supply issues.

Ms. Hegler stated that the City's current Sanitation truck was built in 2000 and had 10,300 hours on it which computed to 257,000 miles. She stated that the truck was at end of life and it would be a good idea to replace it. She stated that the replacement truck was expected to cost \$246,370 from Amick Equipment and would be a 2023 Peterbilt 567 with a new Cobra Magnum hopper. She stated it was expected to give 20 years of service. She stated that staff proposed funding the new sanitation truck via a lease purchase and she would identify the lease payment funding source after receiving those terms.

Ms. Hegler stated that staff's recommendation was for Council to approve the issuance of an RFP for the lease purchase financing of the Sanitation truck and an

amount not to exceed \$250,000. She stated that because it was a little bit outside of the City's normal procurement practice, but because of supply chain issues, staff would ask Council to waive that process. She stated that once the results of the financing terms have been presented to staff they would be brought to Council for approval. She stated that for reiteration for the public in attendance, the City had been awarded \$6.9 million dollars from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Council Member Carter made a motion approve the issuance of an RFP not to exceed \$250,000 and to waive the City's usual procurement process. Council Member Sox seconded the motion. Council Member Carter asked once the two (2) new Sanitation trucks were included in the City's fleet where would it stand. Ms. Hegler stated that the City's two (2) oldest trucks would be replaced which would leave the fleet in good standing. Council Member Carter asked how staff disposed of older vehicles. Ms. Hegler stated that it might be that someone was interested in purchasing it as is or it could be sold for parts. Mayor Partin called the question which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**B. Discussion and Approval of Cooperative Agreement to Participate in Richland County's Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2025**

Ms. Hegler stated that the City did not receive community development block grants through HUD. She stated that the City opted in by participating with its counties and had done that for years with Lexington County. She stated that the City had an agreement in place for that. She stated that the City was approached by Richland County about entering into the same program for them for the area the City has in Richland County. She stated that she did confirm that the City could be in both as long as the projects were separated by those counties. Ms. Hegler stated that she did know for sure what the City would do yet with CDBG dollars on the Richland County side but there was no cost involved in participating. She stated this would open the door for potential grant opportunities should any present themselves. She stated that staff recommended Council approve the cooperative agreement to participate in Richland County's urban county community development block grant program for fiscal years 2023 to 2025 for the areas the City has within that county.

Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins made a motion to approve the cooperative agreement. Council Member Carter 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  
Museum Commission – June 1, 2022

Zoning Board of Appeals – June 27, 2022  
Cayce Housing Authority – June 28, 2022  
Events Committee – July 14, 2022  
Planning Commission – July 18, 2022

Council Member Carter made a motion to enter the Committee approved minutes into the record. Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**B. Reappointments**  
Events Committee – Two (2) Positions  
Planning Commission – One (1) Position

Council Member James made a motion to reappoint Mr. Danny Creamer and Ms. Maxine Creamer to the Events Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Council Member James made a motion to reappoint Mr. Ed Fuson to the Planning Commission. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

### **City Manager's Report**

Ms. Hegler stated that the City's Fall Fest was October 1 from 12pm to 6pm and Mendy, Amanda and the City's Events Committee were working hard on it. She stated that there was a new fall tour scheduled for the 12,000 Year History Park. She stated that the City's Beautification Foundation was hosting their first fundraiser farm-to-table dinner at the Guignard Brick Kilns on October 26 and tickets were on sale for that dinner. She stated that Axon would be at the Police Department working on implementing the new body worn cameras and issuing new Tasers. She stated this was part of the ARPA funding that Council approved in this year's budget. Ms. Hegler stated that staff was really happy that they were able to come to some solution with Nephron Nitrile that could get them started. She stated that had been the City's hope and dream all along. She stated that staff was happy to get some information from Nephron last week that they knew would be helpful in that regard. She stated that it was something staff had said all along would be helpful.

### **Council Comments**

Council Member James congratulated Council Member Carter on the birth of his new grandbaby.

Mayor Partin stated that she was slightly disappointed that City staff got spoken ill about at a press conference for Nephron Nitrile when City staff had gone above and beyond helping even more than they normally do. She thanked staff for always doing the right thing and for customer service being their focus. She stated that she was sorry that staff still got spoken poorly about and in a way that was not correct. She thanked all staff who always do a great job.

### **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

There were not any items to discuss in Executive Session.

### **Adjourn**

Council Member James 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 6:50 p.m.

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Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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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        September 6, 2022

Name	Address	Agenda Item

\***Appearance of citizens at Council meetings - City of Cayce Code of Ordinances, Sec. 2-71.** Any citizen of the municipality may speak at a regular meeting of the council on a matter pertaining to municipal services and operation, with the exception of personnel matters, by notifying the office of the city manager at least five working days prior to the meeting and stating the subject and purpose for speaking. Additionally, during the **public comment period** as specified on the agenda of a regular meeting of the council, a member of the public may speak on a matter appearing on the meeting agenda, with the exception of personnel matters by signing a speakers list maintained by the city clerk prior to the start of the public comment period. The number of speakers at a council meeting may be limited in the discretion of the mayor or presiding officer, the length of time for any speaker's presentation is limited to a maximum of five minutes, and a presentation may be curtailed if determined to be uncivil, contentious, or disruptive in the discretion of the mayor or presiding officer or by majority of vote of council.