



CITY OF CAYCE

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CITY OF CAYCE Regular Council Meeting July 11, 2017

The July Regular Council Meeting was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Those present included Mayor Elise Partin, Council Members Tara Almond, Phil Carter, Eva Corley and James Jenkins. City Manager Rebecca Vance, Assistant City Manager Shaun Greenwood, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, Municipal Treasurer Garry Huddle, City Attorney Danny Crowe, and Director of Public Safety Byron Snellgrove were also in attendance.

Mayor Partin asked if members of the press and the public were duly notified of the Council Meeting in accordance with the FOIA. Ms. Corder confirmed they were notified.

Call to Order

Mayor Partin called the meeting to order. Council Member Carter gave the invocation. Mayor Partin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Almond made a motion to approve the June 6, 2017 Regular Council Meeting minutes and the June 21, 2017 Public Hearing and Special Council Meeting minutes as written. Council Member Corley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Public Comment Regarding Items on the Agenda

Ms. Venetia Sharpe, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Jim Gregory and Ms. Barbara Wessinger spoke in favor of Section 9.8 ("Storage and Use of Campers or Recreational Vehicles in Residential Zones") of the City Zoning Ordinance that provides that the Board of Zoning Appeals may permit, under certain conditions, the issuance of special exceptions to allow campers, recreational vehicles or boats to be parked or stored in front and side yards in a residential district.

Ms. Marie Watson, Ms. Renea Eshleman, Ms. Gail Brazell, Ms. Kim Masters, Mr. John Wise and Mr. Bob McArver voiced concern regarding granting special exceptions stating they are injurious to the appearance, orderliness and property values of neighborhoods and residential districts.

Presentations

A. Presentation of Cayce Calendar Photo Contest Winners

Mayor Partin explained that every year the City has a photo contest for the Cayce Calendar that is given to all residents. Ms. Becky Hancock's photo, "Nature Walk", was chosen as the winner and is featured on the cover of the calendar and for the month of April. She presented Ms. Hancock with a \$100 check and thanked her for her beautiful photograph. Mayor Partin thanked all the winners for their participation. She advised that calendars were now ready to be picked up at City Hall.

B. Presentation by Cayce Public Safety Foundation to Cayce Public Safety Department

Mr. Joseph Dickey, President of the Cayce Public Safety Foundation, explained the mission of the Foundation. He stated that the Cayce Public Safety Foundation was designated as a 501(c) (3) organization in August 2010 for the purpose of providing a vehicle for the citizens and businesses to help strengthen Cayce's Public Safety capacity to protect, serve and support the quality of life in our community. The Foundation raises funds to provide the members of Cayce Public Safety with equipment and resources to make their jobs and the community safer.

Mr. Dickey discussed the various fundraising events the Foundation hosts to purchase the Public Safety Department equipment that is needed. Ms. Kay Hutchinson, City staff member and former Public Safety Foundation member, stated that the Foundation has raised over \$52,000 for Public Safety and recently purchased the Department a Simulator. The Simulator uses video and audio to engage officers with interactive real-life scenarios, such as traffic stops, burglaries, domestic disturbances and active shooters. Additionally, the department can record its own scenarios. It provides officers with a training simulator that is preloaded with hundreds of scenarios that officers experience in the real world. Sgt. Dufault and Investigator Weaver demonstrated the simulator for Council and the assembly.

C. Presentation by Ms. Mary Ann Dowd re Code Enforcement Issues

Ms. Dowd's comments are attached.

Ordinances and Resolutions

A. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2017-06 Imposing a Temporary Moratorium on Operation of the Special Exception Provisions of Section 9.8 of the City Zoning Code Concerning Parking of Campers, Recreational

Vehicles or Boats in Front or Side Yards in Residential Districts – First Reading

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-06 imposing a temporary moratorium on Section 9.8 of the City's Zoning Code. Council Member Almond seconded the motion.

Ms. Vance stated that at Council's request and the direction of the City's Attorney staff has drafted an Ordinance imposing a temporary moratorium on the Board of Zoning Appeals ability to permit, under certain conditions, the issuance of special exceptions to allow campers, recreational vehicles or boats to be parked or stored in front and side yards in a residential district. She stated that it was not permanent and only temporarily suspends the Boards ability to issue special exceptions. She stated that a notice regarding the moratorium was placed in the newspaper at the City Attorney's recommendation.

Ms. Vance stated that there were currently eight property owners requesting a special exception. She stated that Mr. Carroll Williams, the City's Director of Planning and Development, hand delivered letters to each owner explaining Council's decision to issue a temporary moratorium on Section 9.8. The property owners were given thirty days to remove their recreational vehicles. She stated that after first reading of the Ordinance the pending ordinance doctrine will apply. This will suspend the issuance of any such special exceptions or the taking or processing of any applications or requests for such special exceptions.

Ms. Vance stated that during the temporary moratorium Council will have a chance to consider and analyze the impact of such special exceptions on the goals and operation of zoning in residential districts. She stated that staff plans to discuss the issue in depth with Council at the upcoming Strategic Planning Session. She stated that the objective is to find a solution that can be uniformly enforced over the entire City and not one neighborhood versus another neighborhood.

Mayor Partin stated she and Council appreciated so many people coming to the meeting to speak for or against the moratorium. She stated that everyone's comments were so thoughtful and respectful and that was greatly appreciated. She stated that she took good notes on everything that was said. Mayor Partin stated that staff had done a lot of research on this issue for Council to review. She stated that all of Council's decisions and actions are made in public at the Council Meetings. She advised the assembly to look at upcoming agendas on the City's website to see when Council takes action on the issue. She stated that if the moratorium passed on first reading it would come back before Council at the August 1, 2017 Council Meeting for second reading.

She stated that it may or may not pass the second reading depending on if a zoning change is created to address the issue.

Ms. Vance explained that any change made to the Zoning Ordinance has to go before the City's Planning Commission and then before Council for first and second reading. She stated that this moratorium does not pertain to anyone that already has a boat or recreational vehicle in the appropriate place or already has a special exception. It only applies to anyone requesting a new special exception to have their recreational vehicle in their front or side yard.

Council Member Carter stated that he and Council appreciate everyone's passion and advocacy that spoke. He stated that the Strategic Planning Session was the following week and he urged everyone to continue their advocacy.

Mayor Partin called the question which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

A. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2017-07 Amending Budget Ordinance Adopted June 21, 2017 (Ordinance 2017-05) to Correct Scrivener's Errors as to Millage and Fees – First Reading

Ms. Vance stated that there was an error in the Ordinance adopting the FY17/18 budget. The Ordinance incorrectly stated that the new millage rate would be 50.67. The new millage rate is actually 47.69. 50.67 is the value of a mill for the City of Cayce. One mill is worth over \$50,000 today. The assessed value of the City of Cayce has improved which means that the value of the property in the City has improved. Ms. Vance stated that the Ordinance corrects that error and includes language stating that the Master Fee Schedule is incorporated into and adopted as part of the Budget Ordinance. She stated that staff wants to ensure that the Master Fee Schedule is part of the budget so anyone that wants to know a City fee can look in one place for all City fees.

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-07 on first reading. Council Member Almond seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

City Manager's Report

Ms. Vance stated that staff has been working diligently on gathering information and getting each department's Five Year Plan for the Strategic Planning Session. She stated staff also has been working on the Bond issue for the TIF. She stated that the City did receive an A Rating for the bonds which helps with the cost of borrowing

money. Ms. Vance stated that with an A Rating the City does not have to have a debt service fund, it reduces the debt coverage ratio and increases the amount of money the City can borrow.

Ms. Vance stated that the Midlands Habitat for Humanity have acquired five lots on Tree Street and will start building four houses on the lots in the Spring of 2018. She stated that work continues on Ms. Anderson's house that was damaged in a fire even though Ms. Anderson has passed. Habitat will finish the original house in her honor for all that she gave to the community.

Committee Matters

- A. Approval to Enter the Following Approved Committee Minutes into the City's Record

Council Member Almond made a motion to approve entering the following Committee minutes into the City's official record:

Planning Commission – April 17, 2017
Board of Zoning Appeals – May 15, 2017

Council Member Corley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Council Comments

Council Member Carter asked staff the status of the Demolition of Unsafe Structures Program. Ms. Vance stated she would have an updated list of properties for Council at the Strategic Planning Session. Council Member Jenkins asked if the City was going to spray for mosquitos. Ms. Vance stated that Lexington County performs vector control for the entire county. She stated there is one person that handles this for the entire county.

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 negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements Relating to the City's Tax Increment Finance District
- C. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements Relating to a new franchise agreement with SCE&G

- D. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements Relating to an agreement with SCE&G regarding the Knox Abbott Drive Pedestrian Safety and Calming Project

Mayor Partin stated that Items VIII. C. and VIII. D. were not going to be discussed in Executive Session due to no new information on either item. Council Member Almond made a motion to move into Executive Session. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Reconvene

After the Executive Session was concluded, Council Member Almond made a motion to reconvene the Regular meeting. Council Member Corley 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 after Executive Session.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Council Member Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Almond seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mendy C. Corder, 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 July 11, 2017

Name	Address	Agenda Item
Venetia Sharpe	163 Cherry Ln Cayce	IV-A
Marie Watson	701 Moss Creek Dr. Cayce	IV-A
MCDANALD V.R.	893-8974	
JIM GREGORY	403 Moss Creek Dr	I, II, A
Renae Eskelint	508 Moss Creek Dr	IV A
Gail Brazell	202 Moss Creek DR	IV A
Barbara + Terry Wessinger	106 Haynes Lane	IV A
KIM MASTERS	321 TAMWOOD CIR	IV A
John W. Wiley	107 Bena Joli	IV A
7366 Mc Alexander	801 Moss Creek	IV A

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First of all I would like to commend the Enforcement team for all the positive work that have done. As I ride around the city there is evidence of this. I would like to site one in particular in Edenwood — the house was covered with vines, the shrubbery was covered with vines and growing to the roof. Today the vines are gone, the shrubbery is gone and the yard cut. It is not the ideal for the community but at least it does not look like and abandoned house. There is lots of work still to be done if we are to have the ideal city.

I read in The State paper just a few weeks ago about the BMW plant in Greer and why they decided to put the plant in that location. It seemed that the German search team rode over the city time after time looking at the homes and surrounding areas and how well they were taken care of. They felt that if the people took pride in their homes and surrounding they would take pride in their work. And this my friends tells you how a little small struggling city and community with a great deal of pride became the home of South Carolina number one growing business.

Cayce can do the same thing. We have the potential; we have the closeness to the city of Columbia and the capital. We have the Riverwalk, the history and the two Interstates right in our back yard. Now how many cities have this big package of potential. Remember what BMW was looking for — PRIDE IN THEIR HOMES AND SURROUNDING AREAS. We have to continue to make improvements. Right now I am concerned about several things that need to be done right away. 1. PARKING OF CARS – people are using their lawns for parking, some are not even using their parking pads. We must stop this because the grass is being killed and ruts are forming in the yard. I know there is an ordinance already that deals with parking but I feel it must be looked at again and reevaluated. 2. In order to become a city that takes PRIDE in its surroundings we must be mindful of its TREES. We need an ordinance that says before a tree can be cut it must be evaluated by an arborist and they make the decision as to the need of cutting this tree. No exceptions to be made if the tree is in good condition. As all of you know, trees add comfort and beauty to any city. Look at Summerville and Charleston and how much effort they go to preserve their trees. 3. The exits from the Interstate 26 –and Charleston Highway is a wreck. Garbage all under the bridge and along the exit ramps, businesses that look run down with no shrubbery or trees. Does this tell the people that are coming off the Highway what Cayce is all about? I am not sure if the vacant lot adjacent to Waffle house is a repair shop for big trucks or not but it seems every time I pass there a big truck is being worked on. The repair shop next to Waffle House is a junk pile, old tires thrown around and uncut grass along with trash in the grass. Should the city not impress on businesses that they represent their city and when they let their business look bad that makes the whole city look bad. There again is a case of not taking PRIDE in our surrounds? I would like to see the city while the new water system is being put in add a sprinkler systems at each interstate exit and plant shrubbery and trees such as the Imo exit has done. 4. Travel trailers/buses and boats. It is my understanding that this ordinance is being looked at again by the council. If people are allowed to park all of their recreational TOYS in their yards then a neighborhood will began to look like a storage lot. Is this what the city wants? When a travel trailer/bus or boat is purchased the owner knows what the ordinance is but so many people think they can skirt around the law or they can beg a little and an exception will be made for them. When you start making exceptions to an ordinance you might as well not have one because you have ~~lost~~ the authority it presents. PRIDE in our surrounds, is that what is happening here.

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My dream is for Cayce to be a place that people drive thru and say THIS IS WHERE I WOULD LIKE TO LIVE. THESE PEOPLE TAKES CARE OF THEIR HOMES AND TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR SURROUNDS. Thank you for listening to me and I hope that what I have said will make an impact on you.