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**City of Cayce
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 16, 2023**

The August 16, 2023, Regular Council Meeting was held this evening at 5:00 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, Deputy City Manager Jim Crosland, Assistant City Manager Michael Conley, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, Police Chief Chris Cowan, Fire Chief Steven Bullard, Finance Director Kelly McMullen, Human Resources Director Lynn Dooley, Utility Director Betsy Catchings, IT Director Jamie Beckham and City Attorney Danny Crowe were also in attendance.

Call to Order

Mayor Partin called the meeting to order. She stated that she wanted to take a moment to welcome not only the people in the audience, but also to send a welcome to all of those who were joining online, since the Council Meeting was live streaming. She stated that Council and staff were so excited to be live streaming the meetings. She stated as a reminder to the public, Council approved funding in 2022 to upgrade the audio and visual in Council Chambers since the City had one of the older City Halls around and to provide effective live streaming capabilities that would add to the City's already very transparent meeting processes. Mayor Partin stated that not only were the City's agendas online, but the agenda packet were available to the public. She stated that the agenda packets contained all the information that Council had to make decisions. She stated that was something Council and staff were proud of since they went above and beyond what other cities did.

Mayor Partin stated that the City suffered supply chain delays with some of the equipment necessary to install the new equipment in Council Chambers however as soon as the equipment came in IT staff and the Municipal Clerk's office staff worked hard to coordinate with the contractor to bring the improvements to fruition. She stated that there were two (2) new large TV's for the audience to see the agenda packet and presentations and Council had monitors in front of their seats to see what the audience was seeing. She stated that the sound in Council Chambers was so much better than it had ever been. She stated that even in person the sound was better, which was one of the reasons the City could not Zoom before. Mayor Partin stated that the sound in Council Chambers in general was lacking as those who joined the meetings in person could attest to. She stated that when Council and staff tried being all together and offering the meeting via Zoom it was not possible because there was feedback electronically in Council Chambers. She stated that during COVID Council met via Zoom but they were all in separate locations and had never met via Zoom in the same room. She stated that the City now had one of the best live streaming options around so they were excited for people to get to join the meetings that way. 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. Council Member Carter gave the invocation. Mayor Partin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation

A. Presentation of a Check from the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority for the Cayce Avenues Drainage Improvements Project

Mayor Partin stated she asked Council if they would be amenable to moving Item III. A. to be the next item on the agenda so some of the visitors for that item could get to other meetings they had that evening. Council Member Carter made a motion to move Item III. A. before the approval of minutes. Council Member James seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mayor Partin stated that Item III. A. was a presentation of a check from the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority for the Cayce Avenues Drainage Improvements Project. She stated that as a City, Council and staff were absolutely not shy about taking on large projects and take their municipal responsibilities to provide the best customer service and the best possible services to their citizens very seriously. She stated that one could see that evidenced in the City's multimillion-dollar water line replacement project that upgraded nearly 75% of inside City water customers' aging lines and in building a state-of-the-art Water Plant and Wastewater Plant. She stated that the City also took on things that were not necessarily the City's to take on. Mayor Partin stated that storm drainage was not something that cities by and large were responsible for. She stated that the City did not own any of the streets in the city, they were either county or state owned. She stated that the streets were predominantly where a large amount of the flooding came from, that or private property. She stated that maintenance of those things was not something a City typically did. Mayor Partin stated that the City did not collect taxes for those services and was the lowest taxing entity of all of the City's partners to include Federal, State or the County. She stated that the City had made it clear to its partners that they were willing to coordinate the solution to the problem but could not be the ones to pay for it.

Mayor Partin stated that the City was incredibly blessed to have amazing partners at the State level with Representative Micah Caskey and Senator Nikki Setzler. She stated that they had both been amazing partners in supporting the City's citizens in dealing with things that happened when homes were built back in the 1940's and 1950's. She stated that there was not the same regulations or even the same understanding of what storm drainage was many years ago. She stated that the City was fixing things that were that old and being proactive about it, like the City was with all things they were responsible for or in this case even what the City was not responsible for.

Mayor Partin stated that in 2015, the City commissioned a study for the Avenues Neighborhood, which had some of the oldest recurring flooding, to determine a plan forward so the City could help coordinate with the appropriate partners. She stated that since that study was published, City staff had worked hard to secure grants and other funding sources to tackle the over \$20 million solution so there would be no impact on the City's tax dollars. She stated that the City was awarded a Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant a couple of years ago with matched dollars from the South Carolina Department of Transportation to start the improvements and those were just recently completed successfully in the Axtel, Deliesseline and Blake Drive areas. Mayor Partin stated that the residents there were already seeing the wonderful benefit of that work.

Mayor Partin stated that they had a check presentation for another award the City had received from the Rural Infrastructure Authority under the state's South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program. She stated that it was a \$10 million award with matching funds from the South Carolina DOT for a total project budget of \$11,740,000. She stated that the funds would help the City to continue the transformative stormwater work in that part of the city and beyond. She stated that Ms. Bonnie Ammons, the Executive Director of the Rural Infrastructure Authority, was there to present the check along with Senator Nikki Setzler and Representative Micah Caskey.

Ms. Ammons stated that the Rural Infrastructure Authority recognized all the significant drainage issues that the City had and appreciated the efforts that the City had made to address that and to get partners to work together on a solution. She stated that she was glad to be a part of it and could not provide the funding if it were not for the General Assembly. Senator Setzler stated that the drainage issues needed to be addressed and he was happy to be a part of that. He thanked everyone for working with him to make that happen. Representative Caskey stated it was a great day in Cayce to be able to make this big step forward. He stated he wanted to thank City staff for making this project viable from a technical standpoint. He stated that City staff had a lot to be proud of and thanked them along with Council for all they did make this happen. Mayor Partin stated that Representative Caskey and Senator Setzler, not only had championed this project, and helped the City to move forward with storm drainage but also for letters of support and all they continued to do for the City's citizens. She thanked them both along with Ms. Ammons.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member James made a motion to approve the July 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes and the July 26, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes as written. Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins 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.

Presentation

B. Presentation on the Walkability Action Institute

Ms. Dara Brown, the Senior Community Health Coordinator at Brookland Lakeview Empowerment Center gave a presentation on the Walkability Action Institute. She stated that she served as chair for the Active and Accessible Community Transit Coalition, otherwise known as ACT and their mission was to improve and adopt equitable and inclusive environments for active transportation to everyday locations and recreation for all communities in Lexington County. She stated that most importantly, she was a Cayce resident and bought her first house 19 years ago and still lived in that home. She stated that she was there to share the outcome and potential impact of part of the ACT participating in South Carolina's first Walkability Action Institute.

Ms. Brown stated that the Institute was held this past May through June and teams had to apply and be accepted. She stated that emphasis was placed on teams that focused on servicing disadvantaged, rural or minority areas and each team had to consist of a public health professional, an elected official, a planning professional and a transportation expert. She stated that her team was also unique in that it was multi-jurisdictional since they had a member from West Columbia who joined the team and served as team leader. She stated that she also chose to include ABLE South Carolina, not only to have disability representation, but to remind everyone that whether one was blessed to never be born or acquire a disability, everyone was aging and with that comes decreased mobility, decreased hearing and decreased vision.

Ms. Brown stated that five (5) teams participated in the Action Institute and her team was the only one that was considered urban. She stated that the program faculty really challenged the teams to think big and as wildly and broadly about a project that would best serve and to help their communities. She stated that their challenge was to also think of an idea to increase non-car movability that would benefit both Cayce and West Columbia. She stated that her team's idea was to create a safe and inclusive Walk Bike Arts District, by using a loop that connects West Columbia and Cayce using Savage Craft and Steel Hands breweries as anchors. She stated that the part that connected the two (2) breweries was approximately two (2) miles and the line that completed the loop added an additional three (3) miles for a total of a five (5) mile loop. Ms. Brown stated that the loop would increase active tourism and economic development for the area and would also line up with the larger plans to connect the Lake Murray dam walk to downtown Columbia so in theory, residents in Irmo could ride their bikes and spend their money at Steel Hands. She stated that people coming to Columbia for USC games or to do business at the Statehouse or training at Fort Jackson could enjoy the ability to rent an E bike and ride between the breweries and places to shop. She stated that the loop would improve connectivity for disadvantaged

and historically black areas to access everyday destinations that might appear upon the loop, like banks and pharmacies and food access and jobs. She stated that they had identified some neighborhoods that would benefit from the loops connectivity, particularly the Avenues and historically black areas such as Pocomo, Freeman's Hill and Silver City.

Ms. Brown showed what had happened in other areas when they improved upon their walk bike infrastructure. She stated that Florida's State Parks now had bicycle riding on paved roads and trails that had brought in more than \$6 billion annually statewide and outdoor recreation, fitness, walking and jogging brought in \$13.5 billion dollars to the state annually. She stated that the Atlanta Belt Line in Georgia was scheduled to be finished in approximately 2030 and would be a 22-mile planned loop of multi-use trail. She stated that it was designed to reconnect neighborhoods and communities historically divided and marginalized by infrastructure and improve transportation, add green space, promote redevelopment, create and preserve affordable housing and showcase arts and culture. Ms. Brown stated that thus far 50,000 jobs had been created near the Beltline and that was 20,000 more than they originally projected. She stated that the Swamp Rabbit Trail in Greenville saw more than half a million users, a 13% increase in minority usership and \$6.7 million economic boost from tourists.

Ms. Brown stated that the 2023 National Association of Realtors Community and Transportation Preference Survey found that there was a demand for walkability among all age groups and people in Gen Z wanted to live near mass transit and were willing to spend more to live in a walkable community. She stated that millennials wanted their community leaders to provide convenient alternatives to driving such as walking, biking, and public transportation and of the over 2,000 survey respondents, those with a lot of places to walk nearby were more likely to be satisfied with their quality of life.

Ms. Brown stated that reading from page two (2) of the SCDOT's Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Plan that was published in May 2022, South Carolina ranked fifth in the nation for pedestrian fatalities based on population with the most common pedestrian fatal crash type being pedestrians struck while crossing the roadway by a vehicle traveling straight through and the most common bicycle fatality type being motorists trying to overtake a cyclist. She stated that more than half of these crashes did not involve drugs, alcohol or bad weather conditions. Ms. Brown stated that Cayce and West Columbia contributed quite a bit to this data and had pedestrian related crashes, both non-fatal collisions and fatal collisions. She stated that the proposed loop would not resolve everything, but it would begin to address some of the cluster sites that were identified along the loop and would be an excellent start to addressing an important public safety issue.

Ms. Brown showed a slide depicting what the loop could possibly look like. She stated there could be well lit, broad, smooth sidewalks with benches, public art displays,

and shade trees that would not only create beauty and comfort but could possibly assist with storm water runoff. She stated there could be highly visible bike lanes that were separated from traffic with plants and artsy bike lane barriers. She asked the assembly to imagine the empty storefronts on State Street full of family friendly businesses due to the increased foot traffic. She stated that national chains and locally owned businesses could open on Frink Street with parking in the rear to maintain a street friendly entrance. She stated that the coalition had an action plan for the next few years and would keep the City updated every step of the way. She stated that the plan did include doing demonstrations of what the loop would possibly be, how it would work for its pedestrian and bike users, but also how it would work in regular traffic and where there were emergency vehicles. Ms. Brown stated that they looked forward to working with City staff to bring these demonstrations to life. She stated that they felt the loop aligned with the transportation, economic, housing and land use goals from the City's comprehensive plan and exemplified the City's motto by creating Time for Life.

Ms. Brown stated that grants for projects that would tie in nicely with the loop had already been applied for by Cayce, West Columbia and Lexington County. She stated that they all applied for Federal planning monies before the idea was even announced and hoped that communication would continue with each jurisdiction to bring some version of the loop into fruition. She stated that she wanted to extend an invitation to Council to participate in Municipal Walkability Audits, along with others who would be invested in such an idea, such as residents of any age and ability, business owners and developers, housing and real estate professionals and anyone else who would like to give their input. She stated that the audits would give them a boots on the ground view of where they were starting from because parts of the City looked very different on foot than it did by car. Ms. Brown thanked Mayor Partin for her support and Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins for his participation from the very beginning as well as Planning and Zoning Administrator Monique Ocean for her ideas and research. She thanked Council for granting her time to speak and stated that she hoped to see everyone on a walk audit.

Items for Discussion and Possible Approval

- A. Discussion and Approval to Enter into an Agreement with Two (2) General Contractor Firms to Serve for "On Call" General Contractor Services for the City

Ms. Hegler stated that as part of the City's efforts to update contracts and ensure best practices for procurement of services, the City issued a general contractor request for qualification, an RFQ, to select a firm or firms to serve as the City's on call general contractor. She stated that two (2) firms responded to that RFQ, 3D Dirt Works and Mashburn Construction Company, and both were found to be responsive to the RFQ. She stated that after a review of the proposals and staff discussion, staff recommended entering into an agreement with both firms as being qualified vendors for City construction work. She stated that as qualified vendors both would provide quotes

when a general contracting related project arose, and the City would select the one most suited for the project. Ms. Hegler stated that depending on the price of that project, appropriate Council approval processes would be followed for each one. She stated that staff recommended that these agreements offer a two-year term. She stated that staff's recommendation was that Council approve qualifying both 3D Dirt Works and Mashburn Construction as on call general contractor services for the City and give approval for the City Manager to negotiate and enter into an agreement with them for a two-year term. Ms. Hegler stated that staff was trying to get qualified vendors under the City's procurement process so the City could move more efficiently and quickly on projects.

Council Member James made a motion to approve qualifying both 3D Dirt Works and Mashburn Construction as on call general contractor services for the City and give approval for the City Manager to negotiate and enter into an agreement with them for a two-year term. Council Member Sox seconded the motion. Council Member James asked if this was for projects that the City may build and the contractor would be on call as needed. He asked if there were any anticipated projects currently. Ms. Hegler stated that it would help the City move more quickly on larger projects that staff could not do such as sidewalk repairs on the Riverwalk and building upgrades or improvements. She stated that as those projects came about, staff would contact these two (2) qualified vendors and ask for quotes and if the project was not budgeted then it would be brought before Council. She stated that by doing this staff would not have to issue a separate RFP every time there was a project. Mayor Partin called the question which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

B. Discussion and Approval for Agreement for Professional Engineering Services for the Cayce Avenues Drainage Improvements Project – Phase 2

Ms. Hegler stated that as mentioned earlier in the meeting during the check presentation, the City had long been working to address drainage issues in the Avenues as a result of persistent localized flooding in that section of the City. She stated that a multi-year storm drainage improvement program was currently underway and on August 2, 2022, City Council approved the plans to submit a grant application to the Rural Infrastructure Authority for what staff was calling the SCIIP funding. She stated that the SCIIP grant opportunity afforded the City a unique way to address the issue without burdening the General Fund which does not collect money for street and/or drainage repairs. Ms. Hegler stated that the City recently completed the first phase of improvements under this program, which only addressed a limited amount of the needs that were identified in the 2015 Avenues Area Drainage Study. She stated that the SCIIP grant would address a large portion of the remaining drainage projects identified in the study, if not all of them.

Ms. Hegler stated that on June 6, 2023 Council authorized her as City Manager to sign the award letter accepting the \$10 million grant that would address chronic

stormwater issues in the Avenues and the notice to proceed was later received on August 8, 2023. She stated that this project would make various drainage improvements to drainage basins in the Avenues neighborhood and the plan also proposed to improve outfalls in the Indigo and Naples drainage basin. She stated that as part of this grant project, engineering services were required for design, permitting, construction management and observation. She stated that staff was asking for approval to contract with American Engineering, the City's current on-call engineer and the author of the 2015 Avenues Drainage Study, to perform the design and construction management services. She stated that compensation for the engineering services was \$1,165,800 for the design phase and \$574,200 for construction phase services and observation. Ms. Hegler stated that as the author of the 2015 Avenue Drainage Study, American Engineering was intimately familiar with the drainage engineering needs of the City and since the publication of the study staff had worked on a regular basis with them to plan for stormwater and drainage improvements.

Ms. Hegler stated that funding for engineering and construction services would be covered by the South Carolina Department of Transportation under a previous agreement the City had with them that recognized that a large portion of the stormwater improvements were on State owned right of way. She stated therefore SCDOT was providing the 15% match required by the SCIIP grant and no City funding was being utilized for this very large project. She stated that approval of the services was in conformance with the scope guidelines and SCDOT's policy. She stated that staff recommended that Council approve the engineering and construction services agreement with American Engineering in the amount of \$1,740,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

Council Member James made a motion to approve the engineering and construction services agreement with American Engineering in the amount of \$1,740,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract. Council Member Sox seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

C. Discussion and Approval of Selection of Community Development Software Program

Ms. Hegler stated that in the current FY24 budget Council approved the purchase of Community Development Business Licensing Permitting Software. She stated that the upgraded software would streamline the Planning Department's processes and enhance their abilities to process business licenses, permitting, code enforcement, inspections and zoning requirements in an efficient and effective way. She stated that the software would work in line with the Finance Department and would supply solutions for every position within the Planning and Development Department. She stated that staff performed an extensive evaluation process reviewing seven (7) different software companies that provided this type of service and evaluated these programs on the basis of being able to provide the services needed by the Planning

Department for the most effective and efficient program and in a way that is compatible with the City's existing programs and IT system. Ms. Hegler stated that in doing so Central Square Community Development Software was the only program that met all of the City's needs at the best value and would include Geographic Information System mapping, planning and zoning, permitting and inspections, compliance, business and regulatory licensing directory for architects, engineers and contractors and customer relations management so there was an external portal to the online portal for contractors and residents and would work with mobile devices. She stated that Central Square also provided seamless integration into all the City's other departments ensuring a cohesive and interconnected system if staff should desire to do so at a later time.

Ms. Hegler stated that the total cost for implementation of the Central Square Community Development software was \$104,140 and that included an implementation fee of \$83,240 and an annual subscription fee of \$20,900. She stated that the ARPA funding that was approved by Council was for \$88,000 and covered the implementation fee and within the Planning Department's FY24 operating budget was the annual subscription fee of \$20,900 so the cost had already been approved. She stated that staff recommended that Council approve the purchase of the Central Square Community Development Software in the amount of \$104,140.

Council Member Sox made a motion to approve the purchase of the Central Square Community Development Software in the amount of \$104,140. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Committee Matters

A. Appointments Beautification Foundation – One (1) Position

Mayor Partin stated that there was an opening on the Beautification Foundation and the City had received a potential member application from Ms. Kelly King. Council Member James made a motion to appoint Ms. King to the Foundation. Council Member Sox seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

City Manager's Report

Ms. Hegler stated that as she had related to all of Council what she would do for her report. She stated that she wanted to address some incorrect and inflammatory comments that had been made on social media lately about the City's work. She stated that regardless of what their intent might be, the comments were so inaccurate that they were detrimental to the great progress being made in the City, and they attacked the City's hard-working staff. She stated that the first area to address related to complaints about the City's water quality. She stated that the facts were as follows; the City received a total of 52 calls regarding the City's water system since January 2023 and of

those 52 calls 40 were regarding discolored water. She stated that most of these types of calls occurred when a hydrant had been flushed in the area. Ms. Hegler stated that when staff received these types of calls, the procedure was to go to the address, run an outside spigot to confirm discoloration and flush the service line and continue to do that until the color was clear. She stated that only two (2) of the 52 calls came from the area that was posting these complaints on social media. She stated that the biggest point she wanted to make was that colored water occurring after the hydrants were flushed was absolutely safe to drink and there was no concern about colored water from a safety perspective.

Ms. Hegler stated that the remaining 12 calls were about general water quality like taste or odor. She stated that when staff received those calls the Water Treatment Plant's staff go out and collect a sample and analyze approximately 11 different technical parameters. She stated that of the 12 calls received and analyzed there were no abnormal results and the quality of the water was found to be just fine. She stated that there were only one (1) of the 12 calls that came from the area that again was posting these complaints, and staff did not receive calls from the people that were on social media concerned about water quality. Ms. Hegler stated that City staff took pride in their work and if the city's customers ever had any concerns, staff was happy to check it out. She asked that people please call City Hall and not take to social media since staff could not help them if they did not see it. She asked everyone if they had a concern about any service the City provides to call the City directly.

Ms. Hegler stated that the second area she wanted to address related to the City's efforts to manage stormwater issues in the Avenues. She stated that in addition to the unparalleled grant Mayor Partin introduced earlier in the meeting and for which the City was presented a check, staff had worked tirelessly to secure other funding sources over the last several years and discussed it at Council Meetings every single time. She stated that the City had applied for various grants through organizations like FEMA, and the South Carolina Office of Resiliency and unfortunately, those grant requests were not successful for various reasons. She stated that the erroneous information she wished to set straight was in regard to the latter grant. Ms. Hegler stated that last year in addition to the \$10 million RIA grant that staff worked hard to submit and were successful in receiving, the City also submitted a grant to the Office of Resiliency for the same purpose. She stated that City staff met with their staff before the grant application was open to discuss the Avenues Drainage Study and the staff at the Office of Resiliency were impressed with the study. She stated that staff was disappointed to not receive that grant, but totally understood that the competition was tough with that office only having \$50 million to allocate to this project in total across the state versus the nearly \$1 billion that the Rural Infrastructure Authority had.

Ms. Hegler stated that there were unfortunate comments made online such as the following: Cities applying for this grant were supposed to watch a Zoom meeting to learn how to write the grant and Cayce did not attend, resiliency offered to help and

write any grant if the City asked, Cayce waited two (2) months until the last few days before the deadline to send in their grant request, a copy of the grant requests sent by Cayce was obtained and it was a mess, the Office of Resiliency was contacted and the reason the request was not awarded was because the City of Cayce did not follow directions as they should have. Ms. Hegler stated that she debated long about whether or not to even state these things directly being afraid that it would give credit to that false information but determined it was more important to ensure the facts were out there and to share statements that staff got directly from the Manager of the Office of Resiliency, who was knowingly misquoted by this same person on social media.

Ms. Hegler stated that the Office of Resiliency had the following things to say about the City of Cayce's grant application: the Office of Resiliency conducted numerous voluntary presentations in the summer of 2022, including a presentation at the City of Cayce. She stated that there was not a Zoom meeting that City staff was required to attend. She stated that the Office of Resiliency met individually with City staff about the program in July of 2022 and the City identified with them potential projects that would fit well within the program criteria and the City submitted a complete application prior to the submittal deadline. The application incorporated all of the suggestions that their staff made during the one-on-one meeting with the City in July. The Office of Resiliency received 77 total project applications for more than \$200 million in funding requests and only had \$50 million to award. The City of Cayce's application was thorough, and well developed, it just did not simply meet the top 10 projects. Ms. Hegler stated that she was really sorry to talk about something like this, but it just undermined the hard work of staff and she could not let such misinformation be out there. She stated that staff submitted a great application and simply did not get funded for it.

Ms. Hegler stated that she wanted to end her report on a good note. She stated that it was back to school time and she wanted to share some kudos for the City's School Resource Officers team. She stated that they had made some changes within their division and were now operating at a higher capacity and capability than ever before. She stated that their passion was clear and not only did they work patrol this summer and continue their education but they extended their community outreach tenfold. She stated that their Character Camp was clearly not just a daycare and it had more purpose and more impact on more children than ever before. She stated that their back-to-school event reached twice as many families as in the past. She stated that they also distributed fans to citizens, visiting them in their homes, visited community partners and developed new relationships across the City. Ms. Hegler stated that they had done a great job for the community and should be recognized for their efforts even outside of the classroom.

Council Comments

Mayor Partin asked Ms. Hegler to let the SRO's know that Council was very appreciative of all that they were doing to look out for the City's youngest citizens. She stated that the new sound system in Council Chambers was great and she hoped that everyone online could hear great as well. She stated that she wanted to give a round of applause to the Director of IT, Mr. Jamie Beckham, who had been working hard to make sure that the sound quality stayed great throughout the meeting. She stated that she also wanted to thank Municipal Clerk, Mendy Corder, for scheduling the improvements as soon as the great equipment was available and getting the contractors in.

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 for discussion 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 5:43 p.m.

Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mendy Corder, CMC, Municipal Clerk

