

Mayor
Elise Partin

Mayor Pro-Tem
Tara S. Almond

Council Members
Phil Carter
Eva Corley
James E. Jenkins

City Manager
Tracy Hegler

Assistant City Manager
James E. Crosland



**City of Cayce
Regular Council Meeting
April 7, 2020**

A Regular Council Meeting was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams video meeting software. Those present included Mayor Elise Partin, Council Members Tara Almond, Phil Carter, Eva Corley and James Jenkins. City Manager Tracy Hegler, Assistant City Manager Jim Crosland, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, IT Director Jamie Beckham and City Attorneys Danny Crowe and Lawrence Flynn 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. Mayor Partin stated that the meeting was being recorded through Microsoft Teams program. She stated that the public was provided a call in number to be able to follow all of the City business as normal. She asked any caller to mute their audio so there would not be any feedback. She stated that the meeting organizer was also able to mute calls. Mayor Partin stated that the public could speak on any item on the agenda if they prearranged speaking with the City's Municipal Clerk.

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 Almond made a motion to approve the March 3, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes, the March 18, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes and the March 27, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes as written. Council Member 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.

Ordinances

A. Discussion and Approval of Emergency Ordinance 2020-06 Declaring and Imposing a Daily Curfew

Ms. Hegler stated that the City Attorney drafted the proposed Ordinance and revised it that day with language that strengthens it. She stated that the intent of the curfew is to provide an extra layer of security and safety for the City's residents during the evening. She stated that the curfew would also help Public Safety to enforce the

Governor's orders. Mayor Partin stated that she asked staff to reach out to the City's large industries that may have staff that work shift work to see how the curfew may affect them. Ms. Hegler stated that staff contacted Nephron, Dominion, CMC, Martin Marietta and Southeastern Concrete to make them aware of the proposed curfew and to see if they had any concerns about it. She stated that the Ordinance exempts anyone that is traveling to or from work between the times of 11pm and 5am. Mayor Partin stated that the proposed curfew Ordinance supports Governor McMaster's work or home Order. She stated that if the City's Ordinance passed it would start the following evening at 11pm.

Council Member Almond made a motion to amend the Ordinance to conform with the version as revised and circulated by the City Attorney earlier that day. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Council Member Almond made a motion to approve the Ordinance as amended. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2020-07 Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Water and Sewer System Refunding Revenue Bonds of the City of Cayce, South Carolina, in an Amount Not Exceeding Twenty-Seven Million Dollars (\$27,000,000) and other Matters Relating Thereto – First Reading

Ms. Hegler stated that at its meeting on March 18, 2020, City Council authorized the City Manager to accept and negotiate a term sheet for refunding certain of the City's outstanding water and sewer system revenue bonds - particularly, the Series 2009 SRF Loan & the Series 2015 SRF Loan. She stated that the City plans to redeem one or both of these outstanding bonds, if a bank offers a low enough interest rate to realize a savings.

Mr. Flynn stated that interest rates were at historic lows and there was a real opportunity for savings. He stated that the proposed Ordinance would give the City flexibility to take advantage of the savings quickly since the market was moving around so much.

Council Member Almond made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-07 on First Reading. Council Member Corley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

City Manager's Report

Ms. Hegler stated that staffing was working well and everyone was staying healthy. She stated that City services were still being provided with the excellence the City's residents were used to receiving. She stated she continues to be proud and awed by staff.

Council Comments

Council Member Jenkins encouraged everyone to stay safe. He stated everyone needs encouragement during trying times.

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 arrangement for a sewer line project and Town of Lexington Utility Service

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to move into Executive Session. Council Member Carter 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

Council Member Almond made a motion to approve the proposed sewer line project with the Town of Lexington and authorize the City Manager to proceed with negotiation of an agreement. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mayor Partin stated that the Council Meeting started promptly at 6pm and Council later went into Executive Session and then reconvened. She stated that the City's Council Meeting agendas are on the City's website along with the White Papers that Council receives as part of the agenda packet for anyone that would like to see them.

Adjourn

Council Member Almond made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mendy Corder, CMC, Municipal Clerk