

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
Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting
June 2, 2020**

A Public Hearing was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom video and conferencing software to obtain public comment on the City's proposed budget for FY20/21. Those present included Mayor Elise Partin and 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, Deputy Director of Public Safety JJ Jones and City Attorney Danny Crowe 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 Zoom. 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.

Opening Statement

Mayor Partin stated that pursuant to Section 6-1-80 and Section 6-1-330 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that the City of Cayce City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed budget for the City of Cayce. She stated that the City's current fiscal year revenues and expenses were \$14,339,723 and the proposed projected revenues and expenses were \$13,742,155. She stated that no new fees were proposed and no increases in water rates or sewer rates. Also, no increases in millage were proposed.

Public Testimony

No one from the public offered any public testimony or comment.

Close Hearing

Mayor Partin closed the public hearing noting that no public comment was received.

The Council Meeting immediately followed the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. via Zoom. Those present included Mayor Elise Partin, Mayor Pro Tem Tara Almond, Council Members Phil Carter, Eva Corley and James Jenkins, City Manager Tracy Hegler, Assistant City Manager Jim Crosland, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, Public

Safety Deputy Director JJ Jones, Director of Planning and Development Carroll Williamson and City Attorney Danny Crowe.

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 and Council Member Corley 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 May 5, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes, the May 8, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes and the May 20, 2020 Regular 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.

Presentations

A. Presentation by Ms. Jessica Johnston re Enforcement of City Codes

Ms. Johnston stated that over the past four to six weeks she had spoken to the tenant of a home on her street regarding unreasonably loud playing of his drums and cymbals. She stated that she had spoken to the landlord multiple times as well. She stated that from what she understood the responsibility lies on the landlord. She stated that she had called Cayce Public Safety regarding the playing of the drums and met with an Officer on site and she gave the Officer the Ordinances that she felt were relevant. Ms. Johnston stated that the Officer stated that he could not hear the drums but they were audible to her and another neighbor who joined them. She stated that the Officer found that no Ordinance had been violated and he told the tenant that as well. She stated that she requested the Officer's report and it was missing the fact that a third witness was present who stated that she did hear the drums being played. Ms. Johnston stated that she and her neighbors had filed three official police reports regarding the drums being played. She stated that she and her neighbors had proven various requirements for the drum playing to be considered excessive but no citation had been given to the tenant. She stated police reports were important and she and her neighbor's quality of life are linked to their findings. She stated that she feels that there is more than enough evidence that a violation of one or more Ordinances took place and occurred on multiple occasions.

B. Presentation by Ms. Nancy Drew re Enforcement of City Codes

Ms. Drew stated that Council had before them a picture of a full set of drums that she took from her neighbor's You Tube channel. She stated that her concerns with the drums being played started in early April and were ongoing. She stated that her neighbor plays the drums at different times of the day for an hour to three hours. She stated that she had to leave her home multiple times and ride around to get away from the stress of hearing the drums being played. She stated that the noise had caused her to have to increase her medication. Ms. Drew stated that she had asthma and had not had an asthma attack in two years and was down to only taking one medication but was now having full blown asthma attacks, taking three medications including an additional one her doctor prescribed for her nerves. She stated that her neighbor's house was twenty feet from her house and the drums could be heard throughout her house.

C. Presentation by Ms. Laura Drew re Enforcement of City Codes

Ms. Drew stated that she was Ms. Nancy Drew's daughter. She stated that she had concerns with several of the City's Ordinances. She stated that she thought it was unreasonable to be able to hear in one's home someone else playing an instrument in their home. She stated that her Mother's neighbor stated that he played the drums on his You Tube account in the hopes of generating income but he only had three followers and You Tube requires at least 1,000 followers before one can apply for their Partners Program. She stated that multiple Officers who responded to their calls did confirm that they could hear the drums being played while they were standing in the street. She stated that relevant evidence was left out of the Officer's reports.

Resolutions and Ordinances

A. Approval of Resolution Recognizing the 103rd Birthday of Ms. Inez Holmes Smith

Mayor Partin stated that it was the pleasure of the City of Cayce to commemorate the 103rd birthday of Ms. Inez Holmes Smith, which she celebrated on May 27, 2020. She stated that Ms. Smith was born in Lexington County and had lived in the City of Cayce since she was 11 years old. She attended Cayce Elementary School, both the day school and night school and was a loyal member of Mt. Zion Church. Ms. Smith was married to the late Deacon Willie Smith, had 4 living daughters and one deceased daughter and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to approve the Resolution recognizing Ms. Inez Holmes Smith's 103rd birthday. Council Member Corley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

B. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the City of Cayce to Apply to the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority for Loans from the State

Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund; and Other Matters Relating Thereto

Ms. Hegler stated that Council's approval was needed for a Resolution to authorize the City to apply for a loan from the state water pollution control revolving loan fund for improvements to the Septage and Grease Facility at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. She stated that in August 2019, City Council approved staff pursuing a \$3.5 million SRF loan for major improvements and upgrades to the Septage and Grease Facility, including an additional truck unloading bay to unload faster and more efficiently, an additional storage tank for operational flexibility, better mixing pumps to help keep solids from settling in the storage tanks, an additional belt press to have a backup system (less facility downtime due to belt press issues) and a grease interceptor that reduces grease from filtrate returned to the WWTP. Ms. Hegler stated that staff had worked with American Engineering to prepare the loan documents and a Resolution was required to accompany the loan submittal.

Council Member Almond made a motion to approve the Resolution. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

C. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2020-12 to Adopt an Annual Budget, Levy a Property Tax, and Provide Revenue for the City of Cayce for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 – Second Reading

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-12 on Second Reading. Council Member Almond seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

City Manager's Report

Ms. Hegler stated that Ms. Johnston who spoke earlier in the meeting voiced concern about the City's renter's Ordinance and staff was meeting with her and the Drew's the following day to discuss her concerns. She stated that Mr. Crosland was not in attendance because his eldest son graduated from high school earlier that day. She thanked Public Safety staff for their amazing work that weekend. She stated that the City was in good shape and good stewards to the City of Columbia.

Council Comments

There were no Council comments.

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 possible contractual arrangements concerning Lexington County water rates

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 Jenkins 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 were taken in follow up to Executive Session.

Mayor Partin thanked staff for doing such a good job with the budget and for prioritizing staff and the City's services to its citizens. She stated that it was especially remarkable considering the ever changing economic environment and more importantly it was done without any tax or rate increases. She thanked Council for supporting that and stated that Council and staff would be constantly monitoring the budget because of the changing economic landscape.

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 7:00 p.m.

Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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 June 2, 2020

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. At the discretion of the mayor or presiding officer, the length of time for any speaker's presentation may be limited and the number speakers also may be limited.