

Mayor
Elise Partin

Mayor Pro-Tem
Tara S. Almond

Council Members
Phil Carter
Eva Corley
James E. Jenkins

City Manager
Tracy Hegler



**City of Cayce
Special Council Meeting
March 20, 2019**

A Special Council Meeting was held this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Those present included Mayor Elise Partin, Council Members Tara Almond, Phil Carter, Eva Corley and James Jenkins. City Manager Tracy Hegler, Assistant to the City Manager Rachelle Moody, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, City Treasurer Garry Huddle, Planning and Development Director Carroll Williamson, Deputy Director of Public Safety Jim Crosland 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.

Call to Order

Mayor Partin called the meeting to order and Council Member Almond gave the invocation for Council. Mayor Partin led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment Regarding Items on the Agenda

Ms. Corder stated no one had signed up for public comment.

Presentations

- A. Presentation by Ms. Doris Glymph Greene, South Carolina Partnership Specialist United States Census Bureau, re the 2020 Census

Ms. Greene stated that the United States Constitution requires that each decade a count or census is taken of everyone that lives in the United States whether or not they are a citizen. She stated that the next census day is April 1, 2020. She stated that the census provides vital information and determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress. The census is also used to draw redistricting lines at the local level. Furthermore, each year the federal government distributes hundreds of billions of dollars to states and communities based on the U.S. Census Bureau data. Ms. Greene stated that the state of South Carolina receives \$1,499 per person per year based on the numbers from the 2010 census.

Ms. Greene stated that many municipalities are planning some type of recognition of April 1, 2020 as the one year date from the 2020 census to announce that they support the census. She stated some municipalities will do a Proclamation and others will do a Press Release stating their support of the census. She stated that the City becoming a census partner sends a strong message to the community about the importance of the census and the benefits of being counted. Partnering with the

Census Bureau assures people that it is important and safe to respond to the census. It ensures accurate census data, which guides funding decisions for the community.

Ms. Greene stated that it is very important that the City forms a Complete Count Committee to commit to increasing census participation. She stated that the purpose of the Committee is to look at the response rate from the last census. South Carolina had a great response rate in 2010 and earned another seat in the House of Representatives. She stated that when one state gains a new seat another state loses a seat. The states that lost a seat are very unhappy and have ambitious plans to make their citizens aware of the census in the hopes that they can get their seat back. Ms. Greene stated that a Complete Count Committee can look at its boundaries and see which areas have low response rates. Once that information is known the Committee can work with these areas to educate them on the importance of the census. She stated that any information that is given for the census is protected and would not be released. Ms. Greene stated that the information one puts on a census form is protected by law and cannot be released for 72 years.

Ms. Greene stated that there will be thousands of temporary job opportunities in the state during the census that will pay well. She stated that they are currently accepting applications however they need to be submitted online. Three (3) census offices will be opening in the state. They will be located in Charleston, Columbia and Greenville.

Mayor Partin asked if it was possible to get the response rate by City. Ms. Greene stated she would share that information with the City's staff liaison that she will be working with. Mayor Partin asked if Ms. Greene knew when the Supreme Court might make a decision on whether to include the citizenship question on the census. Ms. Greene stated that she did not know when the Court would make that decision. Mayor Partin stated that two of her students from her Political Science and Leadership class were in attendance. She introduced them to Ms. Greene and stated that one of the students leadership project is to work with Ms. Greene and City staff to put together a plan for the City to form a Complete Count Committee. Ms. Greene stated that the City could also raise awareness by including census information in newsletters, social media posts, mailings and on its web site. Mayor Partin thanked Ms. Greene for her presentation.

B. Presentation of Grant Award from Central Carolina Community Foundation for a Connected Communities Grant

Mayor Partin stated that Council was excited to have Ms. Erin Johnson, Vice President for Community Investment, from Central Carolina Community Foundation at the meeting to present the City a grant check and help announce an exciting project. Mayor Partin stated that the City was awarded a Connected Communities Grant from the Central Carolina Community Foundation. She stated that the City was selected as one of fourteen grant recipients to implement new projects that increase the livability of

the Midlands region. The City received \$54,000 for the creation of an Art Lot which is half parking lot, half community space. Mayor Partin stated that the city-owned lot at 1908 State Street will be transformed into a public space that will connect residents, local artists, and local government with arts-focused events. The lot will also provide additional free public parking to the area to encourage residents and tourists to park, shop and recreate. She stated that the actual design of the Art Lot will incorporate input from Cayce residents and artists.

Ms. Johnson stated that the Central Carolina Community Foundation was very excited about the Art Lot project. She stated that the Foundation is focused and invested in livability and that centers around whether or not communities are welcoming to everyone that lives there. That focus also looks at superb public spaces and vibrant social offerings. She stated that the Art Lot is going to have a gazebo, benches and public art and will be welcoming and invite people in. She stated that the Foundation was honored to work with the City on the project.

City Manager's Report

Ms. Hegler stated that she did not have anything to report.

Council Comments

No one on Council had any 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. Receipt of legal advice relating to and discussion of negotiations incident to proposed franchise agreements for SCE&G and Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative
- C. Discussion of possible appointment and employment of municipal court judge
- D. Receipt of legal advice and discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements with Lexington County concerning inclusion of certain property in Joint County Industrial Park
- E. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements regarding proposed redevelopment of 800 Lexington Avenue (Cayce Grammar School)

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to move into Executive Session. Council Member Corley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Reconvene

After the Executive Session was concluded, Council Member Carter 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

- A. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2018-15 Granting a Franchise to SCE&G for Electric Service, Gas Service, and Communication Lines - First Reading
- B. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2018-16 Granting a Franchise to Mid-Carolina for Electric Service and Communication Lines – First Reading

VIII. A.

Council Member Almond made a motion to reject the franchise Ordinance and agreement as proposed by SCE&G. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

VIII. B.

Mayor Partin stated that Council was notified by MCEC that they wish to withdraw their request for a franchise.

VIII. C.

Council Member Almond made a motion to authorize the City Manager to proceed as discussed in Executive Session with regards to the property at 800 Lexington Avenue. Council Member Corley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Council Member Almond made a motion to authorize the Mayor to extend an offer for Municipal Judge as discussed in Executive Session. Council Member Corley seconded the motion. Council Member Carter and Mayor Partin voted yes. Council Member Jenkins voted no.

Adjourn

Council Member Corley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mendy Corder, CMC, Municipal Clerk

