

Mayor
Elise Partin

Mayor Pro-Tem
James E. Jenkins

Council Members
Tara S. Almond
Phil Carter
Eva Corley

City Manager
Rebecca Vance

Asst. to City Manager
Rachelle Moody



**CITY OF CAYCE
Regular Council Meeting
February 7, 2018**

The February 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 to the City Manager Rachelle Moody, 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 Jenkins 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 January 2, 2018 Regular Council Meeting minutes and the January 17, 2018 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

No one signed up for Public Comment.

Presentations

A. Presentation of Ambassador Award

Mayor Partin stated that Mr. Danny Creamer is a lifelong resident of Cayce and has served on the City's Events Committee since 2008. She stated that the Events Committee is integral in assisting City staff with hosting the many events Cayce citizens love to attend every year. She stated that in early 2008 Mr. Creamer met with the Events Committee to share with them his idea of having a Bluegrass Festival in the City. His neighbor, Ms. Cindy Pedersen, was Chairperson of the Committee at that time. The following day Ms. Pedersen met with Mr. Creamer to ask him to join the

Events Committee. She felt that the best way for “his vision” of a Bluegrass Festival to come to fruition was for him to join the committee and become Chair of a Bluegrass Festival subcommittee.

Mayor Partin stated that the Congaree Bluegrass Festival was held for the first time later that year on October 4, 2008 at the Granby Gardens Park on City Hall grounds. She stated that it was a huge success. Over the years the festival grew so large that it was moved to the Columbia Speedway and expanded to a 2 day event.

Mayor Partin stated that when Mr. Creamer retired a few years ago he became even more involved with the Congaree Bluegrass Festival along with being elected the Chairperson of the Events Committee. In 2017 the Congaree Bluegrass Festival had 13 sponsors, 8 of which Mr. Creamer personally secured. He went door to door to local businesses asking them to support the festival any way they could. Some gave money whereas others donated much needed items for the festival.

Mayor Partin stated that Ms. Brenda Cole, a fellow Events Committee member, wrote the following about Danny which sums up perfectly all that he has done for his much-loved community: “Danny Creamer has been instrumental in the planning and establishment of an annual Bluegrass musical event for the City of Cayce. Through his vast musical talent and knowledge, he was able to bring the late Bill Wells into this annual event as well as award winning musical groups from throughout the United States. This gave great recognition to our City and resulted in thousands of visitors to the area. His unwavering commitment to his hometown, to its citizens, and to its guests has been commended by all and has earned him great admiration.”

Mayor Partin presented Mr. Creamer with the Ambassador Award and thanked him for everything that he does for the City. Mr. Creamer stated that he loved Cayce and its residents, Council and the Events Committee. He stated that it has been his pleasure to highlight the City of Cayce which he loves dearly. He stated that he also loved the direction in which the City was moving. Mr. Creamer thanked Mayor and Council and the community for their support.

Mayor Partin stated that Mr. Milhous could present the audit next so Mr. Creamer could have a moment to gather his thoughts before doing his presentation to Council.

C. Presentation by Mr. Robert Milhous of the City of Cayce FY16/17
Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Mr. Robert Milhous, the City’s auditor, presented the FY16/17 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report to Council. Mr. Milhous went over the financial statement with Council and stated it was a great audit and report. He stated that based on fiscal

management that was instilled by the City Manager and staff there was a positive fund balance in the General Fund. The Water and Sewer Utility Fund also had a positive fund balance and the City met its debt coverage ratio, therefore the City is in compliance with its bond covenants. Mayor Partin thanked staff for their careful monitoring of the City's finances and thanked Mr. Milhous for always doing a great job with the audit.

B. Presentation by Mr. Danny Creamer re the Congaree Bluegrass Festival

Mr. Creamer thanked Council, Ms. Vance, Ms. Corder and City staff for supporting the Events Committee and the Congaree Bluegrass Festival. He stated that the Events Committee met in October after the Congaree Bluegrass Festival and discussed the future of the festival. During the discussion, City Parks Manager Mr. James Denny stated that the demographic of the City had changed quite a bit over the past few years. Mr. Denny stated that a great deal of young people have moved to the City and it was time to look into doing a different type of music festival that would appeal to more of the City's citizens. The Events Committee agreed with Mr. Denny. Mr. Creamer stated that they were meeting the following night to discuss having a music festival featuring four different genres of music.

Mr. Creamer stated that the Caroling Along the Riverwalk event has been a huge success. The Events Committee is looking to expand the event by having more performers and possibly extending the time of the event. Mr. Creamer stated that he did not think that the Committee would use any Accommodations Tax Funds this year since it would be a challenge to have a new event in the fall of 2018. He thanked Council again for their support and stated that he would come back before Council once a decision was made regarding a new event.

City Manager's Report

Ms. Vance stated that staff was hoping to have the grand reopening of Phase 2 of the Riverwalk the last week in February. She stated that all work should be complete by the end of the month except for the installation of new lighting by SCE&G.

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:

Board of Zoning Appeals – July 12, 2017
Cayce Housing Authority – August 15, 2017
Planning Commission – October 16, 2017
Cayce Housing Authority – October 17, 2017
Events Committee – November 9, 2017

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

Council Comments

Mayor Partin stated that the Marriott Courtyard's grand opening was that night. She stated that Cayce artist's artwork was displayed in the hotel and invited everyone to attend the grand opening.

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

Mayor Partin stated that there were not any items to be discussed in Executive Session.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Council Member Almond made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Corley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mendy C. Corder, CMC, Municipal Clerk

