



Mayor Elise Partin	Mayor Pro-Tem Phil Carter	Council Members Tiffany Aull Byron Thomas Alice Rose	City Manager Mike Conley	Assistant City Manager Betsy Catchings Wesley Crosby
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**City of Cayce
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 2026
6:00 p.m. – Cayce City Hall – 1800 12th Street
www.caycesc.gov**

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The May 5, 2026, Regular Council Meeting was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Those present included Mayor Pro Tem Phil Carter and Council Members Byron Thomas, Tiffany Aull, and Alice Rose. City Manager Michael Conley, Assistant City Manager Wesley Crosby, Assistant City Manager/Utilities Director Betsy Catchings, Municipal Clerk Kristen Hall, Human Resources Director Keisha Brunson, Fire Chief Steven Bullard, Police Chief Bruce Wade, Communications Coordinator Karly Shorter, IT Director Jamie Beckham, and City Attorney James Smith were also in attendance.

Mayor Pro Tem Phil Carter asked if members of the press and public were duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. Mrs. Hall confirmed they were notified.

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Carter called the Regular Council Meeting to order, and Council Member Rose gave the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Carter led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the April 7, 2026, Regular Council Meeting minutes as written. Council Member Aull seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Public Comment Regarding Items on the Agenda

There were no public comments regarding items on the agenda.

Presentation

Ms. Traude Sander, Executive Director for Keep the Midlands Beautiful, presented on their efforts to reduce litter, increase recycling, and enhance beautification in the area. Ms. Sander asked Council to consider joining the four municipalities that financially support our efforts, and I encourage you to match your sister city, West Columbia, by donating \$6,000 to our efforts. Ms. Sander also recognized Council Member Thomas as their 2025 Elected Official of the Year.

Items for Discussion and Possible Approval

- A. Discussion and Approval to Amend the May 20, 2026, Council Meeting Date

City Manager Michael Conley stated that no action was required; the May 20 meeting will remain as scheduled.

- B. Consideration and Approval of Resolution Authorizing and Approving Financing through Lease Purchase and Award of Lease Purchase Contract – General Fund Fire Vehicle, Requoted

Council Member Rose made a motion to approve staff recommendation of lease purchase financing through the Bank of America and adopt a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute the necessary contract documents. Council Member Thomas seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- C. Discussion and Approval to Ratify an Agreement Approved by the City Manager under the Emergency Powers of Sec. 2-146, with G.H. Smith Construction, Inc. and Carolina Paving & Grading, LLC, for the Emergency Repair of a Sewer Main Failure on Nikon Circle

Council Member Thomas made a motion to ratify the approved contract under emergency powers for G.H. Smith Construction for approximately \$147,000 to complete excavation, pipe replacement, service reconnections, and manhole insulation, and Carolina Pavement and Grading LLC for approximately \$37,152.52 to move and repave the roadway, which will be funded through the utilities water and sewer capacity reserves. Council Member Rose seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Committee Matters

- A. Appointments and Reappointments
Beautification Foundation – One (1) Position
Jennifer Hutto
Vanessa Mota
Dana Bailey

Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve appointment of Jennifer Hutto to the Beautification Foundation. Council Member Aull seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Board of Zoning Appeals – One (1) Position
Jason Simpson

Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve reappointment of Jason Simpson to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Council Member Aull seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Cayce Housing Authority – One (1) Position
Kelly Wuest

Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve appointment of Kelly Wuest to the Cayce Housing Authority. Council Member Rose seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Planning Commission – One (1) Position
Daniel Gooch
Jessica Corley
Travis Basnett
Alexandra Hayes
Dara Brown

Council Member Rose made a motion to approve appointment of Daniel Gooch to the Planning Commission. Council Member Thomas seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Conley highlighted several positive developments and community recognition. Residents were encouraged to participate in Midlands Gives by supporting local foundations and committees affiliated with the organization through online donations.

The Fire Department was congratulated for receiving a V-SAFE Grant in the amount of \$14,700, which will be used to purchase extrication gear and equipment.

In addition, members of the Utilities Department, Jamie and Glenn, were recognized for their outstanding customer service following a citizen commendation. The resident praised both employees for their prompt response, professionalism, and dedication while assisting with a possible sewer issue, noting that they went above and beyond in serving the community.

Council Comments

Council Member Thomas commended the Cayce Women's Club for hosting a successful Hot Flash 5K despite rainy weather, with special recognition given to Councilwoman Rose for completing her first 5K and earning third place in her age group. Discussion was also held regarding potential updates to the City's golf cart ordinance. Council reviewed how West Columbia has expanded golf cart usage beyond current state regulations, including nighttime operation and expanded travel limits within city boundaries. Interest was expressed in exploring similar options for Cayce before the end of the summer season.

Council Member Thomas also highlighted a recent community listening tour conducted with city leadership, law enforcement, and staff. Residents shared concerns related to aging water lines, low water pressure, speeding in neighborhoods, pedestrian safety, lighting along the Riverwalk, park improvements, drainage and sewer issues, and the need for additional traffic safety measures. Staff and public safety officials were praised for their responsiveness, community engagement, and continued neighborhood presence.

Additional announcements included recognition of the Cayce Historical Museum's African American Committee for hosting a successful "Legends of the City of Cayce" event, promotion of the upcoming Cayce-West Columbia Block Party featuring free health screenings and community resources, and encouragement for residents to support local schools and students during state testing week.

Council Member Rose expressed for the Cayce Beautification Foundation's Adult Spelling Bee and for participation in the Midlands Gives Elected Officials Challenge, which raised funds for the Cayce Public Safety Foundation.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter thanked police and fire personnel for their response to a major fire on Holland Avenue, noting the importance of mutual aid partnerships with neighboring agencies and the value of continued investment in public safety equipment and resources.

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 Pro Tem Carter asked if there were any items for Executive Session. City Manager Conley stated that there was no business for Executive Session.


Reconvene

Possible Action in follow-up to Executive Session

- A. Possible action, if any, relating to claims or potential claims discussed in executive session, as appropriate and as permitted by law

Adjourn

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



Phil Carter, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Kristen Hall, Municipal Clerk