

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
Public Hearing and Council Meeting
June 19, 2019**

A Public Hearing was held at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to obtain public comment on the proposed annual budget for FY19-20 and the establishment of new fees and fee amounts to be adopted as part of the budget Ordinance for the City of Cayce. Those present included Mayor Elise Partin, Council Members Tara Almond, Phil Carter, Eva Corley and James Jenkins. City Manager Tracy Hegler, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, Municipal Treasurer Garry Huddle, Public Safety Director Byron Snellgrove, Human Resources Director Lynn Dooley 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 Public Hearing in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. Ms. Corder confirmed they were notified.

Opening Statement

Mayor Partin stated that pursuant to Section 6-1-80 and Section 6-1-330 of the SC Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that the City of Cayce City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the establishment of new fees and new fee amounts to be adopted as part of the Budget Ordinance. She stated that the current fiscal year revenues are \$13,815,990 and the current fiscal year expenses are \$13,815,990. She stated that the new fee amounts are proposed for septic/oil & grease receiving station late and non-payment fees and a 3% increase in water and sewer rates is also proposed.

Public Testimony

Mr. Neal Patel, owner of the Country Inn and Suites on Airport Blvd, voiced his concerns about the proposed new 3% local accommodations tax and how it would affect the six (6) hotels in the City. He stated that the proposed local accommodations tax would make it harder for hotels to win bids on proposals since they are competing with other municipalities that may not have a local accommodations tax. Mayor Partin stated that Public Testimony was an opportunity for the public to present to Council their thoughts and/or comments but was not a question/answer period between the speaker and Council. She stated that Council and staff would be happy to meet with Mr. Patel at a later date to discuss how the Accommodations Tax Committee makes their decisions on who to grant Accommodations Tax monies to and the direct involvement of making sure to put more people in local hotels.

No one else signed up to give public testimony.

Close Hearing

Mayor Partin closed the public hearing after receiving Mr. Patel's comments.

The Council Meeting immediately followed the Public Hearing at 5:07 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, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, Municipal Treasurer Garry Huddle, Public Safety Director Byron Snellgrove, Human Resources Director Lynn Dooley 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. Council Member Corley gave the invocation. Mayor Partin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment Regarding Items on the Agenda

No one signed up for Public Comment.

Ordinances

- A. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2019-09 Amending City Code Sections 2-33 and 16-3 Concerning the Date for Elections for Mayor and Members of Council – Second Reading

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-09 on Second Reading. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Partin stated that this change was a request from the Lexington County Voter Registration and Elections Office. Mayor Partin called the question which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- B. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2019-10 to Adopt an Annual Budget, Levy a Property Tax, and Provide Revenue for the City of Cayce for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 and To Adopt and Establish Certain New Fees with Fee Amounts and New Fee Amounts for Certain Existing Fees – Second Reading

Council Member Almond made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-10 on Second Reading. Council Member Corley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Other

A. Discussion and Approval of Agreement with John Jameson to Collaborate and Execute the Activities of 12,000 Year History Park (12KP)

Ms. Hegler stated that for several years, the City of Cayce has provided hospitality tax funding through its competitive grant process to Mr. John Jameson through the River Alliance for the purposes of coordinating events, activities and educational opportunities at the 12,000 Year History Park. She stated that staff would like to contract directly with Mr. Jameson for historical interpretation program planning and execution for the 12,000 Year History Park. She stated that the goal of a direct contract with Mr. Jameson is to expand opportunities at the Park and increase its overall exposure. Ms. Hegler stated that a City staff person will be assigned to directly monitor Mr. Jameson's deliverables, as well as coordinate the provision of City-related support and supplies needed to deliver these services. She stated that the requested money has not increased from years prior.

Council Member Corley made a motion to accept the proposal from John Jameson, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract to collaborate and execute the activities of 12,000 Year History Park (12KP) proposed by Mr. Jameson and to spend up to \$57,200 from Hospitality Tax for the project. Council Member Almond seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

City Manager's Report

Ms. Hegler stated that she was excited to get second reading on the budget as well as starting a new year on July 1. She stated that staff worked very hard on the budget and it was a pleasure to work with them. Mayor Partin asked Ms. Hegler to please thank staff for Council.

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 negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and the receipt of legal advice relating to matters covered by the attorney-client privilege

C. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangement with Town of Lexington concerning utility service

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 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

Item VII. C.

Council Member Carter made a motion to authorize Mayor Partin, the City Manager and the City Attorney to proceed with negotiations on the items discussed in Executive Session. Council Member Corley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Council Member Almond made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Carter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mendy C. Corder, CMC, Municipal Clerk

