

**CITY OF CAYCE
Regular Council Meeting
August 3, 2010**

The Regular August 2010 Council meeting was held this evening at 6:10 p.m. in Council Chambers. Those present included Mayor Elise Partin, Council members Steve Isom, James Jenkins, Kenneth Jumper and Rick Myers, Interim City Manager Steve Brown, Tammy Barkley, Municipal Clerk, and Garry Huddle, Municipal Treasurer. City Attorney, Danny Crowe, Frank Robinson, Director of Utilities, Ken Knudsen, Director of Planning & Development, Chief Charles McNair, Director of Public Safety, and Joe Lucas of Pope Zeigler, the City's bond counsel were also in attendance. Mayor Partin advised that members of the press and the public were duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the FOIA.

Mayor Partin called the meeting to order. Councilmember Jumper gave the invocation and the entire assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2010 Regular meeting as submitted. Councilmember Jumper seconded the motion. Due to requests for several corrections to the minutes, Councilmember Myers withdrew his motion and Councilmember Jumper withdrew his second.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Jenkins duly seconded by Councilmember Myers, City Council unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the matter be postponed until the September meeting and resubmitted with corrections as follows:

Councilmember Isom – Requested that comments from all Council members regarding the agenda item entitled Approval of Payment for Legal Services be included in the minutes.

Councilmember Myers – Requested that minutes indicate that he attended several meetings of the Gills Creek Watershed Association.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Myers duly seconded by Councilmember Isom and unapproved on a 3-2 roll call vote, City Council did not amend the agenda to include the discussion and approval and of an oral resolution to add two questions on the City's ballot for the November election. Mr. Myers and Mr. Isom voted yes.

Mr. Myers stated the motivation behind the addition of the questions being placed on the ballot was to obtain a non-binding advisory opinion from the citizens on issues dealing with whether or not the city should use taxpayer funds to contribute \$25,000 to the Midlands Housing Alliance for the homeless shelter in Columbia and \$20,000 to the Central Midlands Transit Authority to extend bus and DART service in the city. Mr. Jenkins stated that he was not in favor of placing the questions on the ballot due to the fact that Council would be asking citizens for an opinion when complete and detailed information on these two issues has not been obtained. He stated that until Council studies these two issues thoroughly, he would not feel comfortable posing the questions to citizens.

Mayor Partin stated that she felt the way this is being posed is skewed. She stated that Councilmember Isom stated that anyone who disagreed with asking the residents their opinion on how Council should spend taxpayer funds should step down. She pointed out that at a recent meeting, Councilmember Myers made a motion to have the Utility Department pay for the new Animal Shelter and Council did not ask for guidance on that and was unsure as to why we are asking for guidance on these two particular questions. She stated she felt the questions are tainted in one direction. She stated that information transparency is incredibly important and if Mr. Myers attended a meeting last week which brought this to light, it would have been beneficial to have the information at that time so it could have been added to the agenda and proper notice would have been given to the press and public.

Mr. Myers stated that this is an opportunity Council only has every two years. He stated that these are very important issues and will have long term effects, positively or negatively, on the community and particularly on the city's finances and budget moving forward. He stated that he would welcome having a discussion on rewording the questions if that is a big concern and stated he sent all of this information early to Council today and did not get any response back regarding wording concerns or any concerns for that matter.

Presentations and Proclamations

A. Presentation of the Employee of the Quarter Award

Mayor Partin presented the Employee of the Quarter Award to Public Safety Officer Doug Curry.

B. Presentation by Earl Smith re Storm Drainage Issues

Mr. Smith advised that he did not want to make a presentation to Council at tonight's meeting.

C. Presentation of Charrette Report – Ms. Daytona Jarman

Ms. Daytona Jarman, Chair of the City's Planning Commission, made a presentation to Council on the status of the Charrette Report.

D. Approval of Proclamation – National Payroll Week

A Proclamation proclaiming September 6-10, 2010 as National Payroll Week was given approval upon a motion by Councilmember Jenkins duly seconded by Councilmember Jumper and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

E. Presentation by Mr. Jeffrey Nettles re Railroad Crossing Closing

Mr. Nettles appeared before Council to request that consideration be given to reopening at least one of the railroad crossings recently closed to give better access to the Riverland Park subdivision. He provided Council with a petition from residents.

Public Comment regarding Items on the Agenda

Mr. Freddy Douglas regarding Item VIII. B. Mr. Douglas expressed his concerns about the elimination of the recent bus route in Cayce. He provided Council with a copy of a petition requesting that CMRTA reconsider their decision.

Ms. Christina Hulslander regarding Item II. C. Ms. Huslander advised she did not wish to speak at this time.

Ms. Karen Wigfall regarding Item VIII. B. Ms. Wigfall expressed her concerns about the elimination of the recent bus route in Cayce.

Ordinances

A. Approval of Ordinance Amending the City of Cayce's Redevelopment Plan – Second Reading

An ordinance entitled Ordinance Providing for the Approval of Certain Amendments to the Redevelopment Plan of the City of Cayce, South Carolina and Other Matters Related Thereto was given second and final reading upon a motion by Councilmember Myers duly seconded by Councilmember Jumper and approved by roll call vote. Councilmember Isom recused himself from the vote due to a potential conflict of interest.

B. Approval of Ordinance to Annex and Zone Property Located at 2706 Haynes Lane – First Reading

An ordinance entitled Ordinance Annexing Certain Property into the City Limits under the Provisions of South Carolina Code Section 5-3-150(3) located at 2706

Haynes Lane was postponed upon a motion by Councilmember Isom duly seconded by Councilmember Myers and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

The City Manager advised that the proper signature page was not obtained initially and staff has been unable to make contact with the property owner. He recommended that the issue be postponed until the proper signature page is obtained. The City Manager also recommended that once the proper signature is obtained that first reading be given to the Ordinance.

C. Approval of Ordinance to Annex and Zone Property Located on the Southern Side of I-77 (SCANA) – First Reading

An ordinance entitled Ordinance Annexing Certain Property into the City Limits under the Provisions of South Carolina Code Section 5-3-150(3) located on the southern side of I-77 (SCANA) was given second and final reading upon a motion by Councilmember Myers duly seconded by Councilmember Isom and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Other

A. Approval to Install Street Light at Churchill Gardens Park

Upon a motion by Councilmember Myers duly seconded by Councilmember Isom and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the City Council approved the installation of a street light at Churchill Gardens Park.

B. Bid Award – Purchase of AMR Program Equipment

Upon a motion by Councilmember Isom duly seconded by Councilmember Myers and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the City Council approved awarding the bid to Miller Supply Company not to exceed the approved budgeted amount of \$300,000 for the AMR Program Equipment and authorized the Interim City Manager to approve such purchase.

C. Approval for the City to Host the September Meeting of the Regional Mayors' Meeting

Upon a motion by Councilmember Jenkins duly seconded by Councilmember Jumper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the City Council approved the Mayor Partin's request to host the September 14, 2010 meeting of the Regional Mayors' Meeting to be held at the Cayce Historical Museum.

D. Approval to Authorize City Staff to Dispose of the 1974 and 1986 Fire Trucks

Upon a motion by Councilmember Jumper duly seconded by Councilmember Jenkins and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the City Council approved staff's request to dispose of the 1974 and 1986 Fire Trucks.

Committee Matters

A. Committee Minutes

Upon a motion by Councilmember Myers duly seconded by Councilmember Isom and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the City Council approved that the following Committee minutes be entered into the official city record.

Cayce Events Committee – July 8, 2010
Beautification Board – July 13, 2010

B. Public Safety Foundation Appointments – 3 Positions

Upon a motion by Councilmember Isom duly seconded by Councilmember Jumper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the City Council approved the appointments of Jim Blevins (District 2), Gail Spires (District 3) and Brice Corbitt (District 3) to serve on the Public Safety Foundation.

City Manager's Report

The City Manager expressed his sincere appreciation to the Mayor and Council and all of the City employees for their expressions of sympathy at the time of his father's death. He stated that his first month on the job has been very rewarding and that staff has responded to him in a very positive manner. He stated that day by day and week by week he and staff are building a team approach to the city's service delivery. He has had the opportunity to meet in depth with each Department Head and together have identified some short term and long term goals for each one. He stated there are many challenges in front of the City but believes the capacity is there to meet them and he and staff are committed everyday to doing our job in the most cost efficient and effective manner.

He stated that he has met with a number of property owners concerning storm drainage and has read studies, documents, plans, papers and much more learning the history of storm water as it relates to Cayce. He stated that while he knew that storm water is a city-wide issue and the eventual resolution is one that will be costly, he is convinced that it must be confronted. He stated that he was aware that at one time Lexington County, West Columbia, SCDOT, and the City of Cayce were collaborating to identify viable and cost effective measures to address storm water. He stated that this issue must be addressed comprehensively with short term and long term strategies adopted and looked forward to City Council providing direction to him.

Executive Session

- A. Receipt of legal advice related to pending or potential claims and matters covered by the attorney-client privilege
- B. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements with Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority
- C. Receipt of legal advice related to Gills Creek Watershed Association membership

Upon a motion by Councilmember Jenkins duly seconded by Councilmember Jumper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the City Council moved into Executive Session to discuss the matters above.

Reconvene

After the Executive Session was concluded, the Regular meeting was reconvened. 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

Upon a motion by Councilmember Myers duly seconded by Councilmember Isom and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the City Council voted not to appoint a city representative to the Gills Creek Watershed Association Board and that the City Manager send a letter to the Association advising them of Council's action.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Elise Partin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy P. Barkley, CMC, Municipal Clerk

