

TOWN OF IRMO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 5, 2016

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 5th, 2016 in the Municipal Building. Council members present were Mayor King, Councilmen Pouliot, Waites, Walker and Councilwoman Condom. Others present were Mr. Robert Brown, Town Administrator; Chief Joe Nates; Mr. Eric Hale, Town Attorney; and Mrs. Kim Stanley, Clerk/Treasurer. Mr. Kirk Luther, *The New Irmo News* was also present.

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Pouliot led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES: Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve the December 4th, 2015 minutes as submitted. Mr. Waites seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes as submitted was unanimous. Mr. Waites made a motion to approve the December 15th, 2015 minutes as submitted. Mrs. Condom seconded the motion. Mr. Walker stated that there was an error on page 3 under item “D” in the second and third paragraphs. He stated that the year should be 2017 and not 2107. Mrs. Condom made the motion to correct the minutes as stated. Mr. Waites seconded the motion. The vote for approval on the December 15th, 2015 minutes as amended was unanimous.

REPORT OF STANDING:

A. Administrative Briefing – Mr. Brown added reminded Council about the filing of their Statement of Economic Interests forms to the Ethics Commission. He stated that they had until March 15th to have them submitted. Mr. Walker asked about the update on the ordinance 15-17 where Mr. Brown stated it would clarify our ordinance based on the new FOIA requirements. Mayor King explained the change.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Walker asked if SCDOT had responded concerning the flooding issues on St. Albans. Mr. Brown stated that they had not. Mr. Walker asked that this item be placed back on the agenda for their next meeting.

Mayor King added that two e-mails had been sent out concerning the December 4th, 2015 meeting and the opinion of the Town's Attorney Mr. Eric Hale.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS - (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 15-17 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 2-ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II-COUNCIL, DIVISION 2-MEETINGS, SECTIONS 2-68-AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS (MAYOR) – Mr. Pouliot made a motion for second reading approval of Ordinance 15-17. Mr. Waites seconded the motion. The vote for second reading approval was 4 to 1. Mr. Walker voted in opposition.

B. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 15-18 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 2-ADMINISTRATION, DIVISION 3-MUNICIPAL CLERK, SECTION 2-191-APPOINTMENT; DUTIES (A) AND DIVISION 4-TOWN ATTORNEY, SECTION 2-211-APPOINTMENT; QUALIFICATIONS; POWERS AND DUTIES; COMPENSATION (MAYOR) – Mr. Waites made a motion for second reading approval of Ordinance 15-18. Mrs. Condom seconded the motion. The vote for second reading approval was 4 to 1. Mr. Walker voted in opposition.

C. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 15-19 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 2-ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV-BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES, DIVISION 2-OKRA STRUT COMMISSION; SECTION 2-262-MEMBERSHIP (MAYOR) – Mr. Pouliot made a motion for second reading approval of Ordinance 15-19. Mrs. Condom seconded the motion. The vote for second reading approval was 4 to 1. Mr. Walker voted in opposition.

D. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 15-20 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 2-ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV-BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES, DIVISION 2-OKRA STRUT COMMISSION; SECTION 2-263-ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS (MAYOR)

Mr. Waites made a motion for second reading approval of Ordinance 15-20. Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. Mr. Walker stated he was not clear on what the changes were going to be in the ordinance and wanted a copy of the ordinance in full. Mr. Brown stated he would get that for him. The vote for second reading approval was 4 to 1. Mr. Walker voted in opposition.

E. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 15-21 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 2-ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV-BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES, DIVISION 2-OKRA STRUT COMMISSION; SECTION 2-264-DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS (MAYOR) – Mrs.

Condom made a motion for second reading approval of Ordinance 15-21. Mr. Waites seconded the motion. The vote for second reading approval was 4 to 1. Mr. Walker voted in opposition.

F. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 15-22 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 2-ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV-BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES, DIVISION 2-OKRA STRUT COMMISSION; SECTION 2-265-FINANCES AND EXPENDITURES (MAYOR) –

Mr. Pouliot made a motion for second reading approval of Ordinance 15-22. Mr. Waites seconded the motion. The vote for second reading approval was 4 to 1. Mr. Walker voted in opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

A. **APPROVAL OF OKRA STRUT FY 16/17 BUDGET (STAFF)** – Mayor King stated he had asked Mr. Brown to do up a budget for approval by Council so the Okra Strut Commission would have an idea of what they could or could not spend while planning for the festival. Mr. Walker had questions concerning the additional funds that were added for the pay of overtime to the Police and Public Works Departments. He stated that last year Council had approved that the Town would take over the expense of overtime. Mayor King stated that this would give a truer picture of what it costs to run the festival, he then made a motion to approve the Okra Strut FY 16/17 budget as submitted. Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. Mr. Walker made a motion to amend to move \$5,250 of overtime to the Town. Mrs. Condom seconded the motion to amend. The vote on the amendment was 2 to 3. Mrs. Condom and Mr. Walker voted in favor and Mayor King, Mr. Pouliot and Mr. Waites voted in opposition. The vote to approve the budget as submitted was 4 to 1. Mr. Walker voted in opposition.

B. **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 16-01 ADOPTING THE TOWN OF IRMO SAFETY POLICY (STAFF)** – Mr. Waites made a motion for approval of Resolution 16-01. Mrs. Condom seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

C. APPROVAL TO CONTRACT WITH CBD, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,240.00 TO COMPLETE THE COURTYARDS AT RIDGEMONT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (STAFF)

– Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve a contract with CBD, Inc. in the amount of \$63,240.00. Mayor King seconded the motion. Mayor King explained the reasons for the Town having to complete the infrastructure at the Courtyards at Ridgemont. He stated that the developer had a bond on the development that had expired prior to his completing the infrastructure and he has since gone bankrupt and could not be found. After some discussion, the vote to approve the contract with CBD, Inc. was unanimous.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS -

Mr. George Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Council concerning item C under New Business and questions about Mr. Walker’s concerns over the Okra Strut budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor King stated that an executive session was needed in regard to a legal matter concerning a contractual matter on the website. Mr. Pouliot made a motion to enter into executive session on a legal matter. Mr. Waites seconded the motion and it passed unanimously; therefore, the Mayor, Council, Mr. Brown and Mr. Hale entered into executive session at 7:54 p.m. Following executive session, Mayor King called the meeting back to order at 8:17 p.m. and stated no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Waites made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Pouliot seconded. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Stanley, Clerk/Treasurer

