

**TOWN OF IRMO
ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP AND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

January 7, 2020

The Irmo Town Council held a workshop and regular meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 in the Municipal Building. Council members present were Mayor Walker, Councilwoman Condom, Councilmen Busch, and Sickinger. Others present were Mr. Robert Brown, Town Administrator; Chief Don Perry; and Mrs. Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer and Mr. Jake Moore, Town Attorney.

ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Mayor Walker called the zoning and land development workshop to order at 6:00 p.m. Council discussed the changes that the Planning Commission is recommending on the Zoning and Land Development Regulations. Mr. John Newman, Central Midlands Council of Governments, explained their changes and will be revising some of the language that Council requested.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Erik Sickinger led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dr. Dale Welden gave the Invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Busch made a motion to approve the December 17, 2019 minutes and Mr. Sickinger seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes as submitted was unanimous.

REPORT OF STANDING:

A. Administrative Briefing – Mr. Brown furnished a written briefing to Town Council in their packets.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mayor gave a brief description of the newly formed citizen committees (Roads Committee, Stream/Flooding Committee, Beautification Committee, Events Committee, and Irmo Outreach Committee).

B. He stated that the Irmo Outreach Committee is having a membership drive on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tin Zoo and Barbecue.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

Ms. Megan Armstrong - 108 Weeping Cherry Lane, addressed Council on density
Mr. Mark Passmore – 200 Creek Leaf Court, addressed Council on building a dog park
Mr. George Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Council on committee term limits
Ms. Maria Medans – Hillcreek Subdivision, addressed Council on density
Mr. Fred Dings - 109 Weeping Cherry Lane, addressed Council on density
Ms. Jada Powell - 212 Boulters Lock Road, addressed Council on new the events committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 19-26 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 22 OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS; ARTICLE IV, OFFENSES AGAINST THE PUBLIC PEACE; SECTION 22-103 – CONCEALED WEAPONS (MAYOR):

Mr. Busch made a motion to approve and Mrs. Condom seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.

B. THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 19-27 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, APPENDIX A ZONING ORDINANCE; ARTICLE II, ZONE DISTRICT REGULATIONS; SECTION 2-2, USE OF TABLES TABLE II – SCHEDULE OF LOT AREA, YARD, SETBACK, HEIGHT, DENSITY, FLOOR AREA AND IMPERVIOUS SURFACE REQUIREMENTS BY DISTRICT (MAYOR):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.

C. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 19-28 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, APPENDIX A ZONING; ARTICLE VIII, ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND ENFORCEMENT REGULATIONS; SECTION 8-8 – ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (MAYOR):

Mr. Busch made a motion to approve and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mr. Sickinger made a motion to amend the ordinance to add the following sentence to the end:

“Term limits are hereby in effect beginning with the date of each member’s initial appointment to the board.”

Mrs. Condom seconded it. Mr. Sickinger stated that this will open positions on the various boards and commissions but is concerned that they may not have any other applicants wanting to fill the open position. Mr. Busch understood the concern and stated that Council should then allow an incumbent to be reappointed. Mayor Walker stated that he does not believe this will be a problem. The vote for approval as amended was unanimous.

The vote for second reading approval was unanimous.

D. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 19-30 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE IV – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES; DIVISION 3 PLANNING COMMISSION; SECTION 2-292 – MEMBERSHIP (MAYOR):

Mr. Busch made a motion to approve and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mr. Busch made a motion to amend to add the following sentence to the end:

“Term limits are hereby in effect beginning with the date of each member’s initial appointment to the board.”

Mr. Sickinger seconded the amendment and the for approval was unanimous.

The vote for second reading approval was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 20-01 TO REPLACE IN ITS ENTIRETY THE TOWN OF IRMO CODE OF ORDINANCES, APPENDIX A – ZONING AND APPENDIX B – LAND DEVELOPMENT; AND THAT ALL TOWN OF IRMO ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE REPEALED TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO GIVE THIS ORDINANCE FULL-FORCE AND EFFECT:

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mrs. Condom seconded it. Mayor Walker explained that this is an update to the Zoning and Land Development Ordinance and will conform with updated state and county zoning laws. He stated that in the workshop Council requested several changes be made. This information will be provided to the public once Mr. John Newman, Central Midlands Council of Governments, updates it.

Mr. Busch made a motion to approve first reading with Council’s changes and Mrs. Condom seconded. The vote for approval was unanimous.

B. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 20-03 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE IV, BOARDS COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES; DIVISION 3, PLANNING COMMISSION; SECTION 2-292 – MEMBERSHIP:

Mayor Walker stated this ordinance will allow Council to replace any committee member at any time, for any reason by majority vote. Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded the motion. Mr. Sickinger and Mrs. Condom raised concerns that a committee member could be removed without cause and construed as a personal vendetta. Mr. Busch clarified that it was his understanding that majority of Council would need to approve dismissal of a committee member. Council decided they will do further research before the next meeting. The vote for approval was unanimous.

C. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 20-01 ADOPTING THE TOWN OF IRMO SAFETY POLICY:

Mrs. Condom made a motion for approval and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.

D. APPOINTMENT TO THE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Condom made a motion to appoint Ms. Kelsey D'Amico for the Lodging position. Mr. Sickinger seconded it and the vote for approval was unanimous.

Mr. Busch made a motion to appoint Mr. Jason Raush for the Hospitality position and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to appoint Ms. Breanna Strong as an At-Large position. Mr. Busch seconded it and the vote for approval unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. Jake Moore, Town Attorney, addressed Council on sewer issues with Blue Granite along with the removal of the Dula building

Mr. George Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Council on term limits and transparency

Mrs. Brandi Clarkson – 318 Lord Howe Road, addressed Council on committee term limits

Ms. Marie Hutchison, 109 Hamilton Park Drive, addressed Council on committee term limits

Mr. Julius Waites, 124 Boulders Lock Road, addressed Council on Blue Granite

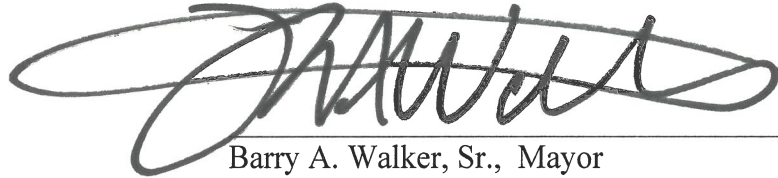
Mr. David Stewart, 101 Glossop Circuit, addressed Council on bulk pick-up

Mr. Wade DeLoach, 156 Finsbury Road, addressed Council on Events Committee

DISCUSSION: None

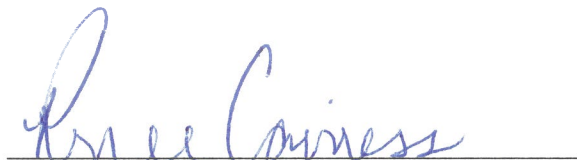
EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Busch made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer