

# **TOWN OF IRMO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**JANUARY 19, 2016**

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 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. Al Dozier, *The New Irmo News* was also present.

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

READING OF THE MINUTES: Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 minutes as submitted. Mr. Waites seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes as submitted was unanimous.

## REPORT OF STANDING:

A. Administrative Briefing – Mr. Brown added that he had given Council the Dennis Engineering report on the Charring Cross and Shillingford Road area for their review. He stated that the Planning Commission would be meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup> and would begin reviewing the Town's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

B. Update on Flooding Issue/Eastview Drive (Walker) – Mr. Brown explained that he had met with SCDOT on site and that they would begin working this week on building a curb adjacent to the sidewalk to try and alleviate the flooding issue.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

## CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor King stated he had received a phone call this morning from a real estate developer that stated they wanted to put a senior citizen apartment complex on some property located within the Town. He stated that they were asking for answers on whether they could

change the density. He added that this is something that Council would need to look into further to see what other municipalities and counties have in their ordinances.

Mrs. Condom stated that she had received a letter from Rep. Nathan Ballentine about changes to the business license tax.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS - (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. THIRD AND FINAL 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 third and final reading of Ordinance 15-17. Mr. Waites seconded the motion and the vote for final approval was 4 to 1. Mr. Walker voted in opposition.

**B. THIRD AND FINAL 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 third and final reading of Ordinance 15-18. Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. The vote for final approval was 4 to 1. Mr. Walker voted in opposition.

**C. THIRD AND FINAL 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 third and final reading of Ordinance 15-19. Mr. Waites seconded the motion. The vote for final approval was 4 to 1. Mr. Walker voted in opposition.

**D. THIRD AND FINAL 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 third and final reading of Ordinance 15-20. Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. The vote for final approval was 4 to 1. Mr. Walker voted in opposition.

**E. THIRD AND FINAL 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) –**

Mr. Pouliot made a motion for third and final reading of Ordinance 15-21. Mr. Waites seconded the motion and the vote for final approval was 4 to 1. Mr. Walker voted in opposition.

**F. THIRD AND FINAL 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 third and final reading of Ordinance 15-22. Mr. Waites seconded the motion. The vote for final approval was 4 to 1. Mr. Walker voted in opposition.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 16-01 TO AMEND THE IRMO ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-2 – USE OF TABLES AND TABLE 1, TO REMOVE THE PERMITTED USE IN NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (CN) ZONING DISTRICTS WITH NAICS CODE 447110 AND 447190 (MAYOR)**

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 16-01. Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. Mayor King explained that this would eliminate the possibility of a gas station or a truck stop being built in a Neighborhood Commercial zoning district which are generally located near residential areas. Mrs. Condom added that she had voted against the original ordinance that allowed gas stations in Neighborhood Commercial zoning districts. Mr. Walker stated he would like to make it a conditional use in Neighborhood Commercial. After some discussion, the vote for first reading approval was 4 to 1. Mr. Walker voted in opposition.

B. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE OKRA STRUT DOMAINS AND WEBSITE FROM LINC, INC. FOR \$6,000 (MAYOR) - Mayor King stated that he had received a email from Mr. Kirk Luther stating he would relinquish all of the domain names for the Okra Strut to the Town. He asked Mr. Brown if that had been done and Mr. Brown stated that nothing yet had been transferred to the Town. He then asked Mr. Luther if he had turned them over. Mr. Luther stated that he was willing to transfer them over to the Town but wanted to discuss compensation first. Mayor King stated that Council could move forward with a motion and discuss this item as it is listed on the agenda or table it until Mr. Luther comes up with an amount. Mr. Pouliot then made a motion to table this item. Mayor King seconded the motion to table. Mr. Pouliot asked for an opinion from the town attorney on the letter that was sent to Council concerning Mr. Luther relinquishing all of the URL's and any other social media. Mr. Hale stated that his understanding of the letter was that all was going to be turned over to the Town without condition and if the Town felt there was any value to them they could decide on what that might be. Mr. Walker stated that if Council felt that there was no value to having the URL's then just vote it down and not vote to table it. After some discussion, the vote for tabling for a later date was 3 to 2. Mr. Walker and Mrs. Condom voted in opposition.

C. APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION (STAFF) - Mr. Waites nominated Mr. Ryan Cole for reappointment. Mr. Walker nominated Mr. Clint Scoville. Mr. Ryan Cole received 4 votes and Mr. Scoville received 1 vote. Therefore, Mr. Ryan Cole was reappointed for a 4 year term. Council discussed the possibility of having term limits.

D. APPOINTMENT TO THE RICHLAND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PENNY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TPAC) (STAFF) - Mayor King stated that Mr. Frank Anderson has submitted his name for consideration for this appointment. Mr. Walker then nominated Mr. Anderson. The vote for Mr. Anderson was unanimous for appointment to the TPAC Committee for the remaining 2 years of the 5 year term.

E. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL MIDLANDS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,500 FOR PLANNING CONSULTANT SERVICES (STAFF) - Mrs. Condom made a motion for approval of a contract with Central Midland Council of Governments. Mr. Waites seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous

F. APPROVAL TO AWARD \$10,000 - \$20,000 FROM OKRA STRUT PROFITS TO LOCAL CHARITIES (MAYOR) - Mayor King stated that he wanted first to decide on a dollar amount and then decide on which group they would give the money to. Mayor King made a motion to approve an amount of \$20,000. Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. Mayor King gave some examples of organizations that he would like to see

receive some of these funds like Sharing God's Love and The Salvation Army. Mrs. Condom stated she would like to see us wait at least one year before moving forward with this. Mr. Pouliot recommended having a workshop with the Okra Strut Commission to see what they would like to recommend. After continued discussion, Council agreed to hold a workshop with the Okra Strut Commission. The vote for approval to award \$20,000 failed 0 to 4. Mayor King voted in favor.

G. APPROVAL OF A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GANG INVESTIGATION AGREEMENT (STAFF) - Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve the Multi-Jurisdictional Law Enforcement Gang Investigation Agreement. Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

H. APPROVAL TO ADD TO NEW BUDGET THE PURCHASE OF BODY CAMERA'S (WALKER) - Mr. Waites made a motion for approval. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Mayor King asked if a dollar amount was known at this time for the cameras and equipment. Chief Nates explained he was in the process of filing paperwork to get approval from the State to pay for the body cameras. Mr. Pouliot asked if it could possibly be up to \$50,000. Chief Nates stated that would be in the ballpark. Mayor King stated that this would be an item discussed in the budget workshop and did not need approval to be placed in the budget. He added that Mr. Brown could place it in the budget worksheet and if the State responds as to how much they are going to pay for it could be taken out before final reading of the budget. The vote to have Mr. Brown place this item in the budget worksheet was unanimous.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS -

Mr. George Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Council concerning numerous items, the letter from Rep. Nathan Ballentine concerning business licensing, the report from Dennis Corporation, the amendment on the Neighborhood Commercial zoning and the discussion on moving money to charities.

Mr. Scot Sheely, 106 Bickleigh Court, addressed Council concerning the trash containers.

Dave Longsdon, 600 Timberleaf Court, addressed Council concerning a huge pothole in their neighborhood and road conditions in the town.

Mrs. Condom recognized Mr. Stan Shealy the previous and longtime Mayor of Chapin.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Pouliot made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Condom seconded. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kim Stanley, Clerk/Treasurer