

TOWN OF IRMO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 2, 2016

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 2nd, 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. Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES: Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve the January 19th, 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 reminded Council about the Chamber Gala and he needed to know if anyone was interested. Mr. Walker asked whether or not Linc, Inc. was issued a check. Mr. Brown stated that one had been issued to Linc, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000. Mr. Walker asked what three Council members had voted to give Mr. Luther the check. Mayor King stated that he and Councilwoman Condom and Councilman Pouliot had approved the check for Linc, Inc.

B. Dennis Corporation Report – Dan Dennis – Mr. Dennis explained to Council their findings on the Shillingford area flooding. He stated that they had studied the entire drainage basin and explained the solutions on getting it corrected. Mr. Pouliot asked what their opinion was on getting FEMA involved in this flooding issue. Mr. Dennis stated he did not feel they would help in this situation because it had been ongoing for many years. Mr. Dennis stated that to eliminate this flooding issue a lot of major upgrades needed to be done by both SCDOT and Richland County. After continued discussion and questions from Council it was decided to have Mr. Brown write a letter to SCDOT and Richland County to possibly get some help with alternatives #3 or #1 as stated in Dennis Corporation's study.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS - (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Mrs. Debbie Thomas, Lake Murray-Irmo Women's Club, addressed Council concerning item B under "New Business".

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SECOND 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)

– Mr. Waites made a motion for second reading approval of Ordinance 16-01. Mrs. Condom seconded the motion. Mr. Walker had objections to the change in the ordinance and felt instead of removing gas pumps from Neighborhood Commercial that Council should place conditions on them. After some discussion, the vote for second reading approval was 4 to 1. Mr. Walker voted in opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 16-02 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, ARTICLE IV – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES, DIVISION 2, OKRA STRUT COMMISSION, SECTION 2-267 – LAKE MURRAY-IRMO WOMEN'S CLUB (MAYOR)

– Mayor King made a motion for first reading approval. Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. Mayor King explained the first ordinance that was added back in May of 2015. He stated that the only change being made under this ordinance would be that they would be charged a participation fee. He added that all of the other items that were listed in the previous ordinance were already in place in the original agreement. He stated he felt that the Women's club needed to pay something if they are a 501(c)3 or give them a discount if they are giving those funds away to organizations within the town. Mayor King stated he would like to have a policy sent to the Commission regarding 501(c)3 organizations and whether or not they would receive some sort of discount for participating in the Okra Strut. Mrs. Condom disagreed stating that the Okra Strut had started with the Women's club and that she felt they deserved a

little respect from the Town. She added that all of the funds they have raised goes back to charities within our community. Mr. Pouliot added that the Okra Strut had been a big financial burden to the Town and wanted to see the Town be fair to every organization that participates in the Okra Strut. He added that he would like to see the Town get to a point where they pass the Okra Strut on to another party. Mr. Walker disagreed that the Okra Strut had been losing money and did not feel that the taxpayers in the Town had been burdened. Mayor King asked Mr. Brown to give to Council the balances from the Okra Strut audit for the last 10 years. He added that it will show that the Okra Strut had been losing money over those past 10 years. After continued discussion, the vote for first reading was 3 to 2. Mr. Walker and Mrs. Condom voted in opposition.

B. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE IRMO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (STAFF) - Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Waites seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

C. APPROVAL OF A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE IRMO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE PINE RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT (STAFF) (STAFF) – Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement. Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS -

Mrs. Debbie Thomas, Lake Murray-Irmo Women’s Club, addressed Council concerning item A under “New Business” and comments that were made during the discussion.

Mrs. Shari Selke, Lake Murray-Irmo Women’s Club, addressed Council concerning item B under “New Business”.

Mrs. Peggy Grillot
, President of Lake Murray-Irmo Women’s club addressed Council concerning item B under “New Business”.

Mr. George Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Court, addressed Council concerning item B under “New Business” and how Council spends large sums of money.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Stanley, Clerk/Treasurer