

**TOWN OF IRMO  
PUBLIC HEARING AND  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 4, 2020**

The Irmo Town Council held two public hearings and a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 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.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Walker called the public hearings to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Ordinance 20-01 (Zoning & Land Development): No one spoke so Mayor Walker closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.
2. Ordinance 20-04 (Rezone Muskrat Run Road from FA to RG): The following addressed Council:

Ms. Marsha Clark – 1000 Hollow Tree Court

Mayor Walker closed the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and Mrs. Condom led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the January 21, 2020 minutes and Mr. Busch 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 Walker called on Ms. Keller Barron with the League of Women Voters to give a presentation on Vote411.org. She stated that the website is a nonpartisan voter guide that provides information to citizens on all upcoming elections.

B. Mr. Whitt Cline, Director of Public Services, wanted to let Council and the public know that he along with the Lexington County Stormwater Consortium will be hosting a “Build Your Own Rain Barrel” workshop on Friday, March 20, 2020 from 8:45 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Irmo Municipal Building located at 7300 Woodrow Street.

C. Mr. Busch recognized Mr. Brown’s birthday that is today February 4, 2020.

D. Mr. Sickinger stated he spoke to a resident who is concerned about traffic on Palmetto Wood Parkway near the Veteran’s Park.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

Mr. Mark Pouliot, 31 Castle Vale Court, addressed Council on item items “A” and “B” under Unfinished Business

Mr. George Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Council on Presentation by Citizens

Mr. Mike Ward, 118 Ashbourne Road, addressed Council on the Chili Cookoff, Public Service Commission Meeting, items “A” and “B” under Unfinished Business and item “B” under New Business

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. THIRD AND FINAL READING 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. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded it. Mr. Busch then made a motion to amend to change to:

“ There will be a 2-term limit for serving on the commission. However, if an individual is appointed to complete an unfinished term they may do so and then get up to two consecutive terms on the board. Any former member will be allowed to reapply for additional terms after he/she has vacated the seat for a full 4-year term. In the event no new qualified applicants apply for the empty seat, a majority of the Council can approve the reappointment for additional terms of any committee member. Term limits are hereby in affect beginning with the date of each member’s initial appointment to the board.”

Mrs. Condom seconded it and the vote for approval to amend was unanimous. The vote for Final Reading of Ordinance 19-28 as amended was unanimous.

**B. THIRD AND FINAL 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. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded it. Mr. Busch made a motion to amend to change to:

“ There will be a 2-term limit for serving on the commission. However, if an individual is appointed to complete an unfinished term they may do so and then get up to two consecutive terms on the board. Any former member will be allowed to reapply for additional terms after he/she has vacated the seat for a full 4-year term. In the event no new qualified applicants apply for the empty seat, a majority of the Council can approve the reappointment for additional terms of any committee member. Term limits are hereby in affect beginning with the date of each member’s initial appointment to the board.”

Mr. Sickinger seconded it and the vote for approval to amend was unanimous. The vote for Final Reading of Ordinance 19-30 as amended was unanimous.

**C. THIRD AND FINAL 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:**

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

**D. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 20-02 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 14 ENVIRONMENT; ARTICLE II, NUISANCES; SECTION 14-37, DILAPIDATED PROPERTIES; PARAGRAPH (b) – COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES:**

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve second reading and Mr. Busch seconded. Mrs. Condom made a motion to amend to add the words “Cracked or chipped” between the words “Broken” and “windows...” and it was seconded by Mr. Sickinger. The vote to amend was unanimous. Mr. Sickinger clarified that this ordinance would require commercial property owners to fix their windows. The vote for approval as amended was unanimous.

**E. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 20-04 TO REZONE 0.3-ACRE PORTION OF RICHLAND COUNTY TMS# 0302-01-03 (LOCATED ADJACENT TO MUSKRAT RUN ROAD) FROM FRINGE AGRICULTURAL (FA) TO GENERAL RESIDENTIAL(RG):**

Mr. Busch made a motion to approve and Mr. Sickinger seconded the motion. Mr. Sickinger asked about environmental concerns and Mr. Moore explained that the county will require environmental testing during the process of developers getting permits and approvals. The vote for approval unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 20-05 TO ANNEX LEXINGTON TMS 001998-05-010 (7582 IRMO DRIVE) AS SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL:**

Mayor Walker stated they recently bought the property and wants to be in the Town of Irmo. Mr. Busch made a motion to approve and Mr. Sickinger seconded. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**B. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 20-06 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE II, COUNCIL; DIVISION 1, GENERALLY; SECTION 2-31 COMPOSITION AND ELECTION:**

Mr. Busch made a motion to approve and Mrs. Condom seconded the motion. Mayor Walker made a motion to defer until March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting when there is a full council; Mr. Busch seconded it and the vote to defer was unanimous.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE 2020 OKRA STRUT PROPOSED BUDGET:**

Mr. Busch made a motion for approval and Mrs. Condom seconded it. Mr. Larry Slaughter explained various items in the budget. Mr. Sickinger asked why there are no funds in the reserve line item. Mr. Brown explained that the Okra Strut does not have a separate account and the funds are part of the general fund that is controlled by Council.

Mayor Walker called upon Renee Caviness, Municipal Clerk, to complete a roll call vote where Mr. Busch voted “Yay”, Mrs. Condom voted “Yay”, Mayor Walker voted “Yay” and Mr. Sickinger voted “Yay”. Mayor Walker recognized that the vote for approval was unanimous.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS: None

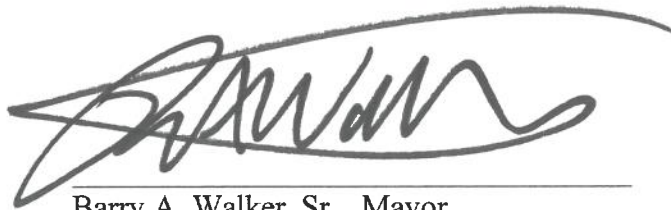
DISCUSSION: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Personnel Action regarding Planning Commission and Zoning Board Membership:

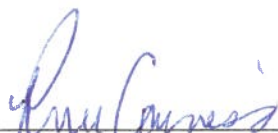
Mr. Busch made a motion to go into executive session and Mr. Sickinger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously; therefore, the Mayor, Council, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Moore went into executive session at 7:50 p.m. Mayor Walker called the meeting back to order at 8:17 p.m. and stated that no votes were taken.

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 8:18 p.m.



Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer