

TOWN OF IRMO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 6, 2018

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting Tuesday, February 6, 2018 in the Municipal Building. Council members present were Mayor King, Councilmen Pouliot, Waites, Walker and Councilwoman Condom. Others present were Chief Don Perry; Mr. Eric Hale, Town Attorney, and Mrs. Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer. Mr. Robert Brown, Town Administrator was absent. Mr. Al Dozier of *The New Irmo News* was also present.

Mayor King called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm and Mr. Waites led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve the January 16, 2018 minutes and Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Mr. Pouliot requested that the last sentence under adjournment on page 6 be changed from “p.m” to “a.m” The vote to approve the minutes as amended was unanimous.

REPORT OF STANDING:

A. Administrative Briefing – The Administrator furnished a written briefing to Council that was included in their packets for the meeting.

B. Stormwater Update (Cline) - Mr. Whitt Cline gave a brief presentation on illicit discharge issues in town. He stated that approximately 30 homes are without sewer service and there is raw sewage discharging into some of the yards and storm drainage system. Some have been issued citations and the others are working to fix the problem.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mayor King read and presented the proclamation to Ms. Kathy Hogan from the St. Andrews Woman’s Club recognizing their community service within the Town of Irmo.

B. Parking Presentation (Walker): Mr. Walker called upon Ms. Gloria Jordan, who is the spokesperson for the “PAD” group (People Against Dictators). Ms. Jordan presented Ordinance 18-01 which is their compromise to the current off-street parking ordinance. She presented a summary spreadsheet showing the number of home sales, average days on market, and average sales price from 2011 – 2017. It showed a steady increase in the number of sales and average sales price as well as a decrease in the average days a home has been on the market. She concluded by stating that Ordinance 18-01 is not Mr. Walker or Mrs. Condom’s ordinance but the residents of Irmo’s ordinance.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

Mr. George Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Council concerning item A under “Unfinished Business” and item A under “New Business”

Mr. Mathew Hall, 106 Saint Albans Court, addressed Council concerning item A under “New Business”

Ms. Brandi Clarkson, 318 Lord Howe Way, addressed Council concerning item A under “New Business”

Mr. Dan Eubanks, 101 Denbeck Road, addressed Council concerning item C under “New Business”

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 17-35 AMENDING THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 14 ENVIRONMENT; ARTICLE II, NUISANCES; SECTION 14-32 – UNSANITARY, UNSIGHTLY CONDITIONS (MAYOR):

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-35 and Mayor King seconded it. Mayor King explained that this will replace “residential zoned property” to “residentially zoned subdivision”. Mr. Walker stated that he agreed with Mr. Glassmeyer that it should address all residential zoned property not just properties located in subdivisions. Mayor King explained that he believed this needed to be clarified. The vote for approval failed 1 to 4 with Mr. Waites, Mr. Walker, Mrs. Condom and Mr. Pouliot voting in opposition.

B. THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 17-36 AMENDING THE IRMO TOWN CODE, APPENDIX B LAND DEVELOPMENT; ARTICLE 4 – IMPROVEMENT GUARANTEES (STAFF):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-36 and Mr. Waites seconded it. Mayor King explained that the developer would be required to provide a letter of credit or cash as an improvement guarantee. The vote for approval was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 18-01 AMENDING THE IRMO TOWN CODE, APPENDIX A ZONING ORDINANCE; ARTICLE VI, SUPPLEMENTAL OFF-STREET PARKING & LOADING REGULATIONS SECTION 6-4, PARKING, STORAGE AND USE OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES (WALKER):

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve and Mrs. Condom seconded it. Mr. Walker stated that this was a good compromise to the current ordinance and he appreciated the presentation that was presented by Ms. Gloria Jordan of the PAD’s group. He stated that this ordinance would replace all of paragraph 4 of Ordinance 17-26. Mrs. Condom stated that this ordinance was a good compromise due to some of the residents not being able to comply to the ordinance due to their lot size.

Mayor King explained that residents who are unable to meet the standards could request a variance from the Zoning Administrator. He also stated that the Police Department is letting people that are in violation know about the ordinance and that starting in July they will receive an abatement notice if the violation has not been resolved. He explained that the Police Department would not give out citations until August which give the residents plenty of time to remedy the problem. The vote for approval failed with a 2 to 3 vote with Mr. Waites, Mayor King and Mr. Pouliot voting in opposition.

B. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 18-02 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 14 ENVIRONMENT; ARTICLE V, FLOODPLAIN MANUAL; SECTION 14-162 AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION (STAFF):

Mr. Waites made a motion to approve and Mrs. Condom seconded it. Mayor King explained that this administrative change was requested by the SCDNR and FEMA to “specify” the chapter that directly deals with floodplain management. He mentioned that the Richland and Lexington County Floodplain Manuals were adopted in September of 2017. The vote for approval for first reading of Ordinance 18-02 was unanimous.

C. APPROVAL FOR GETPORCHD TO IMPLEMENT A MARKETING PLAN IN IRMO, FREE OF CHARGE, USING TOWN MEDIA SOURCES (MAYOR):

Mayor King made a motion to approve and Mr. Walker seconded it. Mayor King explained that PorchD did a presentation at the last meeting. This will be a free service for any resident that lives in the town limits of Irmo. The resident would take pictures of their home and the company would post the pictures on their website for 30 days. PorchD will create a report based on the results of the survey.

Mrs. Condom does not think we should promote a company using public money and resources. She also stated that this company is not located in Irmo. Mr. Walker agreed and explained that according to the information previously presented that home sales in Irmo are good. He explained that if PorchD wants to offer this service to the residents that is fine but does not think the town resources should be used. The vote for approval failed 1 to 4 with Mr. Waites, Mr. Walker, Mrs. Condom, and Mr. Pouliot voting in opposition.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Ms. Brandi Clarkson, 318 Lord Howe, addressed Council concerning item A under “New Business”

Mr. Mathew Hall, 106 Saint Albans Court, addressed Council concerning item A and C under “New Business”

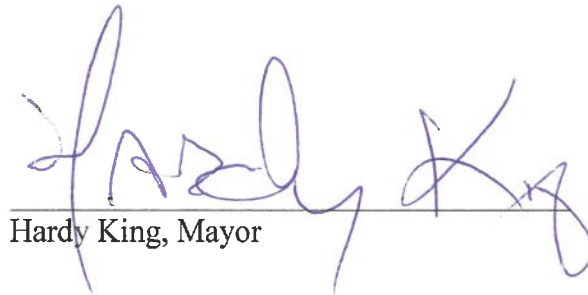
Mr. Dan Eubanks, 101 Denbeck Road, addressed Council concerning item B under “Report of Standing”

Ms. Jada Powell, 212 Boulters Lock Road, addressed Council concerning item A under “New Business”

DISCUSSION: None


EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Pouliot made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Walker seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer