

**TOWN OF IRMO
SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP AND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

March 5, 2019

The Irmo Town Council held a special budget workshop and regular meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 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 Don Perry; and Mrs. Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer. Mr. Eric Hale, Town Attorney was absent. Mr. Al Dozier, *The New Irmo News*, was also present.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor King called the budget workshop to order at 6:15 p.m. Council discussed police department salaries, incentives and a longevity bonus program.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor King called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve the February 5, 2019 minutes and Mrs. Condom seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve the February 13, 2019 minutes and Mrs. Condom 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 Council that was included in their packets for the meeting. He mentioned the site plan that was in their packets showing where a low-income housing project was being proposed.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

A. Mr. Pouliot made a motion to remove items E, F, and G under New Business and Mrs. Condom seconded it. He stated that the Town Administrator has the authority to approve park rentals, and Council did not need to get involved. Mr. Walker voiced his concerns that Council should be approving events where they plan to use the whole park versus approving the use of one shelter. The vote for approval to remove items E, F and G from the agenda was 4 to 1 with Mr. Walker voting in opposition.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. In the Middle of the Midlands Run for breast cancer will be held on June 29, 2019. They are having great success with the event and will have the 4th Annual 5K Run in the morning followed by a BBQ competition officiated by the SC Barbecue Association.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

Mr. George Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Council on items C, E,F,G and under New Business

Mr. Rob Rockwell, 46 St Albans Road, addressed Council item H and under New Business

Mr. Wade De Loach, 156 Finsbury Road, addressed Council on item E under New Business

Mr. Larry Slaughter, Liberty Tax, addressed Council on items C and I under New Business

Mrs. Brandi Clarkson, 318 Lord Howe Road, addressed Council on items H under New Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL TO ADJUST THE POLICE OFFICER’S SALARIES AND/OR BONUSES (MAYOR):

Mayor King made a motion to approve adjusting the base salary for Police Officers from 35,000 to 38,000 yearly and a \$1,000 one time bonus for all certified Police Officers. Mr. Pouliot seconded it.

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to defer until the next Council meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 and seconded by Mr. Waites. The vote to approve was 3 to 2 with Mayor King and Mrs. Condom voting in opposition.

B. APPROVAL TO ADOPT A LONGEVITY BONUS PROGRAM FOR POLICE OFFICERS (MAYOR):

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to defer voting until the next Council meeting which is Tuesday, March 19, 2019 and Mr. Waites seconded it. The vote to approve was 3 to 2 with Mayor King and Mrs. Condom voting in opposition.

C. APPROVAL TO AWARD CONTRACT TO MADCO CONTRACTING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,750 TO WIDEN A PORTION OF THE WALKING TRAILS IN THE COMMUNITY PARK OF IRMO (OKRA STRUT COMMISSION):

Mayor King made a motion to approve and Mr. Pouliot seconded it. Mayor King stated that the Okra Strut Commission approved to widen a portion of the walking trails. Mr. Larry Slaughter, Chairman of the Irmo Okra Strut Commission, explained that the project will allow more space for pedestrians during the Okra Strut. The vote for approval to contract with Madco Contracting for no more than \$19,750 was unanimous.

D. APPROVAL OF POLICY ON PARK USAGE (MAYOR):

Mr. Waites made a motion to approve and Mrs. Condom seconded it. The vote for approval was 4 to 1 with Mr. Walker voting in opposition.

E. APPROVAL OF INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL IN THE COMMUNITY PARK OF IRMO ON APRIL 28, 2019 (WALKER):

REMOVED

E. APPROVAL OF EASTER EGG HUNT IN THE COMMUNITY PARK OF IRMO ON APRIL 06, 2019 (MAYOR):

REMOVED

G. APPROVAL OF IN THE MIDDLE BREAST CANCER EVENT IN THE COMMUNITY PARK OF IRMO ON JUNE 29, 2019 (WALKER):

REMOVED

H. APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION (STAFF):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Walter Lindler and Mr. Waites seconded it.

Mr. Walker made a motion to amend to appoint Mr. Rob Blackwell. The motion failed because it was not seconded.

Mr. Walker made a motion to amend to appoint Mrs. Brandi Clarkson. The motion failed because it was not seconded.

Mr. Walker made a motion to amend to appoint Ms. Michelle Carpenter. The motion failed because it was not seconded.

The vote to re-appoint Mr. Walter Lindler to the Planning Commission was unanimous.

H. APPOINTMENT TO THE OKRA STRUT COMMISSION (STAFF):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to appoint Mrs. Jada Powell and Mr. Waites seconded it. The vote to appoint Mrs. Jada Powell to the Okra Strut Commission was unanimous.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. Wade De Loach, 156 Finsbury Road, addressed Council on events in the park

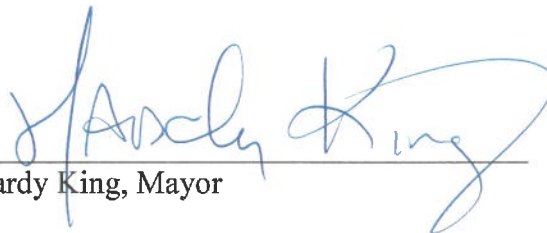
Mr. George Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Council on franchise fees and events in the park

Mr. Eric Sickinger, 417 Cressfell Road, addressed Council on police salaries/bonus and the pending lawsuit

DISCUSSION: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Waites made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Pouliot seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:


Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer