

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

MARCH 15, 2016

The Irmo Town Council held a budget workshop and regular meeting on Tuesday, March 15th, 2016 in the Municipal Building. Council members present were Mayor King, Councilmen Pouliot, Waites, and Councilwoman Condom. Councilman Walker was absent. 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*, and Tim Flach, *The State Newspaper* were also present.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor King called the budget workshop to order at 6:11 p.m. Council discussed the revenue items. Also, Chief Mike Sonefield with the Irmo Fire Department asked for money to build a new Fire Station adjacent to the Irmo Police Department. Chief Sonefield indicated that he will be asking Lexington County for funds for the new Fire Station as well. He added he would like to receive a response from Irmo Town Council by the end of April.

REGULAR MEETING

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

READING OF THE MINUTES: Mr. Waites made a motion to approve the March 1st, 2016 minutes as submitted. Mrs. Condom seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes as submitted was unanimous.

REPORT OF STANDING:

A. Administrative Briefing - The Administrator furnished a written briefing to Council in their agenda packets. [A copy of this briefing is attached]

B. Update from Advanced Disposal – Mayor King introduced Mr. Mesler from Advanced Disposal who took over for Doug Delp. Mr. Mesler stated that he has two larger trucks to help with the anticipated increase of yard trash from now until the end of April. After a brief discussion, Mr. Mesler explained that he is working with his drivers and other staff to identify what changes need to be made to resolve service issues and bring back the standards expected by the Town.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) -

Mr. Tony Oravec, 113 Bow Church Court, addressed Council concerning item E under “New Business”.

Ms. Susan Wharf, Doncaster Drive, addressed Council concerning item E under “New Business”.

Mr. Elmer Danko, 500 Finsbury Road, addressed Council concerning item E under “New Business”.

Mr. Shawn Brown, 1 Cockspur Circle, addressed Council concerning item E under “New Business”.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 16-03 TO REZONE LEXINGTON TAX MAP #1922-08-003 (7336 WOODROW STREET) FROM NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (CN) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (STAFF) (CG) –

Mrs. Condom made a motion for first reading approval of Ordinance 16-03. Mayor King seconded the motion. After some brief discussion, the vote for first reading approval was unanimous.

B. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 16-04 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 6 – ANIMALS, SECTION 6-8 – HOGS, CATTLE,

CHICKENS, HORSES AND STABLES (MAYOR) - Mayor King stated that there were some rules and regulations that were placed on the agenda for approval that was not in ordinance form that he would like to discuss prior to taking this item up for approval. Mayor King then made a motion to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to take item E under "New Business" out of order. Mr. Waites seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to discuss item E under "New Business" at this time.

After taking item "E" out of order, Mrs. Condom made a motion to defer first reading of Ordinance 16-04. Mr. Waites seconded the motion. The vote for deferral of Ordinance 16-04 was unanimous.

(TAKEN OUT OF ORDER) E. APPROVAL OF RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE PERMITTING AND OWNERSHIP OF CHICKENS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF THE TOWN (MAYOR) - Mayor King made a motion to approve the rules and regulations. Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. Mayor King stated that the rules and regulations were from Lexington County and had been provided by Susan Wharf. He added that if approved they would be placed in ordinance form for approval by Council. After continued discussion, Mrs. Condom made a motion to defer first reading of Ordinance 16-04 until all of Council was present. Mr. Waites seconded the motion. The vote was 3 to 1 with Mayor King voting in opposition.

C. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 16-05 TO AMEND THE IRMO ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE II – ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SECTION 2-2 – USE OF TABLES AND TABLE I – SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED AND CONDITIONAL USES, AND OFF STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS BY DISTRICT AND TABLE II – SCHEDULE OF LOT AREA, YARD, SETBACK, HEIGHT, DENSITY AND FLOOR AREA REQUIREMENTS (MAYOR) – Mrs. Condom made a motion for first reading approval of Ordinance 16-05. Mr. Waites seconded the motion. Mayor King stated that the Zoning Board of Adjustment had two disapproved requested variances on the density requirements in General Commercial (CG) that did not meet the guidelines for variance approval. He stated the town's planning consultant confirmed that our density requirements for apartments was lower than any of the surrounding communities. He added that the Planning Commission recommended a change to increase the density to 16 units per acre in General Commercial (CG). After some discussion, the vote for first reading approval on Ordinance 16-05 was 3 to 1. Mr. Pouliot voted in opposition.

D. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 16-06 AMENDING THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 2-64 – RULES OF ORDER AND ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS AND SECTION 2-68 – AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS (MAYOR) – Mrs. Condom made a motion for first reading

approval of Ordinance 16-06. Mr. Waites seconded the motion. Mayor King stated that discussions that had previously been placed on agendas had gotten quite lengthy. He added that there was no way to call for the question because it was not an action item so the discussions could not be stopped. Mrs. Condom stated that item #4 should be deleted because it was subjective. Mayor King stated Council decorum rules are not always followed. He added that he wants when they are speaking to stop Council members from constantly interrupting others. Mrs. Condom reiterated that item #4 was subjective and needed to be objective. After some discussion, the vote for first reading approval of Ordinance 16-06 was unanimous.

F. RATIFICATION OF TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE III – OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES; DIVISION 4 – TOWN ATTORNEY; SECTION 2-211- APPOINTMENT; QUALIFICATIONS; POWERS AND DUTIES; COMPENSATION (WALKER) – Mayor King stated that this was already in our Town Code. Mr. Hale explained that Mr. Walker had questions about Roberts Rules of Order and Mr. Hale to be the Parliamentarian. Mayor King asked Mr. Hale if they could just skip this item or table it. Mr. Hale stated it would be best to table. Mrs. Condom then made a motion to table ratification of Section 2-211. Mr. Waites seconded and the vote to table ratification was unanimous.

G. APPROVAL TO CONTRACT WITH THE “ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION” BAND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,900.00 AS THE MAIN ACT FOR THE 2016 OKRA STRUT FESTIVAL (STAFF) – Mrs. Condom made the motion to approve a contract with the “Atlantic Rhythm Section” band in the amount of \$11,900.00. Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. Mr. Slaughter, Okra Strut Commission Chairman, stated that this was the best band for the money. Mayor King mentioned that the Commission only has a budget of \$13,000 for entertainment. Mr. Slaughter indicated that the cost could be less than the \$11,900 but would not be more and that they are looking at local bands, schools & dance groups for Saturday’s entertainment. He also said that they may need to request more money for the other local bands which may be in the range of \$1,000 - \$1,500. The vote for approval to contract with the “Atlanta Rhythm Section” band for up to \$11,900.00 was unanimous.

H. APPROVAL TO GIVE LAKE MURRAY COUNTRY \$6,000.00 FROM ACCOMMODATIONS ACCOUNT (WALKER) – Mayor King made a motion to approve giving \$6,000 to Lake Murray Country from the Accommodations account. Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. Mayor King explained that 30% of the money collected in this account has to be given to an approved organization that does marketing and promotions for tourism for the area. Mrs. Condom asked Mr. Brown to check and see if there were any other organizations in Town that the money could be given to. The vote for approval to give Lake Murray Country \$6,000 was unanimous.

I. APPOINTMENT TO THE OKRA STRUT COMMISSION (STAFF) – Mr. Pouliot nominated Mr. Randy Jones to the Okra Strut Commission. There being no other nominations the vote to appoint Mr. Jones was unanimous.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS -

Mr. George Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Mrs. Condom with concerns regarding deferring items when a council member is absent from a meeting.

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 8:37 p.m.

Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Stanley, Clerk/Treasurer