

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

March 19, 2019

The Irmo Town Council held a budget workshop and regular meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 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; Mr. Eric Hale, Town Attorney and Mrs. Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer. Mr. Al Dozier, *The New Irmo News*, was also present.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor King called the budget workshop to order at 6:00 p.m. Council recommended a 1.6% cost of living raise, increasing the town attorney's salary by \$3,000 a year and adding a training sergeant position for the Police Department at a projected of \$60,000.

REGULAR MEETING

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve the March 5, 2019 minutes and Mr. Waites seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes 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.

B. Code Enforcement Update – Corporal Stokes presented a summary of the recent Police and Code Enforcement activities.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

Mr. Erik Sickinger, 417 Cressfell Road, addressed Council on item A under Unfinished Business

Mrs. Denise Bennet (School Improvement Council) and Mr. Jason Pollock (Principal), H.E. Corley Elementary School, addressed Council on item "A" under New Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL TO RAISE THE STARTING SALARY FOR NON-CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICERS FROM \$35,000 TO \$38,00 AT A COST OF \$7,667.80 TO BECOME EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2019 (MAYOR):

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

B. APPROVAL TO AWARD A ONE-TIME \$1,000 BONUS TO ALL CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICERS AT A TOTAL COST \$22,000 TO BECOME EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2019 (MAYOR):

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

C. APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT A LONGEVITY PROGRAM FOR CERTIFIED ENLISTED POLICE OFFICERS WITH A START-UP OF \$16,000 TO BECOME EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2019 (MAYOR):

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 19-2 AMENDING THE IRMO TOWN CODE; APPENDIX A, ZONING ORDINANCE; ARTICLE V, SIGN REGULATIONS; TABLE V – REGULATION OF SIGN BY TYPE, CHARACTERISTICS AND ZONING DISTRICTS (STAFF):

Mayor King made a motion to approve and Mr. Walker seconded it. Mayor King explained that the Planning Commission is currently working on updating the zoning ordinance which would allow digital signs in residential zones for churches and schools only. The vote for approval was unanimous.

B. APPROVAL TO CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL MIDLANDS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AS PLANNING CONSULTANTS FOR 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,500 (STAFF):

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

C. APPROVAL TO AWARD CONTRACT TO EAST COAST ENTERTAINMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,500 FOR THE FINESSE BAND TO PERFORM AT THE 2019 OKRA STRUT (OKRA STRUT COMMISSION):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve the East Coast Entertainment contract and Mr. Walker seconded it. Mayor King stated this contract was for the "Finesse" band. The vote for approval was unanimous.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. Greg Edwards, 414 Zanark Drive, addressed Council on parking on the street

Mr. Chris Kaderly, 105 Tuscany Court, addressed Council on items A, B, and C under New Business

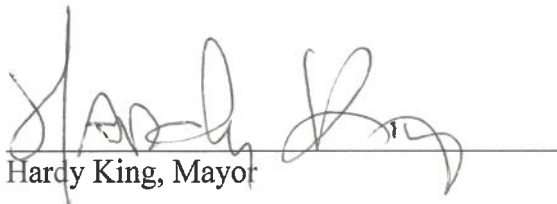
DISCUSSION:

A. DISCUSSION ON COMET BUS STOP ON COLLEGE STREET (WALKER):

Mr. Walker discovered a Comet Bus Stop near Midlands Technical College on College Street and was concerned that Town Council was not involved in the approval process. Mr. Brown explained that Midlands Technical College requested the stop and is not required to get approval from the Town. Mr. Walker requested that Mr. Brown find out who gave Comet approval for the stop and determine if they need a business license.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Pouliot made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Condom seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer

