

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

March 20, 2018

The Irmo Town Council held a budget workshop and regular meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 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 p.m. Council discussed the proposed 2018-2019 Fiscal Year proposed budget and a 1% cost of living raise.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor King 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. Waites made a motion to approve the March 6, 2018 minutes and Mrs. Condom seconded the motion. Mr. Pouliot requested that under item A under Executive Session to change “5 to 2” to “3 to 2”. The vote to approve the minutes as amended was unanimous.

REPORT OF STANDING:

A. Administrative Briefing – Mr. Brown asked Council to let him know if they want to attend the Lexington County Municipal Association Dinner on Thursday, April 19th at Cayce City Hall.

B. Code Enforcement Update – Chief Perry explained the Code Enforcement activities for February 2018. He explained that OneDrive (a Cloud based drive) has been setup, so Officers can get real time on business license and rental property listings. Chief Perry also stated that they have identified violations of the parking ordinance and have educated most of those residents.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY): None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 18-04 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 11, RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION (MAYOR):

Mayor King made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 18-04 and Mr. Pouliot seconded it. Mayor King explained he wanted to strengthen the current Rental Property Registration to address concerns that have recently been brought up to his attention. This ordinance will update / change: license fees, parking requirements, grass height, siding, boats/recreational vehicles, occupancy limitations, and require utilities be connected at all times.

Both Mr. Pouliot and Mrs. Condom voiced their concerns regarding limiting the occupancy to eight (8) and feels that the Town should follow the HUD standards of ten (10). Mrs. Condom made a motion to change occupancy from “8” to “10” and Mr. Pouliot seconded it. Mr. Walker does not believe the Town should limit the amount of people who can live in a home. The vote to amend passed 4 to 1 with Mr. Walker voting in opposition.

Mr. Waites stated that he wants the regulations for both owner occupied and renters on the same set of standards. Mayor King explained that property owners who rent their homes is a business and that this type of regulation is enforced on regular types of businesses. Mr. Pouliot agreed with Mr. Waites and made a motion to change “(concrete and/asphalt)” to “(concrete, asphalt or a contained gravel surface)” under “(9) Parking Spaces”; Mr. Waites seconded the motion. Mr. Walker voiced his concerns about limiting the number of vehicles. He explained the standards should be for both commercial and residential properties. Mayor King explained that the commercial properties are already regulated, and that it is not unreasonable to require landlords to provide adequate parking for the renters. The vote for approval was 4 to 1 with Mr. Walker voting in opposition.

Mr. Walker stated that the peeling paint as stated in “(16) Siding” for exterior siding should be the standard for both commercial & residential properties not just rental properties. He also voiced his concerns with deeming all residential property as unrentable and unlivable should be worded differently. He explained that as it is currently written, a residential property that has no utilities hooked up because the property is vacant is unrentable and unlivable. Mrs. Condom made a motion to amend the first sentence under “(21) Utilities” from “Any residential rental” to “Any occupied residential rental”. Mr. Waites seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous

Mayor King made a motion to change the title from “Rental Property Registration” to “Rental Property Registration and Regulations”. Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion and the vote to amend the title was unanimous.

The vote for first reading as amended was 4 to 1 with Mr. Walker voting in opposition.

B. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 18-05 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 14, ENVIRONMENT; ARTICLE II, NUISANCES; SECTION 14-32 – UNSANITARY, UNSIGHTLY AND UNSAFE CONDITIONS (MAYOR):

Mr. Pouliot made a motion for approval and Mr. Waites seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.

C. APPOINTMENT OF PHYLISS HAWKINS TO THE OKRA STRUT COMMISSION (O. S. COMMISSION):

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

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. George Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Council on item A under New Business
Ms. Jackie Kanoy, 161 Elstow Road, addressed Council on item B under New Business

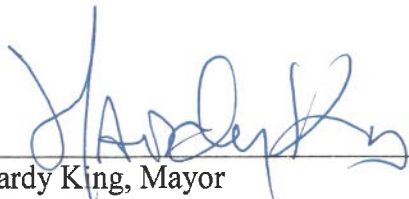
DISCUSSION:

A. DISCUSSION ON NOISE LEVEL/VIOLATIONS IN NEIGHBORHOOD AREAS (WALKER):

Mr. Walker had a resident contact him about noise in his house. He stated that the resident can feel the vibrations in his house from a stereo playing several houses away. Mr. Brown explained that currently there is an ordinance to address noise but not vibrations. Mr. Walker ended the discussion stating that he does not want to continue without the resident being present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Waites made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Condom seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.


Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:


Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer