

TOWN OF IRMO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 2, 2019

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 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.

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. Pouliot made a motion to approve the March 19, 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. Mr. Walker asked Mr. Brown to check into getting the road re-stripped at the new Comet bus stop. He also reported that there are several streetlights on College Street that need new light bulbs. Mayor King addressed Mr. Walker's concerns from the last meeting regarding Comet having an Irmo Business License and explained that state law does not allow towns to charge a business license for a public transportation service. Mrs. Condom then reminded Council and residents of the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt being held at the Community Park of Irmo on April 6th.

SWEARING IN OF KIM HOFFMAN AS ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE (JUDGE ADAMS / OATH):

Mrs. Kim Hoffman was administered the oath of Administrative Judge by Judge Becky Adams

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Walker stated that he received a letter from Connelly Development that was addressed to Mayor King stating another development, Cooper's Trace, is being planned on Lake Murray Blvd across from Wendy's. He mentioned this will be the second letter he has received for an affordable housing development in the town.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY): None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 19-02 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):

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 19-03 AMENDING THE IRMO TOWN CODE; CHAPTER 11, RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION AND REGULATIONS; SECTION 11-10 – LICENSE FEE (MAYOR):

Mayor King made a motion to approve and Mr. Pouliot seconded it. Mayor King explained that he was contacted by a citizen several weeks ago requesting relief from rental property license fee. After a brief discussion, the vote for approval failed 1 to 4 with Mr. Waites, Mr. Walker, Mrs. Condom and Mr. Pouliot voting in opposition.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mrs. Libby Green – 217 Blue Cedar Road, addressed Council on item “A” under Discussion
Mrs. Brandi Clarkson, 318 Lord Howe Road, addressed Council on item “A” under Discussion
Mr. Dan Ross, 900 Shadetree Court, addressed Council on item “A” under Discussion
Ms. Marie Hutchinson, 109 Hamilton Park Drive, addressed Council on item “A” under Discussion
Ms. Michelle Carpenter, 112 London Pride Road, addressed Council on item “A” under Discussion
Ms. Beth Hutchinson, 900 Shadetree Court, addressed Council on property density
Ms. Barbara Waldman, 900 Shadowleaf Court, addressed Council on item “A” under Discussion
Ms. Rose Lewis, 21 Yearling Court, addressed Council on item “A” under Discussion
Mr. Brian Clifton, 7320 College Street, addressed Council on item “A” under Discussion
Mr. Dave Groves, Harbison Community Association, addressed Council on item “A” under Discussion
Mr. Wade De Loach, 156 Finsbury Road, addressed Council on item “A” under Discussion
Ms. Patricia Whitt, 213 Minehead Road, addressed Council on the November 2019 Election
Mr. Erik Sickinger, 417 Cressfell Road, addressed Council on item “A” under Discussion
Mrs. Jada Powell, 212 Boulters Lock Road, addressed Council on the Easter Egg Hunt
Mr. Nick Hiller, Archers Court, addressed Council on item “A” under Discussion
Mr. Jerome Fitch, Settlers Station, addressed Council on item “A” under Discussion
Ms. Susan Pope, 581 Cornerstone Circle, addressed Council on item “A” under Discussion

DISCUSSION:

A. DISCUSSION ON PLANNED APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT ON COLLEGE STREET (WALKER):

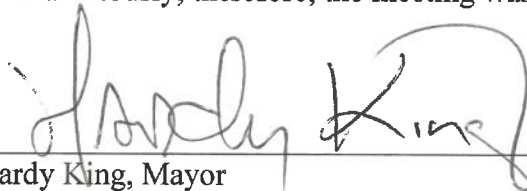
Mr. Walker stated there are two affordable housing developments, Parkside at Columbiana and Cooper's Trace, that may get approved to be built in the Town of Irmo. He voiced his concerns of not receiving a timely notification of the potential developments that impact the community. He mentioned there is a conflict on what the property is zoned and requested Mr. Brown research it. Mr. Walker stated that the density was changed a couple of years ago that allows for these types of multi-family apartments and Council needs to look at decreasing the density.

Mr. Waites, Mr. Pouliot and Mrs. Condom expressed that they are not in favor of these projects. Mr. Waites explained that Council does not have authority to approve or disapprove these types of housing projects. Mr. Pouliot requested that Mr. Brown invite Mr. Connelly, Developer of Cooper's Trace, to come to the next town council meeting to address Council's concerns. Mrs. Condom stated her concerns about the increased traffic issues and the impact on Police services which would increase expenses.

Mayor King explained the SC Housing Authority schedule and stated that this is not a done deal and that a final decision would not be decided until early August. He further explained that each project across the state gets points based on items that might include: the amenities offered to residents, washer/dryers, and what building materials (brick, vinyl, wood siding, etc.) to name a few. Then, the projects with the most points get placed on a priority list, and the funding starts at the top and goes down the list. He addressed Mr. Walker's concerns on notifications for residents by stating the residents can go on the Irmo website to sign up for the Listserve or call Irmo Town Hall and request to be put on it. Also, residents can go to the SC Housing Authority's website to sign up for their alerts and notifications. He explained that the reason the density was changed to high density was due to urban sprawl.


EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Waites made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Walker seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.



Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer