

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

**APRIL 5, 2016**

The Irmo Town Council held a budget workshop and regular meeting on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 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 Joe Nates; Mr. Eric Hale, Town Attorney; and Mrs. Kim Stanley, Clerk/Treasurer. Mr. Al Dozier, *The New Irmo News*, and Mr. Tim Flach, *State Newspaper* were present.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Mayor King called the budget workshop to order at 6:09 p.m. Council discussed expenditure items in the FY 16/17 budget. Council also discussed waiting to give the Irmo Fire Department funding for a new fire station until after Lexington County commits to an amount. All of Council agreed they would match whatever the County decides to provide.

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

**READING OF THE MINUTES:** Mr. Waites made a motion to approve the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 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]

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor King stated he had received notification from the Arbor Day Foundation stating that the Town had once again received the Tree City USA designation. He added that he had also received information from the Municipal Association concerning courses that they offer to elected officials.

Mrs. Condom commented on an email that Mr. Glassmeyer had sent.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) -

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

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

Ms. Paris Cobb, resident of West Columbia, addressed Council concerning item A under “New Business”.

Ms. Janie Berks, 448 London Pride Road, addressed Council concerning item A under “New Business”.

Mr. Lem Holsclaw, 100 Lordship Lane, addressed Council concerning item A under “New Business”.

Ms. Samantha Reynolds, 206 Maidstone Road, addressed Council concerning item A under “New Business”.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. SECOND 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 to approve second reading of Ordinance 16-03. Mr. Waites seconded the motion. Mr. Walker had some questions concerning the residential property located next door to this particular piece of property. He asked if anyone had contacted the property owner concerning this zoning change. Mayor King stated that he had spoken with the resident. The vote for second reading approval of Ordinance 16-03 was 4 to 1. Mr. Walker voted in opposition.

**B. SECOND 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)** - Mr.

Walker made a motion for second reading approval of Ordinance 16-05. Mrs. Condom seconded the motion. Mayor King explained this would be a change in the density requirements in General Commercial (CG) zoning. He added that it would increase the density from 7 units per acre to 16 per acre. The vote for approval was 4 to 1. Mr. Pouliot voted in opposition.

**C. SECOND 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)** – Mr. Waites made a motion for second reading

approval of Ordinance 16-06. Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. Mr. Walker stated that he had concerns on item 4 in the ordinance and that putting all this criteria in the ordinance was unnecessary. Mr. Walker then made a motion to delete item #4. No second was made. Mr. Walker then made a motion to amend to delete the last sentence of item #4. Mrs. Condom seconded the amendment. The vote on the amendment passed 3 to 2. Mrs. Condom, Mr. Waites and Mr. Walker voted in favor. Mayor King and Mr. Pouliot voted in opposition. Mr. Walker made a motion to amend to change 3 minutes of discussion to 5 minutes. Mrs. Condom seconded the motion. After some discussion the vote on the amendment failed 4 to 1. Mr. Walker voted in favor and Mayor King, Mrs. Condom, Mr. Pouliot and Mr. Waites voted in opposition. Mr. Walker then made a motion to change the 3 minutes of discussion to 5 minutes and delete the part where each councilmember will be allowed 2-minutes during the rebuttal portion. Mrs. Condom seconded the motion. The vote on the amendment was 3 to 2. Mrs. Condom, Mr. Waites and Mr. Walker voted in favor of the amendment and Mayor King and Mr. Pouliot voted in opposition. The vote for second reading approval of 16-06 as amended was 4 to 1. Mr. Pouliot voted in opposition.

Mayor King made a motion to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to take item B under "New Business" out of order. Mr. Walker seconded the motion and the vote was 3 to 2 to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to discuss item B under "New Business" at this time. Mrs. Condom and Mr. Waites voted in opposition.

## NEW BUSINESS

**A. 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)** - Mr. Walker made a motion to approve first reading approval of Ordinance 16-04. Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. Mr. Walker stated he felt that the rules and regulations would be too restrictive to allow chickens. After some discussion, the vote for first reading approval of Ordinance 16-04 failed 3 to 2. Mayor King and Mr. Pouliot voted in favor. Mrs. Condom, Mr. Waites and Mr. Walker voted in opposition.

**(TAKEN OUT OF ORDER) B. APPROVAL OF RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE PERMITTING AND OWNERSHIP OF CHICKENS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF THE TOWN (MAYOR)** - Mr. Walker discussed each of the rules and regulations and added that he felt that the rules were too restrictive. Mayor King and Mr. Pouliot felt something needed to be placed on the books for Council to make amendments if needed. After continued discussion, the vote for approval of the rules and regulations was 4 to 1. Mrs. Condom voted in opposition.

**C. APPROVAL OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,785 FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE YOUNGINER BUILDING (STAFF)** – Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$5,785. Mr. Waites seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

**D. APPROVAL OF CONCEPT FOR A CENTRAL BUSINESS OR OVERLAY DISTRICT WITH APPLICABLE ZONING (MAYOR)** - Mayor King made a motion for approval. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Mayor King explained that this was a concept that the Planning Commission and Planning Consultant would review and send back to Council for approval. He added that he wanted to see if Council was in agreement to approve a business or overlay district before it went to the Planning Commission. He stated that this would help identify a downtown area for the Town with different types of multi-use and zero lot line zoning. After some discussion, the vote for approval was unanimous.

**E. APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (STAFF)** – Mrs. Condom made a motion to reappoint Milton Cooley. Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to reappoint Mr. Cooley.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS -

Mr. Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Council concerning the length of the Council meetings.

Ms. Janie Berks, 448 London Pride Road, addressed Council concerning item A, under "New Business".

Mr. Lem Holsclaw, 100 Lordship Lane, addressed Council concerning the rules and regulations on chickens.

Mr. Tony Oravec, 113 Bow Church Road, addressed Council concerning item A, under "New Business".

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Pouliot made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Condom seconded. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kim Stanley, Clerk/Treasurer