

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

April 16, 2019

The Irmo Town Council held a budget workshop and regular meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 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; Captain Courtney Dennis; Mr. Eric Hale, Town Attorney and Mrs. Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer. Chief Don Perry was absent. 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 discussed the updated budget that includes a 1.6% cost of living raise and the new training sergeant position for the Police Department. Council Walker stated that a speed sign could be purchased for approximately \$2,000 (He provided a copy to Chief Perry and would follow-up).

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. Pouliot made a motion to approve the April 2, 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 and stated that Lexington County has awarded \$16,500 from their “C” funds to the town to be used for sidewalk repairs. Mr. Walker verified that the letter he, Mrs. Condom and Mr. Waites had signed has been sent to the SC Housing Authority. Mr. Pouliot stated that he had sent his own letter to the SC Housing Authority. Mayor King stated that he was not asked to sign the letter until Bob showed it to him. He explained that once he saw the letter that some of the content was hogwash. Mayor King further mentioned that he has not sent a letter to the SC Housing Authority and is not sure he will due to them using the point system to decide.

B. Code Enforcement Update – Corporal Stokes presented a summary of recent Code Enforcement activities. Mr. Cline then explained that he contacted City of Columbia and DHEC to let them know that he found sewage leaking out a manhole into Rawl’s Creek due to a blockage in the line.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mrs. Condom was contacted by Mrs. Jada Powell about installing a “Blessing Box” to be located at the Police Department or Town Hall which she thought was a great idea. Mrs. Powell stated that her husband would build the blessing box and donate it to the town. She would fill it with canned goods and others could donate canned food as well. The food would be for anyone who needs it.

B. Mr. Walker mentioned that the Harbison Community Center is accepting donations for the families affected by the recent fire at Harbison Gardens. They will be accepting donations until Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at the Harbison Community Center located at 106 Hillpine Road, Columbia, SC 29212.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

Ms. Barbara Waldman, 900 Shadowleaf Court, addressed Council on items “B” and “C” under New Business
Ms. Beth Hutchison, 900 Shadetree Court, addressed Council on items “B” and “C” under New Business
Ms. Joan Wilcox, 101 Leslie Lock Lane, addressed Council on item “B” under New Business
Ms. Paula Dannels, 125 Hamilton Park Drive, addressed Council on item “B” under New Business
Ms. Linda Bowder, 134 Hamilton Park Drive, addressed Council on item “B” under New Business
Ms. Leigh Murphy, 1 Olde Stream Court, addressed Council on item “B” under New Business
Mr. Dan Ross, 900 Shadetree Court, addressed Council on item “B” under New Business
Ms. Kay Brown, 133 Hamilton Park Drive, addressed Council on item “B” under New Business
Ms. Teresa Hawkins, 123 Hamilton Park Drive, addressed Council on item “B” under New Business
Ms. Naysa Walker, 130 Hamilton Park Drive, addressed Council on item “B” under New Business
Ms. Gail Deal, 107 Hamilton Park Drive, addressed Council on item “B” under New Business
Dr. Tom Siler, 117 Hamilton Park Drive, addressed Council on items “B” and “C” under New Business
Mr. Mike Ward, 118 Ashbourne Road, addressed Council on item “B” under New Business
Ms. Michelle Carpenter, 112 London Pride Road, addressed Council on item “B” under New Business
Ms. Brandi Clarkson, 318 Lord Howe Road, addressed Council on item “B” under New Business
Mr. Chip Huggins, Representative District 85, addressed Council on item “B” under New Business
Mr. Eric Sickinger, 417 Cressfell Road, addressed Council on item “B” and “C” under New Business
Ms. Bonnie Stewart, 201 Blue Cedar Road, addressed Council on item “B” under New Business
Mr. Jeff Gandy, President of Carmel Commons, addressed Council on items “B” and “C” under New Business
Ms. Marie Hutchison, 109 Hamilton Park Drive, addressed Council on item “A” under New Business
Ms. Denise Johnson-Wilson, Hamilton Park Drive, addressed Council on item “A” under New Business
Mr. James Bass, Hillcreek, addressed Council on item “A” under New Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. THIRD AND FINAL 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. Mayor King explained that this would allow schools and churches in Single-Family Residential (RS) zoning to install digital signs that meet Town standards. The vote for approval was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 19-04 TO ANNEX RICHLAND COUNTY TMS# 03300-03-(LOTS) 02, 37 AND 44 (PROPERTY OFF SHADY GROVE ROAD AND ADJACENT TO I26) (STAFF):

Mayor King stated that the owner requested this item be deferred until the Tuesday, May 7th meeting.

B. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 19-05 AMENDING THE TOWN CODE; APPENDIX A, 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; TABLE II – SCHEDULE OF LOT AREA, YARD, SETBACK, HEIGHT, DENSITY AND FLOOR AREA REQUIREMENTS BY DISTRICT (WALKER):

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve and Mr. Waites seconded it. Mr. Walker explained that this would change the density from 16 units per acre to 7 units per acre for multi-family dwellings in General Commercial (CG) zoned districts. He stated that he had voted to change the density in 2016 not realizing the full impact; he thought it was only for a certain area not all of General Commercial (CG) zoning. He further explained he put this item on the agenda to correct it. Mr. Walker made a motion to amend to change “16” to “N (Not Permitted)” and Mrs. Condom seconded it. Mrs. Condom voiced her concerns regarding clear cutting of property and the added strain on the water and services. Mr. Waites and Mr. Pouliot stated their concerns on the impact of the infrastructure to include traffic, property values, and safety in the Irmo community.

Mayor King explained the point system that SC Housing Authority uses to decide if a project is considered for funding. The SC Housing Authority does not use individual letters in the decision making process. He also stated that developers are not required to notify the municipalities of these projects. Mayor King ended by stating that he is against changing the density. The vote to amend was 3 to 2 with Mayor King and Mr. Waites voting in opposition.

The vote for first reading of Ordinance 19-05 as amended was 4 – 1 with Mayor King voting in opposition.

C. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 19-03 DIRECTING THE IRMO PLANNING COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A RATE STUDY FOR ADOPTING AN IMPACT FEE FOR NEWLY CONSTRUCTED MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS IN CG ZONED DISTRICTS (WALKER):

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve and Mrs. Condom seconded. Mr. Walker explained the impact on the environment, services, SC Department of Transportation, etc. The vote for approval failed 1 - 4 with Mr. Waites, Mayor King, Mrs. Condom and Mr. Pouliot voted in opposition

D. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH “SLIPPERY WHEN WET” BAND FOR \$4,200 FOR THE 2019 OKRA STRUT FESTIVAL (OKRA STRUT COMMISSION):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve the contract for the “Slippery When Wet” Band and Mr. Waites seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

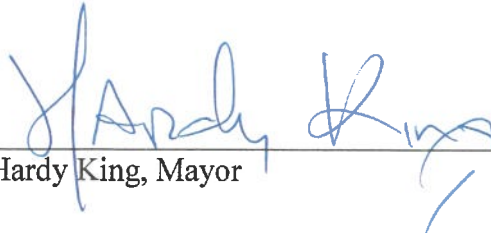
PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mrs. Brandi Clarkson, 318 Lord Howe Road, addressed Council on density
Mr. Brent Chitwood, 131 Casco Bay Road, addressed Council on real estate for sale
Representative Chip Huggins, Lexington District 85, addressed Council on density
Ms. Beth Hutchinson, 900 Shadetree Court, addressed Council on density
Ms. Leigh Murphy, 1 Olde Stream Court, addressed Council on density

DISCUSSION: None

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 9:57 p.m.



Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer