

TOWN OF IRMO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 7, 2019

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 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.

Mayor King called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and Mr. Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve the April 16, 2019 minutes and Mrs. Condom seconded the motion. Mr. Walker requested that Mayor King's hogwash comment regarding the letter that was signed and sent to the SC Housing Authority be added to the minutes. Mayor King requested that Mr. Walker's comments regarding his 2016 vote to change the density and not understanding the full impact of his vote also be added. The vote to approve the amended 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 had no additional information to add at this time.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Mrs. Condom made a motion to amend the agenda to add an "Executive Session" to receive legal advice on a letter Council recently received and Mr. Waites seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mr. Waites donated \$100 to the newly formed Irmo Police Department Community Foundation and challenged Council to do the same.

B. Mrs. Condom received a call from Dr. Tripp Jones letting her know that the Irmo Police Department did a great job on their quick response to a simulated exercise held earlier in the day at the Irmo Urgent Care.

C. Mr. Pouliot reminded everyone that the annual "Midlands Gives" campaign which allows individuals to make donations online is accepting donations at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. SECOND 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 Mrs. Condom seconded it. Mr. Walker explained that this would change the density from 16 units per acre to 0 for multi-family dwellings in General Commercial (CG) zoned districts. Mr. Walker then made a motion to remove all residential use out of General Commercial (CG) zoning. The motion failed because it was not seconded.

Mr. Walker made a motion to amend to change “0” to “4” units per acre for multi-family dwellings in General Commercial (CG) zoned districts. The motion failed because it was not seconded.

Mrs. Condom stated it was obvious she nor Mr. Walker had enough votes to change the density from “16” to “0” but felt they could get the votes on a compromise to change to 7 units per acre. She made a motion to amend Ordinance 19-05 to change “0” to “7” units per acre and Mr. Waites seconded it. Mr. Walker voiced his concerns stating that the change to a density of 7 will not control multi-family developments and would burden the Town’s infrastructure. Mr. Waites stated that he and Mrs. Condom voted against the density change in 2016 and he feels that it should be changed back to “7” like it has been since 1997. Mr. Pouliot felt the compromise is the best financial decision for the town. He voiced his concerns that the town could be sued and go bankrupt which would require Council to implement a millage. Mayor King addressed some concerns on the impact of the infrastructure to include traffic, property values, and safety in the Irmo community. He feels according to the April 2nd meeting that most individuals who are against these types of developments are misguided and discriminating against low income. The vote for approval to amend was 3 to 2 with Mayor King and Mr. Walker voting in opposition.

The vote for second reading of Ordinance 19-05 as amended was 3 to 2 with Mayor King, and Mr. Walker voting in opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 19-06 ADOPTING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR FY 19/20 (JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,392,267 (STAFF):

Mr. Waites made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 19-06 and Mr. Walker seconded it. Mr. Brown explained that this budget will require \$18,468 from reserves to balance and includes a new police training sergeant position, gives employees a 1.6% cost-of-living increase along with the annual step adjustment.

Mr. Walker made motion add \$5,000 to the Police Department budget to purchase a portable radar unit. Mrs. Condom seconded the motion. Mrs. Condom clarified that in order to balance the budget \$18,468 would be transferred from reserves without adding \$5,000 more in funds. Mr. Brown explained that if Council passed the amendment, then \$23,468 would be required from the reserves to balance the budget.

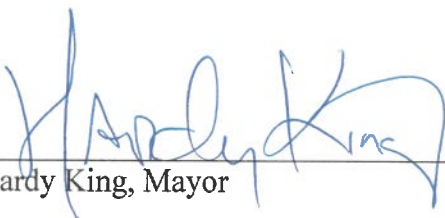
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DISCUSSION: None

OUT OF ORDER EXECUTIVE SESSION: See page 2

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Waites seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 p.m.


Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:


Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer