

TOWN OF IRMO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 2, 2020

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 in the Municipal Building. Council Members present were Mayor Walker along with Councilmen Busch, Danielson and Sickinger. Others present were Mr. Robert Brown, Town Administrator, Chief Don Perry, and Mr. Jake Moore, Town Attorney. Councilwoman Condom was absent.

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the May 19, 2020 minutes and Mr. Busch seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes as submitted was unanimous.

REPORT OF STANDING:

A. Administrative Briefing – Mr. Brown furnished a written briefing to Town Council in their packets.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mayor Walker commented on the COVID-19 Testing that was scheduled for June 9th and 11th at Crossroads Middle School and thanked Senator Harpootlian for his assistance and the Medical University of South Carolina for administering the test. The test will be administered as a drive thru and also have walk-up capability.

B. The Mayor also reminded everyone of the scheduled Council Retreat on July 17, 2020 at the Belmond Charleston Place Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (CALL-IN):

Mr. Scott called in to request Council's approval on his annexation request.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 20-10 AMENDING THE IRMO TOWN CODE FOR ALL REFERENCES TO TOWN COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS:

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 20-12 TO ANNEX RICHLAND COUNTY TMS R03915-03-LOTS(S) 01, 02, 03, 05 AND 06 AS GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG):

Mr. Danielson made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

B. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 20-13 TO REZONE LEXINGTON COUNTY TMS 01920-04-004 (LOCATED AT 1438 FORK AVENUE) FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (RS) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG):

Mayor Walker made a motion for approval and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mr. Sickinger then made a motion to amend by changing General Commercial to Neighborhood Commercial and Mr. Busch seconded the motion. After the Planning Commission meeting the previous night on June 1, 2020 the owner agreed to change to the lower zoning.

The vote to approve the amendment was unanimous, and the vote for first reading approval, as amended was also unanimous.

C. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 20-14 AMENDING THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 11 – RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION AND REGULATIONS; SECTION 11-12 – STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNITS:

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.

A technical problem was identified on the live streaming so at 7:19pm the Mayor made a motion to have a short recess and Mr. Sickinger seconded. The vote was unanimous.

At 7:31 the Mayor called the meeting back to order and the live-streaming was back on-line.

D. APPROVAL TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP ON A PORTION OF S-1294 – MOWERS STREET (0.07 MILE) FROM SCDOT TO THE TOWN OF IRMO:

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mr. Danielson seconded. Mr. Sickinger explained the issues with ingress and egress between Carlisle Street and Mowers Street, both adjacent to SC-60. He wanted to afford Mr. Beach Loveland the opportunity for his customers to have access onto Lake Murray Boulevard. Mr. Danielson is in favor of establishing the one-way “out” onto SC-60.

Mr. Busch voiced his concerns about trying to access Lake Murray Boulevard during rush hour and asked if SCDOT could install the crossing point by painting a “Do Not Block” indicator on the roadway to keep a possible exit open if cars get backed up on Mowers Street.

E. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT APPROXIMATELY 5-ACRES OF LAND DONATED FROM MR. SURB GURAM THAT CONSISTS OF PORTIONS FO TWO PARCELS IN LEXINGTON COUNTY 1) 01999-02-002 AND 01922-10-003

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded. The Mayor commented about additional green space for the Town; Mr. Sickinger thinks it is wonderful and it is a good location; Mr. Busch concerned about an easement with the acres being land locked. Mr. Moore, who is well acquainted with Mr. Guram committed to ensuring that an easement would be provided and furthermore expressed a desire to someday be able to tie this into the two town parks running perpendicular to property. The vote to approve the donation was unanimous.

DISCUSSION: None

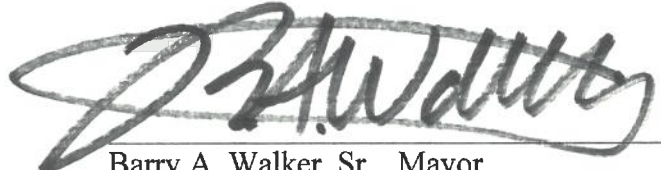
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. CONTRACTURAL MATTER – BUILDING PERMIT PROPOSALS:

Mr. Busch made a motion to go into executive session and Mr. Danielson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously; therefore, the Mayor, Council, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Moore went into executive session at 8:13 p.m. Mayor Walker called the meeting back to order at 8:38 p.m. and stated that no votes were taken.

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to suspend the rules and go back to Consideration of Communications, as he had forgotten to mention something, Mr. Busch seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Sickinger than stated his concern over all the recent flooding issues within the Town and would like to get the word out so that citizens would know when to report flooding and blockage issues. The mayor explained that a lot of the problems were in drainage ditches that were located on private property and the Town was not authorized to work in these areas. Blocked storm drains and catch basins could be cleared by the Town and/or County agencies but it was imperative that citizens contact the Town Hall and/or Public Services to report these issues when identified.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Busch made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.



Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer