

**TOWN OF IRMO  
PUBLIC HEARING AND  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 4, 2019**

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 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.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor King called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. The following addressed Council:

Ms. Marie Hutchinson, 109 Hamilton Park Drive

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

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Mr. Waites made a motion to approve the May 21, 2019 minutes and Mrs. Condom seconded the motion. Mr. Pouliot requested that in the third paragraph on page one, change "Mr. Adrian Bird" to "Dr. Adrian Bird". The vote to approve the minutes as amended 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.

B. Mr. Cline gave a brief update on the Three Rivers Project and explained that anyone can check the water quality in the rivers by visiting <http://howsmyscriver.org/>. He stated that the rivers are tested for water quality for bacteria every Wednesday and the results are posted by Thursday.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:**

A. Mayor King mentioned that the property on Koon Road that is up for consideration to rezone will only be for 8 acres and not the whole 37.28 areas from Planned Development District (PDD) to General Commercial (CG). He stated that the owner wants to store and sell Club Car golf carts on the property.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

Ms. Kamryn Beaman, 460 Harleston Road, addressed Council on item “G ” under New Business  
Mr. Erik Sickinger, 407 Cressfell Road, addressed Council on item “B” under Report of Standing

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. THIRD AND FINAL 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. Walker made a motion to approve and Mrs. Condom seconded it. Mr. Walker made a motion to amend to add \$5,000 to the Police Department budget for purchase of a portable radar unit. The motion failed due to a lack of a second. The vote for approval of third and final reading of Ordinance 19-06 was unanimous.

**C. THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 19-07 TO REZONE A 0.99-ACRE PORTION OF RICHLAND COUNTY TMS# 03202-01-03 (LOCATED OFF DREHER SHOALS ROAD AND ADJACENT TO MUSKRAT ROAD) FROM FRINGE AGRICULTURAL (FA) TO GENERAL RESIDENTIAL (RG) (STAFF):**

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve and Mrs. Condom seconded it. Mayor King stated that the builder is building a patio home subdivision and they need that strip of land to be rezoned General Residential (RG). The vote for approval was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 19-08 TO ANNEX RICHLAND COUNTY TMS# 03211-04-61 (LOCATED AT 1231 FARMING CREEK RD) ZONED FRINGE AGRICULTURAL (FA) (STAFF)**

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve and Mr. Pouliot seconded it. Mayor King explained that the owner is building a home on the property and wants to be annexed into town. He wants the Fringe Agricultural zoning (FA) because he plans to have goats and chickens. The vote for approval was 3 to 2 with Mr. Walker and Mrs. Condom voting opposition.

**B. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 19-09 TO REZONE RICHLAND COUNTY TMS# 03300-03-07 (LOCATED ON KOON ROAD ADJACENT TO I-26) FROM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) (STAFF):**

Mayor King made a motion to approve and Mrs. Condom seconded it. This rezoning request is only for the small 8 acre lot and not for the whole 37.28 acres. He explained that the owner wants to build a Club Car golf cart dealer on that piece of the property. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**C. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 19-10 TO AMEND THE TOWN CODE; CHAPTER 10, BUSINESSES; ARTICLE II, LICENSES; SECTION 10-31 – LICENSE REQUIRED (CONDOM):**

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve and Mr. Waites seconded it. Mrs. Condom explained that the Town has never issued a business license to anyone under 18 years of age and she put this on the agenda due to a Facebook discussion. Mr. Waites stated that he is for allowing minors to work in town without a business license, but this change would clarify it even though the police has never ticketed a minor for working without a business license.

Mr. Walker believes this issue should be addressed under the peddler’s ordinance and does not agree with the limitations that has been presented in the drafted ordinance.

Mayor King does not believe there is a problem to address because no minor has been ticketed or abated for working in the town without a business license. He explained this change could be creating a problem and he agrees with Mr. Walker that if Council wants to address minors working without a business license, it should be addressed under the ordinance for peddlers.

Mr. Hale mentioned several concerns he has with the drafted ordinance to include the difficulties the police would have trying to enforce it. The vote failed 1 to 4 with Mr. Waites, Mr. Walker, Mayor King and Mr. Pouliot voting in opposition.

**D. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 19-04 RATIFYING THE FY18/19 BUDGET AMENDMENTS (STAFF):**

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve Resolution 19-04 and Mr. Walker seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**E. APPROVAL TO AWARD THE PRE-APPROVED LEXINGTON COUNTY C-FUNDS GRANT TO C.B.D., INC FOR SIDEWALK REPAIRS WITHIN THE TOWN OF IRMO, NOT TO EXCEED \$16,560 (STAFF):**

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve and Mr. Pouliot seconded it. Mr. Pouliot asked about the damaged sidewalk at the corner of N. Royal Tower and Woodrow Street. Mr. Cline explained that the cable company is responsible for repairing the sidewalk at that location. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**F. APPROVAL DIRECTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO EVALUATE THE TOWN’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REGARDING MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING AND PROVIDE COUNCIL WITH A RECOMMENDATION ON THE NEED, MAXIMUM DENSITY LEVELS AND ZONING DISTRICTS (MAYOR):**

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve and Mrs. Condom seconded it. Mayor King would like the Planning Commission to conduct a review of the Town’s Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance regarding the development of apartment complexes in the future. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**G. APPROVAL DIRECTING THE IRMO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO COME UP WITH A PLAN TO INCREASE PATROLS AT NIGHT AND CURTAIL THE INCREASE OF CAR BREAK-INS OCCURRING IN TOWN (WALKER):**

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve and Mrs. Condom seconded it. Mr. Walker stated that he put this item on the agenda due to an increase of car break-ins in the Friarsgate area and would like the Irmo Police to develop a plan to curtail it.

Mrs. Condom explained that she does not like telling the police what to do. She feels they are doing a great job and will continue to address the problem.

Mr. Waites stated from his understanding that car break-ins are down compared to the prior years. He agrees with Mrs. Condom and reminded everyone that Irmo was named one of the safest cities in South Carolina. He further explained the residents need to deter the car break-ins by turning on outdoor lights and locking their cars. He is not sure what more the police could do besides putting two officers on every street in town which is not financially feasible.

Mr. Pouliot agreed that the police are doing a great job and does not think there is a problem. He mentioned that he does not understand why this is getting media attention since car break-ins happen everywhere and is not newsworthy. All the bad publicity has made the Town of Irmo look bad.

Mayor King stated that residents need to be educated on how to prevent car break-ins and that the police resources should involve protecting the entire Town. He made a motion to amend to direct Mr. Brown to get with the Irmo Police to come up with a plan to address car break-ins and for Council to educate citizens to lock their doors and Mrs. Condom seconded it. Mr. Brown did explain to Council that a plan is already in place. The vote for approval as amended was unanimous.

**PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:**

Mr. George Glassmeyer , 101 Denbeck Road, addressed Council on Item "A", "C", Security at the Community Park of Irmo, and the Confederate Memorial Holiday

Mrs. Brandi Clarkson, 318 Lord Howe Road, addressed Council on car break-ins, zoning, business license fees (minors), Irmo Planning Commission meeting, and Presentations by Citizens

Ms. Michelle Clark, 112 London Pride Road, addressed Council on car break-ins, cameras in the park, and Council members picking on Mr. Walker

Mr. Erik Sickinger, 407 Cressfell Road, addressed Council on car break-ins, Helping Hands Group, the controversy in the last Council meeting

Mr. Wade De Loach, 156 Finsbury Road, addressed Council on Irmo Planning Commission meeting, portable radar unit, car break-ins, and the Confederate Memorial Holiday

Ms. Patricia Whitt, 213 Minehead Road, addressed Council on handicap parking, bad publicity, and teenagers mowing the lawn

Mr. Mike Ward, 118 Ashbourne Road, addressed Council on business licenses fees (minors), car break-ins, police marketing, and meeting decorum

Ms. Marie Hutchison, 109 Hamilton Park Drive, addressed Council on zoning, Irmo Planning Commission meeting, and too many apartments

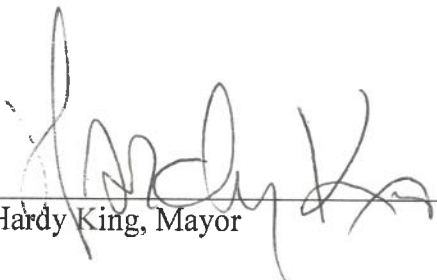
DISCUSSION: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

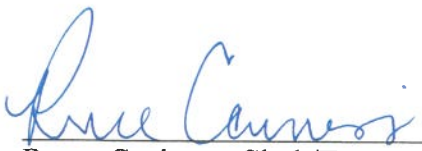
A. Security Matter (Discuss confidential police department security initiatives):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to go into executive session and Mr. Walker seconded the motion and it passed unanimously; therefore, the Mayor, Council, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Hale went into executive session at 9:18 p.m. Mayor King called the meeting back to order at 9:28 p.m. and stated that no votes were taken.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Waites made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Pouliot seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

  
Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer