

TOWN OF IRMO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 16, 2020

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2020. Council Members in attendance were Mayor Walker, Councilwoman Condom, Councilmen Busch, Sickinger, and Danielson. Others present were Mr. Robert Brown, Town Administrator; Mrs. Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer and Mr. Jake Moore, Town Attorney.

The agenda was published and posted on Friday, June 12, 2020 to meet FOIA requirements.

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the June 2, 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 and informed Council on the following:

- ♦ CSX will be working on the North Royal Tower and Woodrow Street intersection sometime in August-September.
- ♦ The Fire Department is waiting on the parts to finish installing the light on Lake Murray Blvd and Childs Street and they are projecting a completion by the end of July.
- ♦ A Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at the Community Park of Irmo. The Blood Connection is doing the drive and each donor will receive a \$20 Visa Gift Card, a T-shirt and will be tested for Covid-19 antibodies.

B. Mr. Sickinger welcomed the following new businesses to the Town of Irmo:
Forest Palms LLC, Legacy Beauty and Boutique, Palmetto Primary Care, Road Runner Mobile Detailing, Robert Jones Tree Service, D Naturel'El Salon, Westmore Land of Gifts

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mr. Danielson read a proclamation that 2021 will be a “Year of the Small Business” for businesses that survived the economic downturn due to Covid-19.

B. Mayor Walker stated that he has given Council both the Town's Organizational Chart and the list of Mayor and Council duties. He wants Council to review the information to prepare to discuss at the Council Retreat in July.

C. Mrs. Condom gave a short statement in light of the protest going on nationwide. She stated, I have faith and confidence in the Irmo Police Department, and I trust them with our safety and believe they are well qualified and well trained.

D. Mayor Walker read a proclamation recognizing June 19, 2020 as Juneteenth Day.

E. Mayor Walker reminded residents, staff and Council to continue to protect yourself by wearing a mask, washing hands regularly, and practicing social distancing because we are still in the Covid-19 pandemic.

F. Mayor Walker informed Council that Brooklyn Pizza is planning to re-open by July 15, 2020 and added that all the bowling allies in Irmo are now open for business.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. George Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Council on items B, and C under Consideration of Communications.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. THIRD AND FINAL 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. Mrs. Condom made a motion to amend to remove "2/3" and replace with "Majority" and Mr. Danielson seconded it. Mr. Sickinger voiced his concerns about making such an important decision with just a majority of Council.

Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mayor Walker voted "Aye", Mrs. Condom voted "Aye", Mr. Busch voted "Nay", Mr. Danielson voted "Aye", and Mr. Sickinger voted "Nay". The vote for approval to amend was 3 to 2.

Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote on Ordinance 20-10: Mayor Walker voted "Aye", Mrs. Condom voted "Aye", Mr. Busch voted "Aye", Mr. Danielson voted "Aye", and Mr. Sickinger voted "Nay". The vote for third and final reading as amended was 4 to 1.

B. SECOND 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. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded the motion. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mayor Walker voted "Aye", Mrs. Condom voted "Aye", Mr. Busch voted "Aye", Mr. Danielson voted "Aye", and Mr. Sickinger voted "Aye". The vote for approval was unanimous.

C. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 20-13 TO REZONE LEXINGTON COUNTY TMS 01920-04-004 (LOCATED AT 1438 FORK AVENUE) FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (RS) TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (CN):

Mr. Sickinger made a motion for approval and Mrs. Condom seconded it. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mayor Walker voted "Aye", Mrs. Condom voted "Aye", Mr. Busch voted "Aye", Mr. Danielson voted "Aye", and Mr. Sickinger voted "Aye". The vote for approval was unanimous.

D. SECOND 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. Danielson made a motion to approve and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mayor Walker voted "Aye", Mrs. Condom voted "Aye", Mr. Busch voted "Aye", Mr. Danielson voted "Aye", and Mr. Sickinger voted "Aye". The vote for approval was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 20-05 RATIFYING THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS DURING THE FY 19/20 OPERATING YEAR (STAFF):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded it. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mayor Walker voted "Aye", Mrs. Condom voted "Aye", Mr. Busch voted "Aye", Mr. Danielson voted "Aye", and Mr. Sickinger voted "Aye". The vote for approval was unanimous.

B. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH CC&I SERVICES TO PROVIDE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE COMPLIANCE SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF IRMO THROUGH JUNE 2020 (MAYOR):

Mr. Danielson made a motion to approve and Mr. Sickinger seconded the motion. Mr. Danielson stated he wanted to bring this service back to the Town to increase revenue, and more control over development. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mayor Walker voted "Aye", Mrs. Condom voted "Aye", Mr. Busch voted "Aye", Mr. Danielson voted "Aye", and Mr. Sickinger voted "Aye". The vote for approval was unanimous.

C. APPROVAL TO AWARD \$900 FOR THE "MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK CO-SPONSORED BY THE TOWN OF IRMO ON JULY 4, 2020 IN THE COMMUNITY PARK (MAYOR):

Mayor Walker made a motion for approval and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mayor Walker stated the movie would start sometime after the fireworks display on Lake Murray on July 4, 2020 and that citizens will be able to bring blankets and chairs to watch the movie.

Mr. Danielson stated that the Chairman of Event Committee contacted him asking if they could delay movie night due to the holiday. Mr. Sickinger then made a motion to remove “on July 4, 2020” to “sometime this summer”. Mr. Busch seconded it. The vote for approval to amend was unanimous.

The vote for approval to give \$900.00 to Events Committee for the “Movie Night in the Park” was unanimous.

D. APPROVAL FOR THE TOWN TO HAVE THE 2020 OKRA STRUT FESTIVAL (CONDOM):

Mrs. Condom made a motion for approval and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mrs. Condom requested Larry Slaughter, Chairman of the Okra Strut, to give an update on the 2020 Okra Strut. Mr. Slaughter explained to Council that they are doing their due diligence to address safety concerns including making it a smaller 1 day event using local talent for the entertainment. He stated that there is an upcoming Okra Strut meeting and wanted to get some direction from Council.

All of Council agreed that they would leave the decision up to the Okra Strut Commission with the idea that it will be a scaled back event. Mayor Walker made some suggestions including a Saturday only event, have the parade where participants paid a fee, and hold the event at the Irmo Town Park instead of the Community Park of Irmo to eliminate the need for bus transportation. He further explained to have the food vendors setup on Carlisle Street and have a car show with “best of show” prize. Mayor Walker requested to see a budget for a scaled down Okra Strut. The vote for approval was unanimous.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS: None

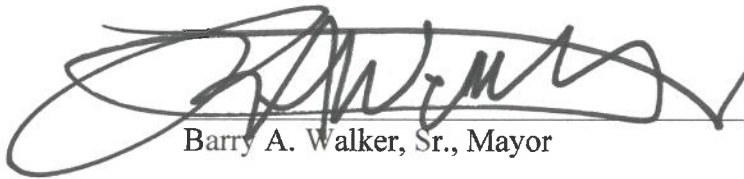
DISCUSSION:

A. Update on Blue Granite Sewer System (Donald Denton, President):

Mr. Denton gave a PowerPoint presentation on current and upcoming improvements to the Blue Granite Sewer Service that includes a portion Irmo.

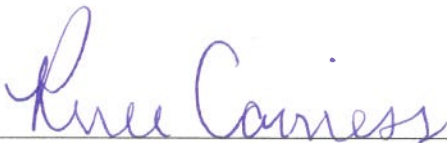
EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Sickinger made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Busch seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer