

TOWN OF IRMO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 18, 2019

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 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 p.m. and Mrs. Condom led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve the June 4, 2019 minutes and Mrs. Condom seconded the motion and the vote to approve the minutes as submitted was unanimous.

REPORT OF STANDING:

A. Administrative Briefing – Mr. Brown furnished a written briefing and added that on Thursday, June 20, 2019 the Census recruitment bus will be at Town Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m. He stated that road resurfacing on Lordship Lane and Columbiana had begun. Mr. Brown let Council know that there will be a Special Planning Commission meeting on June 24, 2019 to put the finishing touches on the Zoning Ordinance draft. He ended by stating that he has received notification that Lexington County Council approved \$2,500 for the Okra Strut.

Mr. Pouliot wanted to thank Mr. Brown for getting the sidewalk repaired at Woodrow and North Royal Tower. Mr. Walker asked Mr. Brown what the status was on the plan to combat the car break-ins and He stated that Chief Perry had put a plan in place before June 4th. Mrs. Condom confirmed that Mr. Brown will be on vacation the week of June 24th and that he is putting Chief Perry in charge for the week.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

A. Mayor King stated that Mr. Brown has received resumes from applicants that applied for the Town Attorney position. He made a motion to add a personnel matter relating to the qualifications for the town attorney to Executive Session. Mr. Pouliot seconded it and the vote for approval was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

A. Mayor King showed that the Town of Irmo was advertised in the most recent addition of the Southern Living magazine due to Experience Columbia, LLC which is the company that received Accommodations Tax funds from the Town.

B. Mr. Waites mentioned that Mr. Leman Rigsby, grand marshal of the 2018 Okra Strut and is the oldest living guard of the tomb of the unknown, has terminal cancer and requested that Council keep him and his family in their prayers.

C. Mrs. Condom stated that all of Council received a letter from Mr. Mike Ward on meeting decorum ideas. She would like for Council to discuss his letter at the July 16th meeting under discussion.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY): None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Mayor King made a motion to approve and Mrs. Condom seconded it. Mayor King then explained that the owner wants Fringe Agricultural (FA) Zoning which is compatible to the current zoning in Richland County. Mrs. Condom voice her concerns due to the property backing up to the New Friarsgate area. Mr. Walker stated that he does not think it is a benefit to the Town to annex the property under this type of zoning. Mr. Waites added that he has reservations of annexing this property as Fringe Agricultural (FA). Mayor King explained that the owner is building a home on the property and wants to be annexed into town due to the services the town's offers and it is easier than dealing with Richland County. The vote for approval failed 1 to 4 with Mr. Waites, Mr. Walker, Mrs. Condom, and Mr. Pouliot voting opposition.

B. SECOND 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):

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve and Mayor King seconded it. This rezoning request is only for a small 8 acre portion and not for the entire 37.28 acres. Mayor King explained that the owner wants to build a Club Car golf cart dealer on the property. Mr. Walker voiced his concerns that if the golf cart development fails then the owner may sell the property to a developer to build an apartment complex. Mrs. Condom feels the location will offer good visibility for the development but has reservations since there is no exit ramp from I-26. Mr. Pouliot addressed Mr. Walker's concerns stating that he believes that property will be more valuable to a business instead of an apartment complex due to the traffic sounds of I-26. The vote for approval was 4 to 1 with Mr. Walker voting in opposition

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 19-11 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 24 PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS; SECTION 24-3 – EXEMPTIONS (CONDOM):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve and Mr. Walker seconded it. After explaining that this will allow minors an exemption to get paid to do work without a business license. She then asked Mr. Hale for his legal opinion and Mr. Hale voiced his concerns regarding the enforcement of the “no employees” term because of the difficulty of determining if a person is an employee or an independent contractor, which would receive a 1099.

Mrs. Condom made a motion to amend to remove the words “no employees” from Ordinance 19-11 and Mr. Walker seconded it. Mayor King voiced his hesitations because a company could hire a minor to go door to door for work and that company would not be required to have a business license. He feels this could make more problems than it solves and that minors are already exempt from getting a business license. Mr. Pouliot agrees with Mayor King and does not think this change is needed. The vote to amend Ordinance 19-11 to remove “no employees” was 4 to 1 with Mayor King voting opposition.

The vote for approval as amended was 3 to 2 with Mayor King and Mr. Pouliot voting opposition.

B. APPROVAL TO CLOSE PORTIONS OF EASTVIEW DRIVE, CHURCH STREET AND ST ANDREWS ROAD ON SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2019 FOR THE OKRA STRUT PARADE AND FESTIVAL (STAFF):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to close portions of Eastview Drive, Church Street, and St. Andrews Road during the 2019 Okra Strut Parade and Festival. Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. George Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Council on Ordinance 19-11

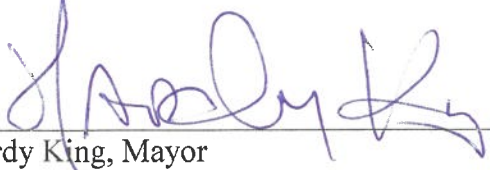
Mr. Wade De Loach, 156 Finsbury Road, addressed Council on utility companies damaging property

DISCUSSION: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor King made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter regarding candidates for the Town Attorney position and Mr. Waites seconded the motion and it passed unanimously; therefore, the Mayor, Council, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Hale went into executive session at 7:48 p.m. Mayor King called the meeting back to order at 8:08 p.m. and stated they had received approximately seven applications. He stated that Council is going to have a Special Meeting on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to appoint a Town Attorney.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Pouliot made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Waites seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:


Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer