

TOWN OF IRMO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 07, 2020

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 07, 2020. Council Members in attendance were Mayor Walker, Councilwoman Condom, Councilmen Busch, Sickinger, and Danielson. Others present were Mr. Robert Brown, Town Administrator; Chief Don Perry; Captain Courtney Dennis; Mr. Whitt Cline, Director of Public Services; Mrs. Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer and Mr. Jake Moore, Town Attorney.

Mayor Walker called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. No one spoke, and therefore the public hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the June 16, 2020 minutes and Mr. Busch seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes as submitted was unanimous.

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve the June 30, 2020 minutes and Mr. Sickinger 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 that the auditors will be at Town Hall on August 11-12 to complete the annual audit. He is looking into a grant with the Rural Infrastructure Authority to widen Mower Street. The grant would require the Town to pay all the costs associated with engineering, design, survey and 50% of the construction cost. He stated that once he gets a firm figure, he will provide to Council for a vote to proceed.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mr. Sickinger stated he received an email from a resident suggesting that the Town work with Richland County Community Services to provide services for the elderly and others who cannot go out into the community due to Covid19. He explained that it would include picking up medication, groceries, etc.

B. Mr. Busch stated that he has received communication from numerous residents regarding the mask ordinance. He stated that some are in favor of masks while others are against it.

C. Mrs. Condom mentioned that she also has received comments from residents on the mask ordinance. She mentioned that some are in favor of it, but most are against the ordinance. The restaurants are against it and believes that they are already struggling.

D. Mr. Danielson explained that he had received feedback from residents and business owners. He stated that it will hurt restaurants and retail businesses and mentioned that their walk-in business is down.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mrs. Barbara Waldman, 900 Shadowleaf Court, addressed Council on item A under New Business

Mrs. Danielle Stroupe, 1706 Quail Valley West, addressed on item A under New Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. THIRD AND FINAL 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. Busch made a motion to approve and Mr. Sickinger seconded the motion. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted "Aye", Mrs. Condom voted "Aye", Mr. Danielson voted "Aye", and Mr. Sickinger voted "Aye" and Mayor Walker voted "Aye (unanimous)".

B. THIRD AND FINAL 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 Mr. Busch seconded it. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted "Aye", Mrs. Condom voted "Aye", Mr. Danielson voted "Aye", and Mr. Sickinger voted "Aye" and Mayor Walker voted "Aye (unanimous)".

C. THIRD AND FINAL 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. Busch seconded the motion. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted "Aye", Mrs. Condom voted "Aye", Mr. Danielson voted "Aye", and Mr. Sickinger voted "Aye" and Mayor Walker voted "Aye (unanimous)".

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST AND ONLY READING OF EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 20-15 TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN RETAIL AND FOODSERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF IRMO FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 60 DAYS (MAYOR):

Mayor Walker made a motion to approve and Mr. Sickinger seconded the motion. Mr. Sickinger presented a brief presentation on Covide-19.

Mr. Busch made amendment to change the expiration from “60” days to “30” days and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. The vote for approval to amend was 3-2 with Mrs. Condom and Mr. Danielson voting in opposition.

Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “Aye”, Mrs. Condom voted “Nay”, Mr. Danielson voted “Nay”, and Mr. Sickinger voted “Aye” and Mayor Walker voted “Aye”. The vote for approval as amended was 3 to 2 with Mrs. Condom and Mr. Danielson voting in opposition.

B. APPROVAL TO AWARD CONTRACT TO ACCUSWEEP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,926.40 TO CLEAN ALL THE RESIDENTIAL ROADWAYS IN THE TOWN OF IRMO (STAFF):

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

C. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A HUSTLER SUPER Z/72” MOWER FROM HILTON POWER EQUIPMENT, ON STATE CONTRACT #7000079166 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,932.61 (STAFF):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve and Mr. Danielson seconded the motion. The vote for approval was 4 to 1 with Mr. Sickinger voting in opposition.

D. APPROVAL TO CLOSE PORTIONS OF ST. ANDREWS ROAD, WOODROW STREET, CARLISLE STREET, COLUMBIA AVENUE AND LEXINGTON AVENUE FOR THE 2020 OKRA STRUT PARADE AND FESTIVAL (OKRA STRUT COMMISSION):

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to close portions of St. Andrews Road, Woodrow Street, Carlisle Street, Columbia Avenue and Lexington Avenue for the 2020 Okra Strut Parade and Festival. Mrs. Condom seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

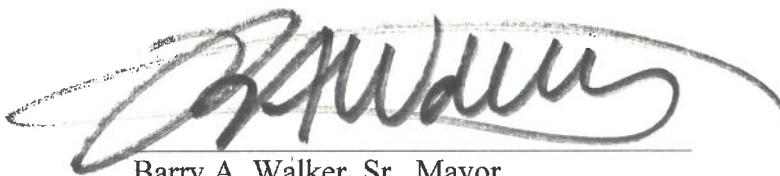
PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. Jake Moore, Town Attorney, thanked Mr. Whitt Cline and his staff for all their work on the entrance to Quail Valley.

DISCUSSION: None


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 8:15 p.m.

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Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Renee Caviness", written over a horizontal line.

Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer