

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

July 16, 2019

The Irmo Town Council held a public hearing and regular meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 in the Municipal Building. Council members present were Mayor King, Councilmen Pouliot, Waites, and Councilwoman Condom. Others present were Mr. Robert Brown, Town Administrator; Chief Don Perry; Mr. Chip Burns, Town Attorney and Mrs. Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer. Councilman Walker was absent.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

Mr. Stan Mack., Southern Vision – Representing Mr. Don Koon
Mr. Jason Branham, 206 Averill Lane
Ms. Barbara Waldman, 900 Shadowleaf Court

Mayor King closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. and called the regular meeting to order. Mr. Pouliot led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve the June 18, 2019 minutes and Mr. Waites seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes as submitted was unanimous.

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve the June 24, 2019 minutes and Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. Mayor King made a motion to amend the minutes on page 1 under Appointment of Town Attorney. He requested to add “, his vote will be counted as affirmative” to the end of the sentence “The vote to appoint Mr. Chip Burns was 4 and Mr. Walker chose not to vote” and delete “The vote to nominate Mr. Joe Epting, Jr. failed 1 to 4 with Mr. Waites, Mayor King, Mrs. Condom and Mr. Pouliot voting in opposition” and Mr. Waites seconded it. The vote to approve the amendment was unanimous. The vote to approve the amended minutes was unanimous.

REPORT OF STANDING:

A. Administrative Briefing – Mr. Brown furnished a written briefing to Town Council and added that he is currently trying to get an agreement with CSX Railroad to get the crossing at Royal Tower adjacent to Woodrow Street repaired.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mr. Brian Pena of The Karate Dojo gave a brief presentation on Mr. Al Karst explaining his contribution to the community and invited everyone to the Legends of Carolina Martial Arts event on Saturday, July 27th. Mayor King and Council presented a Proclamation which honors the former Irmo Councilman, Mr. Al Karst.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

Ms. Barbara Waldman, 900 Shadowleaf Court, addressed Council on item “A” under Unfinished Business and item “C” under New Business

Mr. Erik Sickinger, 417 Cressfell Road, addressed Council on item “C” under New Business and on item “B” under Discussion

Mr. George Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Council on item “A” under Consideration of Communications, item “C” under Discussion and item “A” under Executive Session

Mr. Wade De Loach, 156 Finsbury Road, addressed Council on item “A” under Unfinished Business and Public Notices

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. THIRD AND FINAL 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):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve and Mayor King seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.

B. SECOND 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 Ordinance 19-11. The motion failed because it was not seconded.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 19-12 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 22 OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS; ARTICLE IV, OFFENSES AGAINST THE PUBLIC PEACE; SECTION 22-105 – USE OF FIREWORKS (STAFF):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve and Mr. Waites seconded it. Mayor King asked Mr. Brown to explain the changes. Mr. Brown stated that two (2) sections of the state statute has been repealed, and this is an administrative change to reference the correct statutes. The vote for approval was unanimous.

B. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 19-13 TO REZONE LEXINGTON COUNTY TMS# 01922-07-02 (LOCATED AT 7407 CARLISLE STREET) FROM NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (CN) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) (STAFF):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve and Mr. Waites seconded it. Mayor King explained that a developer is looking to purchase this property, the corner strip mall and where the white house sits. The surrounding property is zoned General Commercial and the owner of the property wants to consolidate all three (3) properties into 1 block with the same zoning. Mr. Pouliot confirmed that the developer plans to build a small commercial strip with two traditional spaces. The vote for approval was unanimous.

C. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE THREE (3) POLICE VEHICLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,997.00 UNDER STATE CONTRACT FROM SANTEE AUTOMOTIVE LLC (STAFF):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve and Mayor King seconded it. This is to purchase (2) Dodge Charger police interceptors and (1) Dodge Durango police vehicle and includes all equipment under the state contract. The vote for approval was unanimous

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. Mike Ward, 118 Ashbourne Road, addressed Council on item "A" under Discussion

Mr. Erik Sickinger, 417 Cressfell Road, addressed Council on item "C" under New Business and Department of Justice Case (DOJ)

Mr. Wade De Loach, 156 Finsbury Road, addressed Council on item "C" under New Business and an event he is planning at the Community Park of Irmo on Saturday, September 6th.

DISCUSSION:

A. DISCUSSION ON LETTER RECEIVED FROM MR. MIKE WARD REGARDING DECORUM (CONDOM):

Mrs. Condom explained that all of Council had previously received a letter from Mr. Ward regarding decorum during Council meetings. She further explained that he had some great ideas that Council should consider. She gave Council a brief summary of the letter to include the following bullet points:

1. Enforce the rules with all parties involved
2. Do not interrupt others while they are speaking
3. All parties are to use respectful language, avoid direct attacks, and direct their comments to the Council instead of individuals or audience members
4. Audience members shall avoid disrespect and inappropriate behavior
5. Limit the amount of time each person can speak

Mr. Pouliot and Mr. Waites agrees that Council should follow Robert's Rules of Order in a professional manner.

Mayor King stated that the Town adopted Robert's Rules of Order. There are many rules where some are applicable, and some are not but agrees everyone needs to respect each other. Mayor King will be working on incorporating some items from Robert's Rules of Order into the Town Ordinance before the next Council meeting on August 20th. The discussion ended with each member of Council agreeing to do some research and come up with ideas for an ordinance.

B. DISCUSSION ON REFERENDUM QUESTIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2019 BALLOT (MAYOR):

Mayor King explained that the filing date for the upcoming election starts on August 16, 2019 and he plans to present Council with several questions he would like to be added to the November Ballot.


C. DISCUSSION REGARDING PLASTIC BAG BANS (MAYOR):

Mayor King stated that there is a movement to ban plastic bags and did Council want to pursue banning plastic bags in Town? He stated that both Richland County and Lexington County are pursuing possible bans on the use of plastic bags.

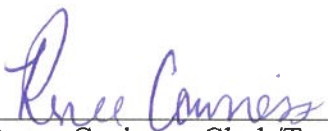
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a proposed contract to purchase land and Mr. Waites seconded the motion and it passed unanimously; therefore, the Mayor, Council, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Burns went into executive session at 8:35 p.m. Mayor King called the meeting back to order at 9:12 p.m. and stated 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 9:13 p.m.


Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:


Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer