

**TOWN OF IRMO  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**JULY 25, 2016**

The Irmo Town Council held a special meeting on Monday, July 25, 2016 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 Joe Nates; Mr. Eric Hale, Town Attorney; Mrs. Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer. Mr. Al Dozier of *The New Irmo News* was also present.

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Mayor King led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY): None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. APPROVAL TO AWARD CONTRACT TO UNIFIED AV SYSTEMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,009.29 TO INSTALL A VIDEO UPGRADE OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING (STAFF):**

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve a contract with Unified AV Systems in the amount of \$34,009.29. Mayor King seconded the motion. Mr. Walker wants to know why Mayor King scheduled a special meeting after Council agreed to put this item on the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. He also stated that the reason for the special meeting was to approve the contract in a hurry because someone on Council was getting a kick back from the deal. If so, he wants in on it. Mr. Walker wants to know exactly what this equipment will do for \$34,009.29. Mrs. Condom stated that the information he wants to know is on page 2 of the bid.

Mayor King stated that he had called other Council members and they wanted to meet to vote on the lowest qualified bidder which was Unified AV Systems and to cancel the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting because of the National Night Out event. The lowest bid that meets the town's requirements is Unified AV Systems. Mr. Waites asked Mr. Hale if there was an ethics violation when Mr. Walker contacted one of the companies regarding their bid. Mr. Hale stated that it is not so much as an ethics violation but it is a liability for the town because it gives the appearance of impropriety. The vote to award the contract to Unified AV Systems in the amount of \$34,009.29 was 3 to 2 with Mr. Walker & Mr. Pouliot voting in opposition.

B. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE THREE (3) PATROL CARS FROM LOVE CHEVROLET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,325.36 (STAFF):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve the purchase of three (3) patrol cars in the amount of \$80,325.36. Mr. Walker seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

C. APPROVAL TO CANCEL THE AUGUST 2, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING TO OBSERVE A “NATIONAL NIGHT OUT” WITH CITIZENS, CHIEF, AND TOWN COUNCIL IN THE COMMUNITY PARK (STAFF):

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to cancel the Tuesday, August 2, 2016 council meeting to observe a “National Night Out” with citizens, the chief and town council in the Community Park of Irmo. Mrs. Condom seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Waites made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Condom seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer