

TOWN OF IRMO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 1, 2020

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at the Municipal Building, 7300 Woodrow Street, Irmo, SC 29063. Council Members in attendance were Mayor Walker, Councilwoman Condom, Councilmen Busch, Sickinger, and Danielson. Others present were Mr. Robert Brown, Town Administrator; Police Chief Courtney Dennis; Mr. Whitt Cline, Director of Public Services; Mrs. Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer and Mr. Jake Moore, Town Attorney.

The agenda was published and posted on Friday, August 28, 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 August 18, 2020 minutes and Mr. Busch seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes as submitted was unanimous.

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the August 25, 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.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mayor Walker asked Mr. Kirk Luther, Irmo Events Committee, to speak on the free drive-in movie event they would like to have on September 26, 2020 at Steve Padgett's Honda of Lake Murray. He also stated they are hoping to have a "Taste of Irmo" at the same time. Mr. Luther stated that the event will cost approximately \$900.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. Terry Hughey – 908 Shadowleaf Court, addressed Council on items "C", "D" under Unfinished Business and item "B" under New Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. APPROVAL TO EXTEND ORDINANCE 20-15 (IRMO MASK MANDATE) AN ADDITIONAL 30 DAYS, ENDING OCTOBER 4, 2020 (MAYOR):

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mrs. Condom seconded the motion. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “Nay”, Mrs. Condom voted “Aye”, Mr. Danielson voted “Nay”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Aye” and Mayor Walker voted “Aye”. The vote for approval was 3 to 2.

B. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 20-17 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 11, RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION AND REGULATIONS; SECTION 11-12 – STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNIT (STAFF):

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mr. Danielson 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”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Aye” and Mayor Walker voted “Aye”.

C. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 20-18 TO ANNEX LEXINGTON COUNTY TMS# 001999- 02-007 LOCATED ON ARCHER’S LANE AS SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (RS) OWNED BY THE HARBISON COMMUNITY GROUP (MAYOR):

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mayor Walker 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”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Aye” and Mayor Walker voted “Aye”.

D. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 20-19 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE II, COUNCIL; DIVISION 3, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; SECTION 2-95 – ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES (BUSCH):

Mr. Busch made a motion to approve and Mr. Danielson 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”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Aye” and Mayor Walker voted “Aye”.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 20-20 TO REZONE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO SC-60 AND SHOWN ON LEXINGTON COUNTY TMS# 001919-02-010 NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY JOHN AND ELLEN ADAIR, FROM NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (CN) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) (STAFF):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve and Mr. Sickinger seconded the motion. Mrs. Condom explained that this property is next to Walgreens on Lake Murray Boulevard and Lexington Medical Center wants to build a family practice facility. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted "Aye", Mrs. Condom voted "Aye", Mr. Danielson voted "Aye", Mr. Sickinger voted "Aye" and Mayor Walker voted "Aye".

B. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 20-21 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 11 RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION AND REGULATIONS: SECTION 11-10, LICENSE FEE (SICKINGER AND BUSCH):

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded the motion. Mr. Sickinger stated the Town does not have a millage and believes this will increase revenue for the Town. Mr. Busch is in favor of the ordinance because it will increase Town revenue, protect renters from bad landlords, and require better-looking rental properties. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted "Aye", Mrs. Condom voted "Aye", Mr. Danielson voted "Aye", Mr. Sickinger voted "Aye" and Mayor Walker voted "Aye".

C. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 20-22 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 14 ENVIRONMENT; ARTICLE II, NUISANCES; SECTION 14-32 – UNSANITARY AND UNSIGHTLY CONDITIONS (BUSCH / DANIELSON):

Mr. Danielson made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded the motion. Mayor Walker voiced his concerns that there will be no recourse on violations that are not corrected. After getting clarification from Mr. Brown that only 1 resident has been jailed for this type of violation, Mr. Bush explained that most of the violations have been corrected without jail time. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted "Aye", Mrs. Condom voted "Aye", Mr. Danielson voted "Aye", Mr. Sickinger voted "Aye" and Mayor Walker voted "Nay". The vote for approval was 4 to 1.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. Jake Moore, Town Attorney, addresses Council on Blue Granite explaining they have appealed the decision of the Public Service Commission on a rate increase. He stated that there is some confusion as to whether Blue Granite can increase the rates during the appeal process.

Mr. Terry Hughey – 908 Shadowleaf Court, addressed Council on Fire Department using Road,

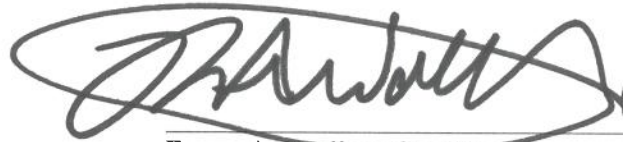
DISCUSSION:

A. Update / Irmo Future Growth Corporation (Sickinger/Danielson):

Mr. Sickinger explained that this 501c3 organization was created to help the business community in the Town of Irmo. Mr. Danielson stated they are currently in negotiations with Security Federal Bank and they will be able to kick this program off in a couple of weeks.

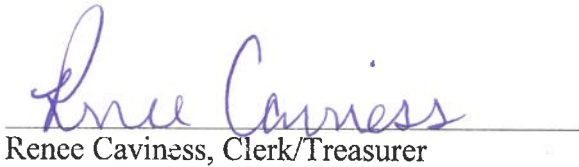
EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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 8:04 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