

**TOWN OF IRMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 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 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Pouliot led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve the August 16, 2016 minutes and Mr. Waites seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes as amended was unanimous.

REPORT OF STANDING:

A. Administrative Briefing - The Administrator furnished a written briefing to Council in their agenda packets.

Mr. Walker asked Mr. Brown about the status of the new bathroom in the Community Park. Mr. Brown stated that the bathroom should be completed by Okra Strut as long as weather permits and contractors show up.

Mayor King asked Mr. Brown whether the Irmo Farmer's Market is cancelled for the rest of the year. Mr. Brown stated that he has attempted to contact Leesa but has not heard back. Mr. Walker stated that he has talked to Leesa and she has cancelled the market due to lack of attendance and lack of vendor participation. Mayor King mentioned that he has had individuals contact him about running the Irmo Farmer's Market next year if the Town wanted it continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

Mr. George Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Council on item B under Unfinished Business and on items A, and D under New Business

Mr. Rob Rockwell, 46 Saint Albans Road, addressed Council on item B under Unfinished Business

Ms. Darlene Lindler, 7547 Eastview Drive, addressed Council on item B under Unfinished Business

Ms. Melissa Lindler, 7547 Eastview Drive, addressed Council on item B under Unfinished Business

Mr. Gene Washington, 7449 College Street, addressed Council on item B under Unfinished Business

Ms. Rhonda McJack, 50 Saint Albans Road, addressed Council on item B under Unfinished Business

Mr. Robert "Bob" Washington, 7449 College Street, addressed Council on item B under Unfinished Business

Mrs. Linda Geiger, 7441 College Street, addressed Council on item B under Unfinished Business

Mr. Ronald Lorick, 7441 College Street, addressed Council on item B under Unfinished Business

Mr. Tim Barton, 47 Saint Albans Road, addressed Council on item B under Unfinished Business

Mr. Betty Washington, 7449 College Street, addressed Council on item B under Unfinished Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 16-14 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 10; BUSINESSES; ARTICLE II – LICENSES; SECTION 10-30 – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA FAIRNESS IN LODGING ACT (STAFF):

Mrs. Condom made a motion for approval of third reading of Ordinance 16-14 and Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

B. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 16-15 TO REZONE RICHLAND COUNTY TMS# 03915, BLOCK 01, LOT 13; 03911, BLOCK 03, LOT(S) 18, 19, 20 AND 96 (LOCATED ON COLLEGE STREET) FROM OFFICE COMMERCIAL (CO) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) (STAFF):

Mayor King made a motion to approve second reading of Ordinance 16-15 and Mr. Walker seconded the motion. After much discussion, Mayor King made a motion to amend the ordinance to rezone lots 19 and 20 to Neighborhood Commercial and rezone lots 13, 18, and 96 to General Commercial. The motion was not seconded. Therefore, the motion to amend the ordinance failed.

After some additional discussion, Mr. Pouliot made a motion to amend the ordinance to rezone four of the lots to Neighborhood Commercial and rezone lot # 13 to General Commercial. Mr. Waites seconded the motion. Then, Mr. Robert Washington stated that he wants to rescind his zoning request and leave the properties zoned Office Commercial. The vote to approve the amended motion failed 0 to 5 with all Council members voting in opposition.

The vote to approve Ordinance 16-15 failed 0 to 5 with Council voting in opposition.

C. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 16-19 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE IV – BOARDS, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEES; DIVISION 4 – ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STAFF):

Mr. Waites made a motion to approve second reading of Ordinance 16-19 and Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

D. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 16-20 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE II – COUNCIL; DIVISION 2 – MEETINGS; SECTION 2-64 – RULES OF ORDER AND ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS (STAFF):

Mr. Waites made a motion to approve second reading of Ordinance 16-20 and Mrs. Condom seconded the motion. Mr. Walker stated his concerns about changing the current ordinance. Mayor King stated that this ordinance would allow a vote after executive session. He also stated that this amended ordinance was needed due to the change in the FOIA law. The vote for approval was 4 to 1 with Mr. Walker voting in opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500 FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERTIME TO INCREASE SECURITY FOR TOWN MEETINGS IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING (MAYOR):

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$7,500 for increased security at town meetings. The motion was not seconded and it failed.

B. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A WALKER 48” MT-GHS MOWER FROM LEE LAWN EQUIPMENT, INC. UNDER STATE CONTRACT #5000013476 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,146.53 (STAFF):

Mr. Walker made a motion and Mrs. Condom seconded for the purchase of a Walker 48” MT-GHS Mower from Lee Lawn Equipment, Inc. for \$13,146.53. The vote to approve the purchase was 4 to 1 with Mr. Pouliot voting in opposition.

C. APPROVAL TO CLOSE PORTIONS OF ST. ANDREWS ROAD, CHURCH STREET AND EASTVIEW DRIVE DURING THE 2016 OKRA STRUT ON SEPTEMBER 23-24 (COMMISSION):

Mrs. Condom made a motion and Mr. Walker seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

D. APPROVAL TO INVESTIGATE THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE POSSIBLE RELOCATION OF THE “BUSTED PLUG” ARTWORK FROM DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA TO IRMO (WALKER):

Mr. Walker made a motion to investigate the cost associated with the possible relocation of the “Busted Plug” Artwork to Irmo. Mayor King stated that the City of Columbia has not decided what they intend to do with the artwork. Mrs. Condom stated that she has talked with several Columbia Councilmen and they want to keep the artwork in Columbia. The vote for approval to investigate the cost of relocating the “Busted Plug” artwork failed 0 to 5 with Council voting in opposition.

E. APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WALKER):

Mr. Walker stated Mr. Jeff Deihl, the owner of Chickadees Diner, would like to be appointed to the Advisory Committee. The vote to appoint Mr. Deihl to the committee was 4 to 1 with Mrs. Condom voting in opposition.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Judge Epting stated that he is working with Mr. Brown on some new security features to amour the court bench.

DISCUSSION:

A. Review the contract between the Town and Advanced Disposal and evaluate the service they are providing (Walker):

After a brief discussion, Mr. Walker stated that he has seen an improvement over the past couple of weeks but that Advanced Disposal still seems to be struggling with backyard trash service. It was decided that Mr. Brown will pursue rebidding the garbage contract. Once all the bids are tabulated, Council will decide how they want to proceed.

B. Discuss traffic issues at the Broad River and Royal Tower intersection (Walker):

Mr. Walker stated that a traffic light needs to be put in at the intersection of Broad River and Royal Tower due to several accidents. He is concerned that someone may get killed. He also stated that SCDOT traffic survey does not support a traffic signal at this time.

Mr. Waites stated that he talked to SCDOT and was advised to solicit help from State Legislatures to get a traffic signal at the intersection. Chief Nates stated that he would like for the speed to be decreased in that area.

L. Discuss public artwork and the benefits to the Town (Mayor):

Mayor King stated that Council should consider opportunities to get public artwork in the Town. He stated that artwork like the “Busted Plug” or something else could provide tourism to the town. In turn, Accommodation Tax Funds could be used to procure and promote artwork in the town to increase tourism.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 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 9:41 p.m.

Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer