

**TOWN OF IRMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 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. Waites led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve the September 6, 2016 minutes and Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes as submitted 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 if he contacted Unified AV Systems to come to tonight's Council meeting as he had requested. Mr. Brown stated that he had contacted the company but that they could not come to the meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Mr. Walker stated that he wants Unified AV Systems to be invited to the next Council meeting and asked for this to be put on the agenda.

Mrs. Condom asked about the progress of the new bathroom. Mr. Brown stated that as of September 20th everything is completed except for the installation of the bathroom stall doors. Mr. Brown stated that the bathroom should be completed by the 2016 Okra Strut.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Introduction of Ms. Ashley Layne:

Mayor King introduced Ms. Ashley Layne. She stated that she is an Irmo native and is currently an art student at USC. She understood that Town Council was interested in building public art in town. Ms. Layne stated that she is interesting in engaging the art community to enhance cultural arts in Irmo. She does have some ideas and would love the opportunity to present her ideas to Town Council.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY): None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. THIRD AND FINAL 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. Condom made a motion to approve third reading of Ordinance 16-19 and Mr. Waites seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

B. THIRD AND FINAL 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 third reading of Ordinance 16-20 and Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. The vote for approval was 4 to 1 with Mr. Walker voting in opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

A. OKRA STRUT COMMISSION UPDATE ON THE 2016 FESTIVAL (WALKER):

Mr. Slaughter addressed Council on parade, vendors and exhibit participation. He stated that the community has been very supportive and that most of the revenue that had been expected has been received. Mr. Walker asked how the Privilege fees are calculated. Mr. Slaughter stated that \$200 is the booth rental fee and the privilege fee is based on the number of items being sold. Mr. Slaughter stated that he expects the 2016 festival to be a fun and successful event.

B. APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAYOR):

Mayor King stated that he would like to recommend Ms. Ashley Layne to be appointed to the Advisory Committee for the cultural arts position. After a brief discussion, the vote to appoint Ms. Layne to the committee was unanimous.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS: None

DISCUSSION:

A. Adjusting the Town Code to ensure the same standards for owner occupied and rental properties (Waites):

Mr. Waites stated concerns regarding the standards between rental property and owner occupied property. He has been questioned as to why owner occupied property does not comply to the same standards that rental property has to maintain. Mr. Pouliot & Mr. Waites rode around town and found many properties that were not in compliance with the Town Ordinance.

Mayor King stated some of the problems are being addressed but that there is a process that Code Enforcement goes through in order to get the issue corrected. He went on to say that a resident has 10 days after receiving an abatement notice to correct the issues. He also stated that there are issues where the property is vacated and the abatement notices are removed or the officer cannot get in touch with the owner.

Mr. Waites, Mrs. Condom and Mr. Pouliot would like for owner occupied property to be held to the same standards as rental property. Mrs. Condom suggested that Council have a workshop to come up with a set of standards that both residential rental properties and owner occupied properties would comply with.

B. Discuss Garbage Service and contract with Advanced Disposal (Walker):

Mr. Walker asked Mr. Brown if he had advertised for garbage bids. Mr. Brown said that he has advertised and that Irmo is accepting proposals for garbage service and that the proposals are due by October 20th. Mr. Walker stated that according to Kaye that there has been some improvement over the past couple of weeks but that Advanced Disposal still seems to be struggling with backyard trash service. Once all the proposals are tabulated, Council will decide how they want to proceed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Legal Matter (Update on Latta Lawsuit/Mr. David Morrison)

Mrs. Condom made a motion to enter into executive session to get an update from Mr. David Morrison on a legal matter concerning the Latta Lawsuit. Mr. Waites seconded the motion and it passed unanimously; therefore, the Mayor, Council, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hale and Mr. David Morrison entered into executive session at 8:19 p.m. Following Executive Session, Mayor King called the meeting back to order at 8:40 p.m. and stated no action was taken

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Condom seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer