

# **TOWN OF IRMO WORKSHOP**

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2016**

The Irmo Town Council held a workshop on Tuesday, September 27, 2016, in the Municipal Building. Council members present were Councilwomen Condom, Councilmen Pouliot, and Waites. Others present were Mr. Robert Brown, Administrator; Chief Joe Nates; Mr. Eric Hale, Town Attorney; and Mrs. Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer.

Mr. Waites called the work session to order at 7:30 p.m.

## DISCUSSION:

A. Discussion on strengthening / updating the Town Code, Chapter 14 – Environment, Section 14-32 – Unsanitary, unsightly and unsafe conditions:

Mr. Waites and Mrs. Condom gave an overview on what items were to be discussed concerning code enforcement issues. Mr. Pouliot felt that their biggest concerns were with upkeep of owner occupied properties and rental properties. Owner occupied properties are not currently held to the same standards as rental properties.

Chief Nates and Sergeant Dale discussed how code enforcement is currently being handled. Chief Nates stated that most residents abide by abatement notices and that Code Enforcement Officers work with residents to resolve issues. Sergeant Dale stated that Council should look at defining unsafe, unsightly and unsanitary in order to give the officers some language to use. It was decided that standards need to be in place that will be applied to both owner occupied properties and rental properties. They agreed that all properties should be kept in sanitary condition to include weeds, grass and other vegetation will not be allowed to grow over 8” in height.

B. Discussion on the enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance, Section 7-7 specifically off-street parking in residential areas:

It was decided that they would not discuss this item at this time due to the complexity of the issue.

## PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mrs. Susan Wharf addressed Council regarding item A under Discussion

Mrs. Sue Barr addressed Council regarding item A under Discussion

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer