

TOWN OF IRMO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 1, 2019

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 in the Municipal Building. Council members present were Mayor King, Councilmen Pouliot, Walker, and Waites. Others present were Mr. Robert Brown, Town Administrator; Chief Don Perry; Mrs. Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer and Mr. Chip Burns, Town Attorney. Councilwoman Condom was absent.

Mayor King called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve the September 17, 2019 minutes and Mr. Waites seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

REPORT OF STANDING:

A. Administrative Briefing – Mr. Brown furnished a written briefing to Town Council in their packets and had nothing else to add.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Mr. Walker made a motion to remove item “C” under New Business and Mayor King seconded it. Mr. Walker stated that he had received feedback from the community to develop a plan for the project before Council’s consideration. The vote for approve was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mr. Whitt Cline reminded Council and the residents that there will be a drop-off recycling event for both Lexington and Richland residents for paper shredding, electronics, scrap metal, etc. The event will be on October 12, 2019 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm at Irmo High School.

B. Mr. Walker asked for clarification as to what is a quorum when emailing on the proposed Town Policy that addresses Irmo Council Members participating in the annual Okra Strut Parade.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

Mr. Wade DeLoach, 156 Finsbury Road, addressed Council on item “D” under New Business
Mr. Erik Sickinger, 417 Cressfell Road, addressed Council on item “D” under New Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 19-14 TO ANNEX RICHLAND COUNTY TMS# 04004-01-09 (LOCATED AT 430 MISSION COURT) AS GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) (STAFF):

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve and Mr. Waites seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.

B. THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 19-16 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 10, BUSINESSES; SECTION 10-33 – PURPOSE AND DURATION (MAYOR):

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve and Mr. Waites seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.

C. THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 19-17 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 10, BUSINESSES; SECTION 10-34 – LICENSE TAX (MAYOR):

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve and Mr. Waites seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.

D. THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 19-18 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE II, COUNCIL; DIVISION 2, MEETINGS; SECTION 2-65 – ADDRESSING COUNCIL AND DECORUM (MAYOR):

Mr. Pouliot made a motion for approval and Mr. Walker seconded it. Mr. Pouliot stated that Council Meetings are business meetings and should be conducted as such. Mr. Walker made a motion to delete items “(d), (e), (f), (g), and (h)”. The motion died due to a lack of a second. Mayor King stated that these rules are part of Robert’s Rules of Order and this ordinance will simplify it in the town for easier access. The vote for approval was 3 to 1 with Mr. Walker voting in opposition.

E. THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 19-19 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE II, COUNCIL; DIVISION 2, MEETINGS; SECTION 2-69 – APPEARANCE BY CITIZENS (MAYOR):

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve and Mr. Waites seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.

F. THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 19-20 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE II, COUNCIL; DIVISION 2, MEETINGS; SECTION 2-70 – CITIZEN, AUDIENCE DECORUM DURING COUNCIL MEETINGS/PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY CITIZENS (MAYOR):

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve and Mr. Waites seconded it. The vote for approval was 3 to 1 with Mr. Walker voting in opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 19-23 TO ANNEX RICHLAND COUNTY TMS # 04000-02-04 (LOCATED AT 10020 BROAD RIVER ROAD) AS GENERAL COMMERCIAL (STAFF):

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve and Mr. Waites seconded it. Mayor King explained that this property is located on Broad River Road. The vote for approval was unanimous.

B. APPROVAL TO DIRECT THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO RESTRUCTURE MULTI-FAMILY ZONING STANDARDS AND SCREENING REQUIREMENTS IN BOTH RG AND CG (MAYOR):

Mayor King made a motion to approve and Mr. Pouliot seconded it. Mayor King explained that the Planning Commission has been working on updating the Zoning and Land Development Ordinance and he wants more descriptive zoning classifications for density for multi-family developments. Mr. Pouliot agrees with the Mayor and stated that they need to be proactive versus reactive. Mr. Walker stated that he does not think residential development should be allowed in general commercial zoning. The vote for approval was unanimous.

C. APPROVAL TO DIRECT THE OKRA STRUT COMMISSION TO CREATE A DOG PARK IN THE COMMUNITY PARK USING \$5,000 FROM OKRA STRUT RESERVES (WALKER):

REMOVED – See Amendments to the Agenda

D. APPROVAL OF POLICY FOR IRMO COUNCIL MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE ANNUAL OKRA STRUT PARADE (MAYOR):

Mayor King made a motion to approve and Mr. Pouliot seconded it. Mayor King explained that there has been a policy in place that the first 5 places in the parade are for dignitaries and is not a place for campaigning. Mr. Walker read the Okra Strut Parade Application which states, “there is a \$100 participation fee for commercial/business parade entries and for political campaigns and candidates including incumbents currently campaigning for an election.” He argued that Mayor King, Mr. Waites, Mr. Pouliot and himself are all campaigning and should have paid \$100 to the Okra Strut. After further discussion on what is considered “actively campaigning”, the vote for approval was 3 to 1 with Mr. Walker voting in opposition.

E. RE-APPOINTMENT OF ASHLEY LAYNE TO THE IRMO ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS THE CULTURAL ARTS REPRESENTATIVE (STAFF):

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve and Mr. Waites seconded it. Mr. Waites clarified that no other qualified applicant submitted an application. The vote for approval was unanimous.

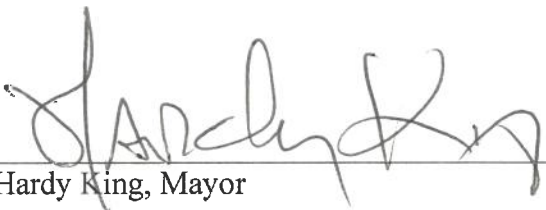
PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. Wade De Loach, 156 Finsbury Road, addressed Council on behavior
Mr. Mike Ward, 118 Ashbourne Road, addressed Council on item "D" under New Business
Mr. Erik Sickinger, 417 Cressfell Road, addressed Council on Okra Strut, Accommodation Tax, Dog Park

DISCUSSION: None

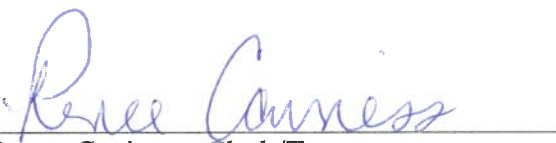
EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Pouliot made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Waites seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.



Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer