

TOWN OF IRMO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 18, 2016

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 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. Kirk Luther and Mr. Al Dozier of *The New Irmo News* was also present.

Mayor King called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Mayor King led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve the October 4, 2016 minutes and Mrs. Condom seconded it. Mr. Walker stated that he wants Mr. Hale's definition of rank vegetation to be included in the third paragraph of item B under New Business.

Mr. Hale then stated that according to Oxford Reference.com the definition of rank vegetation is "Grassland or marsh vegetation that has grown abundantly without being cut or grazed for some time, and as a result has become tall, tussocky, and dominated by coarse species of grass." 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. Brown stated that the Irmo Fire Department has gotten all the funding and contractual obligations to build the new fire station. They have hired Dennis Engineering and expect to start clearing the property around the first of the year.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mrs. Ashley Paige presented to Council a calendar of events to publicize and fundraise to end childhood hunger in South Carolina. Mayor King and Council presented a proclamation to recognize the week of October 24th as End Childhood Hunger.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

Ms. Susan Wharf, 218 Doncaster Drive, addressed Council on item A under Unfinished Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 16-22 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 14 - ENVIRONMENT; ARTICLE II – NUISANCES; SECTION 14-32 UNSANITARY, UNSIGHTLY AND UNSAFE CONDITIONS (MAYOR):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve second reading of Ordinance 16-22 and Mr. Waites seconded it. After some discussion, Mrs. Condom made a motion to amend the third paragraph and to add a fourth paragraph and Mr. Waites seconded it to read:

3. No garbage or trash may be allowed to accumulate and remain at any location with a residence or any residential zoned property or visible from a public road or from another residential property. Construction materials, including but not limited to brick, block, lumber, wood, plumbing supplies, conduit, pipe, 5-gal containers (empty or otherwise), construction equipment, and/or tools are also not allowed to accumulate without a current building/construction permit for purpose as intended. All such materials must be stored or contained in a building or in a backyard enclosed by a 6’ privacy fence. Any of these violations will be deem a property to be unsightly or unsanitary and it will be declared to be a nuisance and punishable by a fine and/or jail time.

4. Any housing or building deemed dilapidated that is in such disrepair or damaged to the extent to be uninhabitable shall constitute a violation. If such housing or building exhibits conditions that are hazardous and dangerous to life, an abatement notice shall be issued and punishable by fine and/or jail time.

Then, Mr. Walker stated that all four items need to be consistent. He made a motion to add, “Any violation will deem a property to be unsightly or unsanitary and it will be declared to be a nuisance and punishable by a fine and/or jail time” to the last sentence of paragraph two.

After Council stated they wanted to hold a public hearing on November 15th, the vote to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance 16-22 as amended was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 16-23 AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 14 ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLE IV – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, SECTION 14-151 – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE (STAFF):

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 16-23 and Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. George Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Council on item A under Unfinished Business

Ms. Susan Wharf, 218 Doncaster Drive, addressed Council on item A under Unfinished Business

DISCUSSION: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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 7:57 p.m.

Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer