

**TOWN OF IRMO  
PUBLIC HEARING AND  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 15, 2016**

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 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; Capt. Don Perry; Mr. Elias Fain, as acting Town Attorney; Mrs. Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer. Mr. Al Dozier of *The New Irmo News* was also present. Mr. Eric Hale, Town Attorney was absent.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE 16-22 TO  
AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 14 - ENVIRONMENT; ARTICLE II –  
NUISANCES; SECTION 14-32 – UNSANITARY, UNSIGHTLY AND UNSAFE  
CONDITIONS**

Mayor King called the public hearing to order at 7: 00 p.m. The following addressed Council regarding the rezoning:

Mr. Elmer Danko, 500 Finsbury Road – Favored

Mr. Wallace Vandeusen, 107 Finsbury Road – Favored

Mrs. Cassie Thompson, 118 Bosworth Field Court – Favored

The public hearing was closed at 7:06 and Mayor King called the regular meeting to order. Mr. Pouliot led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve the November 1, 2016 minutes and Mr. Pouliot seconded it. 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. Brown requested Council to amend the agenda to add an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Mayor King made a motion to amend the agenda to add a personnel matter to Executive Session. Mr. Waites seconded it. The vote to approve was 4 to 1 with Mr. Walker voting in opposition.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Boy Scout Troop 410 Presentation on Flag Retirement Ceremony – Sr. Patrol Leader Grant Lindsey of Boy Scout Troop 410 would like to thank the Town of Irmo for partnering with Troop 410 and American Legion Post 174 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony. The Ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 in the Palmetto Health Amphitheater at Irmo Community Park at 3 pm.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

Mr. Elmer Danko, 500 Finsbury Road, addressed Council concerning item B under “Unfinished Business”.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. THIRD AND FINAL READING of Ordinance 16-21 to rezone Richland County TMS# 03916, Block 02, Lot 01; and TMS# 03911, Block 05, Lot(s) 25, and 44 (located on Columbiana Drive) from Light Manufacturing (LM) to General Commercial (CG)**

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve third reading of Ordinance 16-21 and Mr. Pouliot seconded it. The vote for approval was 4 to 1 with Mrs. Condom voting in opposition.

**B. THIRD AND FINAL 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):**

Mr. Waites made a motion to approve third reading of Ordinance 16-22 and Mrs. Condom seconded the motion. Mr. Waites stated that he wants owner occupied homes to have some of the same restrictions as a rental occupied home. Mr. Pouliot mentioned that it is difficult for Code Enforcement to enforce the current ordinance due to not knowing which property is owner occupied or renter occupied. The current ordinance is not restrictive on owner occupied properties.

After a short discussion, Mayor King made a motion to amend the ordinance to remove the word “Unsafe” from the title and remove item 4. Mrs. Condom seconded it and the vote to amend was unanimous. The vote to approve third and final reading of Ordinance 16-22 as amended was unanimous.

**C. THIRD AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE 16-23 AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 14 ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLE IV – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, SECTION 14-151 – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE (STAFF):**

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve third and final reading of Ordinance 16-23 and Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**D. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 16-24 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 6; ANIMALS, SECTION 6-8; HOGS, CATTLE, CHICKEN, HORSES AND STABLES:**

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve second reading of Ordinance 16-24 and Mr. Waites seconded the motion. Mr. Waites stated that his understanding is that since Irmo is in Richland & Lexington Counties that their respective ordinances address this issue of prohibitive animals. Mayor King stated that the county ordinances will only remove animals running loose and that it is up to the town to enforce our ordinance. He also stated that their ordinance does not address all animals.

Due to the difficulty of controlling ducks, Mrs. Condom made a motion to amend the ordinance to remove “ducks” and Mr. Walker seconded it. The vote to amend the ordinance was unanimous. The vote to approve second reading of Ordinance 16-24 as amended was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 16-25 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 14 – ENVIRONMENT; ARTICLE II – NUISANCES; SECTION 14-37 – DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES (CONDOM / MAYOR):**

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 16-25 and Mr. Waites seconded it. Mrs. Condom stated that this wording is fine for first reading but that it needs to be rewritten. Mr. Walker voiced his concerns about how the town is supposed to deem whether a property is unsafe. Council acknowledged that more work needs to be done on the ordinance. After much discussion, it was decided that Council will seek advice from the town attorney to legally revise this ordinance to meet their concerns of Unsafe and Dilapidated structures. The vote for approval was unanimous.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS: None

DISCUSSION: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Personnel/Police Department – Mr. Waites made a motion to enter into executive session regarding a personnel matter. Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion and it passed unanimously; therefore, the Mayor, Council, Mr. Brown, Mr. Fain entered into executive session at 7:50 p.m. Following executive session, Mayor King called the meeting back to order at 7:59 p.m. and stated that no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Waites made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Pouliot seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer