

TOWN OF IRMO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 20, 2016

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 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; Capt. Don Perry; 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. Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve the December 06, 2016 minutes and Mr. Waites 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 when Item A was added to the agenda because he did not receive the updated email. Then, he asked Mr. Brown to check his group email settings to make sure he receives all emails sent to Council.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Mayor King stated that First Reading of Ordinance 15-15 needed to be moved on the agenda according to the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) because it was tabled in December 2015. Mayor King made a motion to move First Reading of Ordinance 15-15 from item A under "Unfinished Business" to item D under New Business and designate it as Ordinance 16-27. Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. The vote was 3 to 2 with Mr. Walker and Mrs. Condom voting in opposition.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mr. Todd Highsmith informed Council that an audit of the Town’s financial statements as of June 30, 2016, had been completed and found them to be in compliance with all generally accepted accounting principles. He also reviewed a few of the financial statements and answered Council’s questions.

B. Mr. Randy Jones gave a brief update to Council on the Cherry Blossom Festival. He stated they have the website domain, Facebook, and the bank account already setup. Mr. Jones requested that Council grant them an exception to the Town Ordinance for the April 1, 2017 event to allow food trucks at the festival. Town Council agreed to allow food trucks at the festival. Mr. Walker stated that he wants a new ordinance drafted that would allow food trucks to operate in the Town and placed on the January 3, 2017 agenda.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

Mr. George Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Road, address Council Concerning item B under “New Business”.

Mr. Robert “Bob” Washington, 7449 College Street, addressed Council concerning item B under “New Business”.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 15-15 TO AMEND THE IRMO ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE X - DEFINITIONS (WAITES):

Moved to Item D under “Unfinished Business”.

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

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve second reading of Ordinance 16-25 and Mr. Waites seconded it. Mr. Walker voiced his concerns about how the town is supposed to deem whether or not a property is dilapidated. Both Mr. Walker and Mr. Pouliot agreed that a 10-day period is not enough time to get the necessary repairs completed.

After some additional discussion, Mrs. Condom made a motion to defer second reading of Ordinance 16-25 to January 3, 2017 so that Mr. Waites, Mr. Hale and herself could work on the proper language. Mr. Waites seconded the motion and the vote to defer to the January 3rd meeting was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL FOR TOWN ATTORNEY TO FILE A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING THE CARLISLE/MOSELEY STREET PROJECT (WALKER):

The approval failed with a 4 to 1 vote with Mr. Walker voting in favor of filing the lawsuit.

B. APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE WITH RICHLAND COUNTY REGARDING THE SALE OF TRACT 9, LOT 380X432.2X399.3X468.9 (0.234 ACRES) PER THE “TRANSPORTATION PENNY” PROPOSAL TO PAVE EASTVIEW DRIVE (STAFF):

Mr. Brown stated that the Dennis Corporation, acting on behalf of Richland County made an offer to the town to purchase this tract for \$1.00 (unpaved road). Mr. Pouliot asked Mr. Brown to talk to Lexington County about their intentions since the paving by Richland County would end at the Lexington County line leaving a small unpaved portion. Council decided to postpone making a decision until Richland County has received all the remaining right of ways and a decision from Lexington County.

C. (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER) CHIEF NATES RETIREMENT/COUNCIL PRESENTATION:

Mayor King stated that he would like to have the First Reading of Ordinance 16-27 prior to the retirement ceremony for Chief Nates. Mayor King then made a motion to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to take item D out of order. Mr. Waites seconded the motion and the vote for approval was 4 to 1 to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to discuss item D. Mr. Walker voted in opposition.

Mayor King stated that Chief Nates will be retiring in ten days and that Council wanted to have a ceremony and some refreshments to commemorate his 20 years of service to the Town of Irmo.

D. (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER) FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 16-27 TO AMEND THE IRMO ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE X - DEFINITIONS (WAITES):

After taking item “D” out of order, Mr. Waites made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance 16-27 and Mr. Pouliot seconded it. Mr. Walker voiced his concerns over moving this item from unfinished business. Mayor King assured Mr. Walker that this procedure follows the proper rules. Mr. Walker disagreed and challenged Mayor King's procedure. Mayor King noted the challenge and stated that Recreational Vehicles is not currently defined in the Town's Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Brown confirmed Mrs. Condom's understanding that this definition was provided by the South Carolina Department of Public Safety. The vote for approval was 4 to 1 with Mr. Walker in opposition.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. Harvey Hoots, 130 Boulters Lock Road, addressed Council on item B under “New Business”.

Ms. Joan Mobley, 1701 Chadford Road, addressed Council on how much she appreciates the Irmo Police Department and the work they do every day.

DISCUSSION: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mrs. Condom made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Waites seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer