

TOWN OF IRMO COUNCIL WORKSHOP January 11, 2022

The Irmo Town Council held a Workshop on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, in the Municipal Building. In attendance was Mayor Walker, Mayor Pro Tem Danielson, Councilmen Busch, and Councilwoman Waldman. Others present were Mr. Courtney Dennis, Town Administrator; Mr. Rodney Tucker, Assistant Town Administrator; Police Chief Bobby Dale; Mrs. Renee Caviness, Municipal Clerk; and Mr. Will Edwards, Town Attorney. Mr. Sickinger was absent.

The agenda was published and posted on Friday, January 7, 2022 to meet FOIA requirements.

Mayor Walker called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Presentation by Alonzo Johnson on the “Irmo Youth Zone” (Councilman Busch):

Mr. Alonzo Johnson and Dr. Akil Ross gave a brief presentation on their request for \$315,000 from the Irmo Non-Profit Grant to help fund the Irmo Youth Zone through the summer. It was stated that this program had a positive impact on the community. Since the kids are engaged in the program, there has been a reduction of crime in the area.

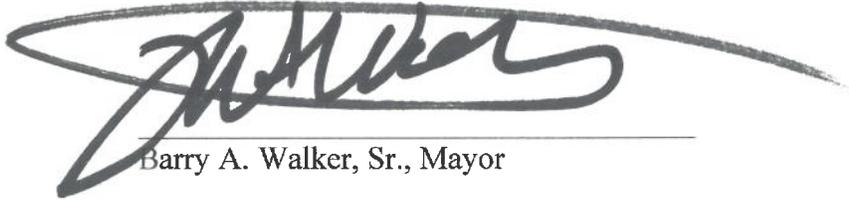
B. 2022 planning and goal-setting session facilitated by Jeff Shacker with the South Carolina Municipal Association (Staff):

Mr. Jeff Shacker, Field Service Manager with MASC, explained the process for goal setting before facilitating the session. The following is a list of goals that Council wants to pursue over the next year:

- Work through the design process for Moseley Drive redevelopment infrastructure
- Engage consultant to develop trails and outdoor amenity plan
- Extend Salem Church Road to Dutch Fork Road
- Partner with City of Columbia for stop up repair of water and sewer infrastructure and road/sidewalk surfaces
- Partner and commit resources to make gateway to Lake Murray improvements including branding project component, beautification of interchanges and corridors
- Infrastructure for Rawls Creek Park (trails, restrooms, water, sewer)
- Partner with school district and local business for public art projects that are cost effective, improve the community, and create opportunities to engage the art community
- Enhance the look at towns comprehensive plan more than typical 5 year review. Thoroughly evaluate land use element and other elements that address aspects of community’s future
- Identify alternative means of egress at hidden oaks development
- Enhancement of recently purchased of ten acre tract of land to clear, grade and construct parking within twelve months
- Develop a plan for establishing and operating an Art Center
- Explore annexation opportunities such as Saluda Shoals Park and other annexations along Bush River Road and Lake Murray Blvd
- Develop American Rescue spending plan

The goal setting session ended with Council agreeing to put a plan together to determine what is needed now and what can be completed over the next several years or so.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further items to discuss, Mr. Busch made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Danielson seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the workshop was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.



Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Caviness, Municipal Clerk