

**TOWN OF IRMO  
PUBLIC HEARING &  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 18, 2022**

The Irmo Town Council held a public hearing and a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 in the Municipal Building. Council Members in attendance were Mayor Walker, Councilmen Busch, Danielson, Sickinger, 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. Jake Moore, Town Attorney.

The agenda was published and posted on Friday, January 14, 2022 to meet FOIA requirements.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Walker called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked if anyone was present to speak on Ordinance 21-13 to annex Richland County Tax Parcel # R03203-01-26 (7.70 acres) on Salem Church Road near Muskrat Run now or formerly owned by Linda Duffie.

Ms. Anick Lecordier – 76 Muskrat Run – Opposed

No one else spoke; therefore, the public hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and Mr. Sickinger led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Mr. Danielson made a motion to approve the December 7, 2021 minutes and Mr. Busch seconded. The vote to approve as submitted was unanimous.

Dr. Waldman made a motion to approve the December 14, 2021 minutes and Mr. Busch seconded. The vote to approve as submitted was unanimous.

**REPORT OF STANDING:**

A. Administrative Briefing – Mr. Dennis furnished a written briefing to Town Council and did not have any additional information.

B. Mr. Sickinger welcomed the following new businesses to the Town of Irmo:  
Affirmations Med Spa – 1085 Lake Murray Boulevard  
El Jimador 5 – 10720 Lake Murray Boulevard

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mayor Walker and Council presented the January 2022 Small Business of the Month award to David's Fine Jewelry.

B. Rep. Chip Huggins presented a concurrent Resolution to Mr. Courtney Dennis for 20 years of service at the Irmo Police Department.

C. Mr. Johnny Riddenhour and Mrs. Marie Ryan, Friarsgate Skatepark Committee, gave a brief update on the funding and proposed skatepark along with several community events.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS (Agenda Items IX and X Only):

Dr. Akil Ross – HeartEd Youth Zone, addressed Council on item “F” under New Business  
Mr. Alonzo Johnson, HeartEd Youth Zone addressed Council on item “F” under New Business

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 21-13 TO ANNEX RICHLAND COUNTY TAX PARCEL # R03203-01-26 (7.70 ACRES) ON SALEM CHURCH ROAD NEAR MUSKRAT RUN NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY LINDA DUFFIE (STAFF):**

Mayor Walker made a motion to approve in title only and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mr. Sickinger explained there are two items on the agenda where Ordinance 21-13 will annex the property into the town and the Ordinance 22-01 giving the property a zoning. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “Yes”, Mr. Danielson voted “Yes”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Yes”, Dr. Waldman voted “Yes”, and Mayor Walker “Yes”. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 22-01 TO ADD A ZONING DESIGNATION OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (RS) TO RICHLAND COUNTY TAX PARCEL # R03203-01-26 (7.70 ACRES) ON SALEM CHURCH ROAD NEAR MUSKRAT RUN NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY LINDA DUFFIE (PLANNING COMMISSION):**

Mayor Walker made a motion to approve in title only and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mayor Walker explained this item was referred from the Planning Commission recommending a zoning designation of Single-family Residential (RS). Mr. Sickinger explained this is the lowest density zoning which allows four units per acre. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “Yes”, Mr. Danielson voted “Yes”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Yes”, Dr. Waldman voted “Yes”, and Mayor Walker “Yes”. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**B. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 22-02 DISTRIBUTING OF TAX FUNDS TO NON-PROFITS AND BUSINESSES (MAYOR):**

Mayor Walker made a motion for approval and Dr. Waldman seconded it. Mayor Walker stated this item this would require recipients that get awarded any funds from the Town of Irmo will be required to submit a completed Expenditure Accounting Report. Mr. Busch, Mr. Sickinger, and Mr. Danielson like the idea but stated that the form needs to be more detailed and needs to request more information than what is on the current Expenditure Accounting Report (EAR). Council ended the conversation stated they will hold a workshop to work on the form.

Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall to vote on first reading of Ordinance 22-02: Mr. Busch voted "Yes", Mr. Danielson voted "Yes", Mr. Sickinger voted "Yes", Dr. Waldman voted "Yes", and Mayor Walker "Yes". The vote for approval was unanimous.

**C. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 22-03 REPEAL AND REPLACE THE DUE DATE FOR THE LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAX PAYMENTS (MAYOR):**

Mayor Walker made a motion for approval and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. This is a text change to the Local Hospitality Tax changing the due date from the 15th of the month to the 20th of the month. It was explained that the county has a due day of 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. This ordinance will put Irmo's due date in line with the county and make it easier on the businesses. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted "Yes", Mr. Danielson voted "Yes", Mr. Sickinger voted "Yes", Dr. Waldman voted "Yes", and Mayor Walker "Yes". The vote for approval was unanimous.

**D. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH (SCJB) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,000 (STAFF):**

Mayor Walker made a motion for approval and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mayor Walker made an amendment to change \$53,000 to \$53,500 and Mr. Sickinger seconded. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted "Yes", Mr. Danielson voted "Yes", Mr. Sickinger voted "Yes", Dr. Waldman voted "Yes", and Mayor Walker "Yes". The vote for approval was unanimous.

After a short discussion, Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted "Yes", Mr. Danielson voted "Yes", Mr. Sickinger voted "Yes", Dr. Waldman voted "Yes", and Mayor Walker "Yes". The vote to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for \$53,500 as amended was unanimous.

**E. APPROVAL OF THE 2022 OKRA STRUT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$143,500 (OKRA STRUT COMMISSION):**

Mr. Sickinger made a motion for approval and Dr. Waldman seconded it. Mayor Walker explained the budget and mentioned the onsite parking option. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted "Yes", Mr. Danielson voted "Yes", Mr. Sickinger voted "Yes", Dr. Waldman voted "Yes", and Mayor Walker "Yes". The vote for approval of the 2022 Okra Strut Budget in the amount of \$143,500 was unanimous.

**F. APPROVAL TO AWARD \$200,000 FROM ARPA FUNDS TO THE HEARTED YOUTH ZONE (MAYOR):**

Mayor Walker made a motion for approval and it failed because of a lack of a second.

**G. APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA) – 1 OPENING (STAFF):**

Mayor Walker stated that Mr. Arthur McClain, and Mr. Joseph Murphy applied for the open position. Mr. Danielson made a motion to appoint Mr. McClain and Mr. Sickinger seconded the motion. The vote for approval to appoint Mr. McClain was unanimous.

**PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:**

Ms. Dawn Hattiwanger, 23 Muskrat Run, addressed Council on item “A” under New Business

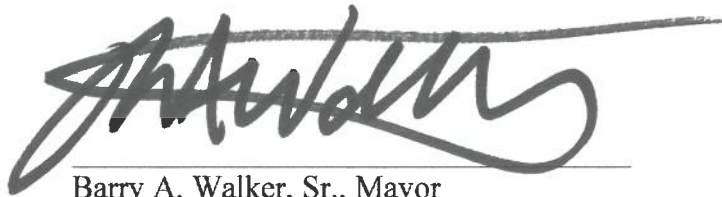
**DISCUSSION:**

**A. DISCUSSION OF CHANGES MADE TO THE IRMO FUTURE GROWTH FOUNDING DOCUMENTS (MAYOR):**

Mayor Walker explained that IFGC Board of Directors made changes to their By-Laws and will no longer be directly associated with the Town of Irmo. Therefore, relieving the Town of appointing member to the board. Mayor Walker confirmed that all information related to the IFGC has been removed the Town’s website. Then, he stated his concerns about the change with a Resolution instead of updating the By-Laws. Mayor Walker questioned how many members were at the meeting when the resolution was signed on December 15, 2021. Mr. Sickinger explained there was approximately six individuals at the meeting and the board received legal advice regarding this Resolution. He further explained that the information Mayor Walker requested regarding the recipients of funds awarded from the IFGC was disclosed to everyone in Council that signed a Non-Disclosure Agreement in a previous Executive Session. Mr. Sickinger indicated that the Mayor Walker should be careful because he could violate the Robert’s Rules of Order for executive sessions.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Mr. Busch made a motion to adjourn, and Dr. Waldman seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.



Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Caviness, Municipal Clerk