

**TOWN OF IRMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 16, 2021**

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Council Members in attendance were Mayor Walker, Councilwoman Condom, Councilmen Busch, Danielson and Sickinger. Others present were Mr. Robert Brown, Town Administrator; Police Chief Courtney Dennis, Mr. Whitt Cline, Director of Public Services; Mrs. Vi Racine, Municipal Clerk and Mr. Jake Moore, Town Attorney.

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REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mrs. Condom led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the January 19, 2021 minutes and Mr. Busch seconded. The vote to approve as submitted was unanimous. Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the February 2, 2021 minutes and Mr. Busch seconded. The vote to approve the minutes as submitted was unanimous.

REPORT OF STANDING:

A. Administrative Briefing – Mr. Brown furnished a written briefing to Town Council in their packets.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mayor Walker and Council presented the February Small Business of the Month award to Mr. Gale K. Bell, owner of “*Gale K. Bell Accounting*” located at 7228 Woodrow Street, celebrating over 30 years in business.

B. Roslyn Cocilian, Community Garden Project Chairman, expressed her excitement for the garden project. She stated they have \$12,000.00 to invest and asked the Town to grade the property and install water. Mrs. Cocilian introduced Edward Brogdon, founder and owner of Back to Eden, LLC, who gave a presentation for a unique design.

C. Mr. Sickinger received communications for an upcoming Irmo Pride Spring Clean Up Day and the date is to be announced soon.

D. Mayor Walker received receipt of communications from a resident who complained about the Police Department building being closed during business hours.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Ms. Maggie May – PO Box 3356, Irmo, addressed Council on item “F” and “G” under New Business
Ms. Janis Peed – 241 Elstow Rd, addressed Council on item “F” and “G” under New Business
Ms. Sandy Smith – 1501 Quail Valley West, addressed Council on item “F” and “G” under New Business
Mr. Ben Brawley – 6 Willow Trail Ct., addressed Council on item “G” under New Business
Ms. Sandra Vant – 1124 Friarsgate Blvd., addressed Council on item “G” under New Business
Mr. Jonah Johnson – 11 Colnwood Ct., addressed Council on item “G” under New Business
Mr. Johnny Ridenhour – 409 Misty Glen Cir., addressed Council on item “G” under New Business
Mr. Robert Cartin – Cotswold Ct., addressed Council on item “G” under New Business
Mr. Christin Wood – 7142 Woodrow St., addressed Council on item “G” under New Business
Ms. Christina Sequoa – Hookston Way, addressed Council on item “G” under New Business
Ms. Heather McCoy – 7142 Woodrow St., addressed Council on item “G” under New Business
Mr. Gavin Scott – 1311 Aderly Dr., addressed Council on item “G” under New Business
Mr. Wad DeLoach – 156 Finsbury Rd., addressed Council on item “G” under New Business
Ms. Kym Potter – 125 Pale Ivy Ln., addressed Council on City of Columbia water
Ms. Susie Gilbert – 135 Pale Ivy Ln., addressed Council on City of Columbia water
Ms. Elizabeth Castle – 133 Pale Ivy Ln., addressed Council on City of Columbia water

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 21-01 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 10 BUSINESSES; ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL; SECTION 10-2 – GUEST REGISTER FOR PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION; REPORTS TO POLICE (STAFF)

Mr. Busch made a motion to approve, and Mr. Sickinger seconded. After a brief discussion, Mr. Sickinger made a motion to amend the proposed ordinance by removing items “A” and “E” and moving items “B”, “C” and “D” to the “A”, “B” and “C” positions. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Racine for a rollcall vote for the amendment: Mr. Busch voted “Nay”, Mrs. Condom voted “Nay”, Mr. Danielson voted “Nay”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Nay” and Mayor Walker voted “Nay”. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Racine for a rollcall vote on the original motion: Mr. Busch voted “Nay”, Mrs. Condom voted “Nay”, Mr. Danielson voted “Nay”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Nay” and Mayor Walker voted “Nay”.

B. APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF IRMO AND THE IRMO FIRE DISTRICT (STAFF)

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve, and Mrs. Condom seconded. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Racine for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “Aye”, Mrs. Condom voted “Aye”, Mr. Danielson voted “Aye”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Aye” and Mayor Walker voted “Aye”.

C. APPROVAL OF 2021 OKRA STRUT BUDGET (OKRA STRUT COMMISSION)

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve, and Mr. Danielson seconded. Mr. John Lindower, Okra Strut Chairman, stated that since the 2020 festival was cancelled due to Covid-19, the budget was similar to the 2019 actual budget. He expressed his excitement for a bigger and better parade with more craft vendor booths. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Racine for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “Aye”, Mrs. Condom voted “Aye”, Mr. Danielson voted “Aye”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Aye” and Mayor Walker voted “Aye”.

D. APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (STAFF)

Mr. Sickinger made a nomination to appoint Timothy Wilkins, and Mrs. Condom made a nomination to appoint Sharon Slashinski. The vote to appoint Mr. Wilkins and Ms. Slashinski to the Zoning Board was unanimous, thereby closing the nominations.

E. APPOINTMENT TO THE OKRA STRUT COMMISSION (STAFF)

Mrs. Condom made a nomination to appoint Mike Ward. The vote to appoint Mr. Ward to the Okra Strut Commission was unanimous, thereby closing the nominations.

F. APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY GARDENS (MAYOR)

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve, and Mr. Sickinger seconded. Mrs. Condom stated it was a wonderful project and well thought out. Mr. Sickinger and Mr. Danielson expressed their concern for the budget and thought the plan was well presented. Mr. Busch stated the presentation exceeded his expectations. Mayor Walker committed the Town to grade the land and install a well but warned that all other amenities were the responsibility of the Community Garden Committee. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Racine for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “Aye”, Mrs. Condom voted “Aye”, Mr. Danielson voted “Aye”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Aye” and Mayor Walker voted “Aye”.

G. APPROVAL FOR SKATE-PARK COMMITTEE TO START PHASE I AND PREPARE PLANS (MAYOR)

Mayor Walker made a motion to approve, and Mr. Sickinger seconded. Mayor Walker explained that the approval for Phase I will allow the Skate-Park Committee to present detailed plans on what they wish to build, the costs involved and how they intend to raise the funds. Mr. Sickinger stated he was in favor of the concept but required more information. Mr. Danielson stated he was in favor but wants a detailed budget. Mr. Busch stated that Richland County had not given their approval for the site, but he is in favor of the project. Mrs. Condom expressed her misgivings of the skate-park being so close to neighbors and the owls that live in the trees on the proposed site. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Racine for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “Aye”, Mrs. Condom voted “Nay”, Mr. Danielson voted “Aye”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Aye” and Mayor Walker voted “Aye”.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. Johnny Ridenhour – 409 Misty Glen Cir., asked if the Richland County meeting to approve the skate-park site was open to the public.

Mr. Robert Cartin – Cotswold Ct., stated that he needs a land survey showing where the skate-park will be located so he can begin drawing detailed plans.

DISCUSSION:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


Mr. Busch made a motion to go into executive session regarding legal advice and Mrs. Condom seconded. The vote was unanimous; therefore, the Mayor, Council, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Moore went into executive session at 9:03 p.m. Mayor Walker called the meeting back to order at 9:10 p.m. and stated no votes were taken.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Busch made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. The vote was unanimous; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.



Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Vi Racine, Municipal Clerk