

**TOWN OF IRMO  
PUBLIC HEARING &  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
April 19, 2022**

The Irmo Town Council held a public hearing and a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 in the Municipal Building. Council Members in attendance were Mayor Walker, Mayor Pro Tem Danielson, Councilmen Busch, 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, Finance Director & Municipal Clerk; Mia Wilkins, Director of Economic Development & Communications, Mr. Whitt Cline, Public Services Director, and Mr. Will Edwards, Town Attorney.

The agenda was published and posted on Thursday, April 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 22-06 To Amend the Town's Official Zoning Map - Correct Zoning Discrepancies:

No one spoke; therefore, Mayor Walker closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and Mr. Sickinger led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Walker gave the Invocation.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the March 15, 2022 minutes and Mr. Busch seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the April 5, 2022 minutes and Mr. Busch seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**REPORT OF STANDING:**

A. Administrative Briefing – Mr. Dennis previously furnished a written briefing to Town Council and had no additional information for Council.

B. Mr. Sickinger welcomed the following new businesses to the Town of Irmo:

Mingos Cookies – 7467 St. Andrews Road Suite 20

Artisan Logistics, Inc. – 7567 St. Andrews Road

365 Dispatch Services – 147 Billsdale Road

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mayor Walker and Council presented the April 2022 Small Business of the Month award to SC Gold and Pawn.

B. The School Showcase for April 2022 is Crossroads Intermediate School. Dr. Erin Doty, Principal, explained that Crossroads Intermediate School is only for 6th grade and their focus is on connections that will help bridge the gap between Elementary to High School through research, collaboration, reading and offering electives. The Visual and Performing Arts electives allow students to participate in Orchestra, Band, Chorus, and Drama. Some of their programs include a Read Marathon, Read Across America Week, and on Fridays they have Positive Office Referrals. Dr. Doty highlighted several students that competed in the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Oratorical Contest, Swamp Fest Art Competition, and South Carolina Junior Science Academy. She ended her presentation talking about the Beta Club, and Student Council which give the students opportunities to get hands on experience serving. Some of these community service events include Food Drives, Veterans Day, School Clean Up Day, and a Sock Drive.

C. Mayor Walker read the proclamation recognizing April as Fair Housing Month.

D. Dr. Waldman wanted to remind everyone of the upcoming Irmo International Festival that will be held on April 24, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Park of Irmo.

E. Mayor Walker stated Irmo is having the 1<sup>st</sup> Crawfish Festival at 10 am on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Louisiana Purchase in the Murraywood Shopping Center.

F. Mayor Walker recognized Kimber Carpenter as the April 2022 Artist of the Month and explained that her artwork is displayed in the lobby at Town Hall.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 22-06 TO AMEND THE TOWN'S OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO CORRECT ZONING DISCREPANCIES (PLANNING COMMISSION):**

Mr. Sickinger made a motion for approval and Mr. Busch seconded it. Mr. Dennis explained that this ordinance is to properly assign zoning designations to properties that have been previously combined or were not accurately depicted on the Town's official zoning map. 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 22-07 TO AMEND APPENDIX A – ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE II SECTION 2-2. – USE OF TABLE 1 (PLANNING COMMISSION):**

Mr. Danielson made a motion for approval and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mr. Danielson explained that this ordinance is to correct some zoning discrepancies including addressing errors, omissions, vague language and add appropriate standards consistent with the Zoning Manual. 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 22-08 TO AMEND APPENDIX A – ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE IV SECTION 3.5. – LANDSCAPING PLAN (PLANNING COMMISSION):**

Mayor Walker explained that this change will strengthen our requirements for landscaping plans from developers. Mr. Danielson made a motion for approval and Mr. Busch seconded it. 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.

**C. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 22-09 TO AMEND APPENDIX A – ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE II SECTION 2.4 (6). – TEMPORARY USES (PLANNING COMMISSION):**

Mayor Walker explained that this will update the temporary uses for portable free-standing fireworks stands/dispensaries to go from 30 days to 14 days before a major holiday along with other procedural additions. Mr. Sickinger made a motion for approval and Mr. Danielson seconded it.

Mr. Sickinger motion to add “G. Use of Fireworks shall be visibly posted on firework stands/dispensaries no smaller than 11” x 17” and 28 font or provided to each customer with purchase and Dr. Waldman seconded it. 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 amendment was unanimous.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Sickinger made another motion to amend the amended motion to add “H. Firework stands, and dispensaries shall have up to 48 hours to remove stands and dispensaries after each holiday/event” and Mr. Danielson seconded the motion. 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 amendment was unanimous.

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 as amended was unanimous.

**D. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 22-10 TO AMEND APPENDIX A – ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT BY ADDING ARTICLE XIV – PLANTING MATERIALS LIST (PLANNING COMMISSION):**

Mayor Walker explained that this ordinance establishes the approved trees and planting materials for landscaping plans. Mr. Sickinger made a motion for approval and Mr. Danielson seconded it. Mayor Walker clarified that developers would have some latitude which would allow for other types of trees and plants than what is listed in this ordinance. Mr. Cline clarified that the purpose of this list is to let developers know which type of trees and plants will thrive in the Irmo area, and believes this will be beneficial to out-of-state developers. 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.

**E. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 22-11 TO AMEND THE TOWN OF IRMO'S CODE OF ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 33 – TAXATION (STAFF):**

Mayor Walker explained this ordinance will create a chapter within the town codes for placement of the taxes such as the hospitality tax ordinance. Then, he made a motion for approval and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. 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.

**F. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 22-12 TO ANNEX RICHLAND COUNTY TAX PARCEL# R03207-01-25 (1 ACRE) AT 33 BUSCH OAKS COURT OFF FARMING CREEK ROAD NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY GEORGIA BUSCH (STAFF):**

Mayor Walker made a motion for approval and Dr. Waldman seconded it. Mayor Walker mentioned that Mr. Busch has recused himself because of a relationship with the property owner. He explained that the property is contiguous to property within the Town of Irmo. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Danielson voted "Yes", Mr. Sickinger voted "Yes", Dr. Waldman voted "Yes", and Mayor Walker "Yes". The vote for approval was unanimous.

**G. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 22-13 TO AMEND THE TOWN OF IRMO'S CODE OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 22-OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 22-105 USE OF FIREWORKS (MAYOR):**

Mayor Walker made a motion for approval and Dr. Waldman seconded it. Dr. Waldman explained that this ordinance will allow fireworks for special events pursuant to receiving a special use permit from Irmo Town Hall. Both Mr. Danielson and Mr. Busch voiced their concerns that this ordinance will open the floodgates in Town where there will be fireworks all the time instead of just during certain holidays. 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.

**H. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 22-01 TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF IRMO (DANIELSON):**

Mr. Danielson made a motion to approve, and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mr. Danielson stated that the 2.858-acre property is being gifted to the Town by a group of owners. He further explained that the Town may be responsible for any outstanding property taxes. Mayor Walker explained that if the Town takes ownership of the property before October 2022, the county will waive all property taxes and was confirmed by Mr. Edwards. 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.

**I. APPROVAL OF PARKING FINE SCHEDULE (STAFF):**

Mayor Walker made a motion for approval and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mayor Walker stated that this will update the parking fine schedule. There was no discussion, so 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.

**PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:**

Mr. Wade Deloach – Irmo Outreach Committee, updated Council on recent projects they are working on

Ms. Kay Brown, 133 Hamilton Park, addressed Council on road conditions and the recent tree trimming near power lines

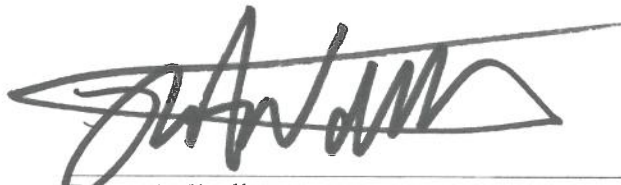
Mr. John Davis, 703 Woodcreek Court, addressed Council on his candidacy for SC District 85

Mr. George Frazier – Irmo Events Committee, let Council know they are planning some great events and more information will be forthcoming soon

DISCUSSION: None


EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Sickinger made a motion to adjourn, and Dr. Waldman seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Caviness, Municipal Clerk