

# TOWN OF IRMO SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

**July 15, 2020**

The Irmo Town Council held a special meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, July 15, 2020. Council Members in attendance were Mayor Walker, Councilmen Busch, Sickinger, Danielson and Councilwoman Condom. Others present were Mr. Robert Brown, Town Administrator; Captain Courtney Dennis, Irmo Police Department; Mrs. Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer and Mr. Jake Moore, Town Attorney; Mr. Bryan Shumway; Mr. Kevin Rose, (Harbison Gardens Apartment); Dr. Akil Ross (Professor of Leadership at USC), and Mr. David Grove (Harbison Community Association).

The agenda was published and posted on Thursday, July 9, 2020 to meet FOIA requirements.

Mayor Walker called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS: None

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. DISCUSS PROPOSALS TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE APARTMENT COMPLEXES, HARBISON, TOWN OF IRMO AND HOMEOWNERS ADJACENT TO COLUMBIANA DRIVE AND THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES (MAYOR):

Mayor Walker explained that over the past two weeks, Town Council has met with the Irmo Police Department, Richland County Sheriff's Department, City of Columbia Police Department, Water's Edge Apartments, Avenue at Harbison Apartments, Harbison Gardens Apartment, Harbison Community Association, and the Professor of Leadership at the University of South Carolina to address establishing a pilot program to engage with area youths. He was followed by Dr. Ross who gave a presentation on the program he envisioned.

He explained the initial pilot program "Arts & Algorithms" will start on July 27, 2020 and consist of 4 units at Harbison Gardens. It is designed to improve the computational skills that will prepare the kids for jobs of the future. The presentation ended with Dr. Ross stating that he needs all types of volunteers including individuals for the Irmo Kid Zone Advisory Community.

Mayor Walker thanked everyone for their support to move this initiative forward and stated that Dr. Akil Ross will be leading the Irmo Kid Zone program.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Ms. Tammy Pierce, Beacon Hill, explained that Eastlake Church has expressed interest in helping with this program. She mentioned the program could include training for cooking with a chef.

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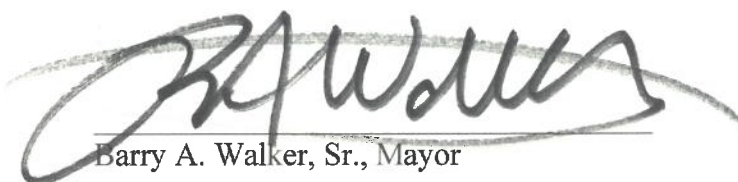
Mr. Bryan Shumway, Harbison Gardens, is impressed with the initiative to build a better community

Mr. David Grove, Harbison Community Associate, is looking forward to working with Dr. Ross and offered up several resources that could be used in the program once their Community Center opens.

Captain Courtney Dennis, Irmo Police Departments, believes the program will be beneficial to the community.

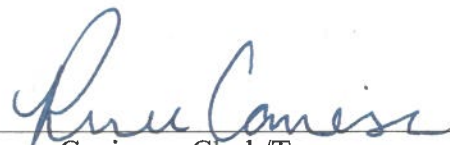
EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Sickinger made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Danielson seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer