

**TOWN OF IRMO
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 17, 2021**

The Irmo Town Council held a public hearing and a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 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; Chief Courtney Dennis; Renee Caviness, Interim Municipal Clerk and Mr. Jake Moore, Town Attorney.

The agenda was published and posted on Friday, August 13, 2021 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 21-10 to rezone property on Muskrat Run Road as shown on Richland County TMS#03202-01 lots (s) 16 and 17 now or formerly owned by Clifton Hall from General Residential (RG) to Fringe Agriculture (FA). No one spoke; therefore, the public hearing was closed at 7:01 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and Miss. McKenzie Grace Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Walker gave the Invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Busch made a motion to approve the July 20, 2021 minutes and Mrs. Condom seconded it. The vote for approval as submitted was unanimous.

Mayor Walker made a motion to approve the August 09, 2021 minutes and Mr. Busch seconded. Mayor Walker requested to delete "Mayor Walker was the only member available at 7:00 p.m. Therefore, the meeting was cancelled for not having a quorum" and replace with "Mayor Walker canceled the special meeting after councilwoman Condom and Councilman Sickinger could not attend the special called meeting. The interviews required a full Council to attend and was rescheduled to Monday, August 16, 2021 at 7pm." The vote for approval as amended was unanimous.

Mr. Busch made a motion to approve the August 12, 2021 minutes and Mrs. Condom seconded. The vote for approval as submitted was unanimous.

REPORT OF STANDING:

A. Administrative Briefing – Mr. Brown furnished a written briefing to Town Council in their packets and had nothing to add at this time.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mayor Walker and Council presented the July 2021 Small Business of the Month award to Southern Strut.

- B. Mayor Walker and Council presented the August 2021 Small Business of the Month award to Murraywood Healthy Foods
- C. Representative Chip Huggins, of the SC House of Representatives, gave Council a recognition on the Groundbreaking Ceremony which will consist of a Dog Park, Community Garden and Skatepark.
- D. Ms. Sharron Ayling and other Representatives from Vote411.org gave a brief presentation of the organization
- E. Ms. Miriam Atria and Mickey Davis of Lake Murray Country presented their annual report and all the events including national fishing tournaments, Taste of Lake Murray, and marketing of the Town of Irmo.
- F. Mayor Walker stated that he has received a request for Council to consider resuming Covid 19 testing and the possibility of giving the covid-19 vaccine. He wants this item to be put on the next Council, agenda that is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 21-07 AMENDING THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 10, BUSINESSES; ARTICLE II, LICENSES; PURSUANT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA BUSINESS LICENSE TAX STANDARDIZATION ACT, CHAPTER 7, TITLE 5 OF THE 1976 STATE CODE:

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded it. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness 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”. The vote for approval was unanimous.

B. SECOND AND FINAL OF ORDINANCE 21-08 AMENDING THE IRMO TOWN CODE, APPENDIX A, ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; ARTICLE 3, ZONING REGULATIONS FOR USE OF LOTS; SECTION 3-8 – ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND USES (BUSCH):

Mr. Busch made a motion to approve and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness 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”. The vote for approval was unanimous.

SUSPEND ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER

Mayor Walker made a motion to Suspend Robert’s Rules of Order to go into Executive Session now and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. The vote to approve was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 21-09 AMENDING THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 8, BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS; ARTICLE II – TECHNICAL CODES (BUSCH):

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded it. Mr. Busch explained that this ordinance will add the international building codes. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness 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". The vote for approval was unanimous.

B. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 21-10 TO REZONE PROPERTY ON MUSKRAT RUN ROAD AS SHOWN ON RICHLAND COUNTY TMS#03202-01 LOTS (S) 16 AND 17 NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY CLIFTON HALL FROM GENERAL RESIDENTIAL (RG) TO FRINGE AGRICULTURE (FA) (STAFF):

Mr. Busch made a motion to approve and Mayor Walker seconded it. Mr. Sickinger voiced his concerns as to why the owner wanted to rezone the property. Mr. Brown explained that Mr. Hall wanted to rezone the property because the development group wants to purchase this portion of the property for things not allowed in General Residential (RG). After a short discussion, Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness 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". The vote to approve was unanimous.

C. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 21-02 TO RATIFY BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FY20/21 TOTALING \$368,166.73 (STAFF):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. There being no discussion Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness 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". The vote for approval was unanimous.

D. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FOUR (4) CHEVROLET TAHOE'S OFF STATE CONTRACT FROM LOVE CHEVROLET IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$213,528.00 (STAFF):

Mayor Walker made a motion to approve and Mr. Danielson seconded it. Mayor Walker mentioned that at the MASC meeting they had a group called HGAC Buy that was present that has the same concept as the State Contracts but is a National Contract. Chief Dennis explained that it ended up being little more expensive but was impressed with all the different types of contacts HGAC Buy offers. He stated the challenge today is that inventory is extremely low everywhere and was told that prices will go up once the new State Contract comes out. So, Chief Dennis explained this request will replace 4 vehicles like we have previously done and is the total cost to purchase four (4) fully equipped Tahoe's from Love Chevrolet at this price right now. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness 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". The vote for approval was unanimous.

E. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A "LETTER OF INTENT" FOR THE UNDISCOVERED SC GRANT PROGRAM (PRT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RAWLS CREEK PARK WITH THE TOWN PORTION BEING \$200,000 (TOTAL PROJECT COST \$400,000) (DANIELSON):

Mr. Danielson made a motion to approve and Mrs. Condom seconded it. Mr. Danielson stated that the Town could be awarded up to \$200,000 for the skate park project at Rawls Creek Park. He further explained that it is a 50/50 match and the letter of intent is due by September 24, 2021.

Council agreed and Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness 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”. The vote to approve to apply for the grant was unanimous.

F. APPOINTMENT OF MS. RENEE CAVINESS AS THE MUNICIPAL CLERK (STAFF):

Mr. Busch made a motion to approve and Mr. Danielson seconded it. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness 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”. The vote to approve was unanimous.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

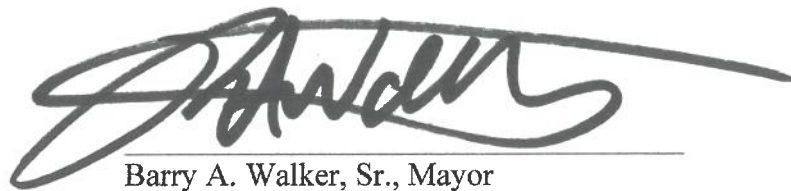
Mr. Christopher Jarvis addressed Council on the Irmo Future Growth Corporation (IFGC) Small Business grants and a job position at the Town of Irmo.

DISCUSSION: None

OUT OF ORDER EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Walker made a motion to go into executive session to review interviews for the Administrator position; and it passes unanimously. Therefore, the Mayor, Council, and Mr. Jake Moore, went into executive session at 7:36 p.m. Mayor Walker called the meeting back to order at 8:25 p.m. and stated that no votes were taken while in executive session.

Mayor Walker made an amendment to the agenda to appoint Mr. Courtney Dennis as the Irmo Town Administrator and Mrs. Condom seconded it. Mr. Danielson stated that we need to add “subject to working out negotiations” to the end of Mayor Walker’s amendment. Mr. Sickinger took a moment to state there were a great slate of candidates and it was a tough decision. The vote for approval was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Sickinger made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Busch seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.


Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Caviness, Municipal Clerk