

TOWN OF IRMO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 18, 2020

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at the Municipal Building, 7300 Woodrow Street, Irmo, SC 29063. Council Members in attendance were Mayor Walker, Councilwoman Condom, Councilmen Busch, Sickinger, and Danielson. Others present were Mr. Robert Brown, Town Administrator; Police Chief Courtney Dennis; Mr. Whitt Cline, Director of Public Services; Mrs. Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer and Mr. Jake Moore, Town Attorney.

The agenda was published and posted on Sunday, August 16, 2020 to meet FOIA requirements.

Mr. Larry Slaughter presented the 2019 Okra Strut Scholarships to Mr. Trinh Tran and Mr. Andrew Talkish.

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the July 21, 2020 minutes and Mr. Danielson seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes as submitted was unanimous.

Mr. Busch made a motion to approve the July 28, 2020 minutes and Mr. Danielson seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes as submitted was unanimous.

Mr. Danielson made a motion to approve the August 15, 2020 minutes and Mr. Sickinger seconded the motion. 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.

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

A&A Frosty Spirits, Cajun Logistics, Decision Dynamics, Rubio Landscaping, Sunrise Counseling, and The Shear Edge Salon.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Town Council awarded a “Small Business of the Month” Plaque to Irmo Insurance Agency.

B. Ms. Miriam Atria from Lake Murray Country would like to install Town of Irmo Flags in the Spring along Lake Murray Blvd. She presented two different designs for Council to review.

C. Mrs. Jamesetta Lovet, President of AKA Upsilon Omega Omega, requested a place somewhere in Irmo to create a Community Garden.

D. Dr. Akil Ross gave a brief update on the Youth Zone and let Council know there is a registration event on August 20, 2020 from 9:00 A.M to 2:00 P.M. to register for various activities to include Arts & Algorithms, Flag Football, and Soccer. HeartEd will be sponsoring the registration fees for these fall afterschool activities. Transportation is being provided.

E. Mayor Walker requested that Mr. Larry Slaughter, Okra Strut Commissioner, give the brief presentation on a Virtual and Covid-19 2020 Budget under item "F".

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. Julius Waites – 124 Boulter Lock Road, addressed on Item "C" under New Business

Dr. Barbara Waldman - 900 Shadowleaf Court, addressed on Item "C" under New Business

Mrs. Carla Mills, African America Association of Irmo High School, let Council know they plan to hold a food drive in the fall

Ms. Frankie Delk - 516 Lord Howell Road addressed Council on the Community Garden

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 20-17 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 11, RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION AND REGULATIONS; SECTION 11-12 – STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNIT (STAFF):

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded the motion. Mr. Sickinger stated that this allows inspectors to conduct inspections of Rental Property between tenants. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted "Aye", Mrs. Condom voted "Aye", Mr. Danielson voted "Aye", and Mr. Sickinger voted "Aye" and Mayor Walker voted "Aye".

B. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 20-18 TO ANNEX LEXINGTON COUNTY TMS# 001999- 02-007 LOCATED ON ARCHER'S LANE AS SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (RS) OWNED BY THE HARBISON COMMUNITY GROUP (MAYOR):

Mayor Walker stated this was an African American Cemetery. He made a motion to approve and Mr. Sickinger seconded the motion. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted "Aye", Mrs. Condom voted "Aye", Mr. Danielson voted "Aye", and Mr. Sickinger voted "Aye" and Mayor Walker voted "Aye".

C. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 20-19 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE II, COUNCIL; DIVISION 3, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; SECTION 2-95 – ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES (BUSCH):

Mayor Walker explained that this Ordinance would change from having 3 readings to pass an ordinance to having just 2 readings. Mr. Busch made a motion to approve and Mr. Danielson seconded the motion. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “Aye”, Mrs. Condom voted “Aye”, Mr. Danielson voted “Aye”, and Mr. Sickinger voted “Aye” and Mayor Walker voted “Aye.”

D. APPROVAL TO CONTRACT WITH HYBRID ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,993 TO SURVEY, DESIGN AND OBTAIN SCDHEC PERMITS FOR THE MOWER’S STREET PAVING PROJECT (SICKINGER):

Mr. Busch made a motion to approve and Mr. Danielson seconded the motion. Mr. Sickinger made a motion to table until a future Council Meeting 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”, and Mr. Sickinger voted “Aye” and Mayor Walker voted “Aye”.

E. APPROVAL TO ADOPT THE “AMENDED” LEXINGTON COUNTY ORDINANCE 20-13 REFERENCING ANIMAL CONTROL MEASURES (STAFF):

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded the motion. Mr. Brown explained the Town has already passed a previous Lexington County Animal Control Ordinance. This is an addition to their current Animal Control Ordinance that will allow them to capture, neuter and release stray cats. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “Aye”, Mrs. Condom voted “Aye”, Mr. Danielson voted “Aye”, and Mr. Sickinger voted “Aye” and Mayor Walker voted “Aye”.

F. DECISION ON THE 2020 OKRA STRUT FESTIVAL (COUNCIL):

Mr. Larry Slaughter, Okra Strut Commissioner, gave a brief presentation of a Virtual and Covid-19 Budget for 2020. He stated that the Irmo Okra Strut Commission would like to hold a Virtual Okra Strut instead of in person for approximately \$43,700. He explained that Sister Hazel will perform in Florida, but citizens will be able to watch the concert at either of the two designated locations (Craft & Draft or Steve Padgett Honda to watch the bands perform from their vehicle.

Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote to hold a 2020 Virtual Okra Strut: Mr. Busch voted “Aye”, Mrs. Condom voted “Aye”, Mr. Danielson voted “Nay”, and Mr. Sickinger voted “Aye” and Mayor Walker voted “Nay. The vote for approval was 3 to 2 with Mr. Danielson and Mayor Walker voting in opposition.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. George Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Council on Presentation by Citizens, on item B and F under New Business.

Dr. Barbara Waldman - 900 Shadowleaf Court, addressed Council on the possibility of setting up Internet Hotspots in the Town of Irmo Parks which would help Lexington/Richland School District 5 students to participate in online learning.

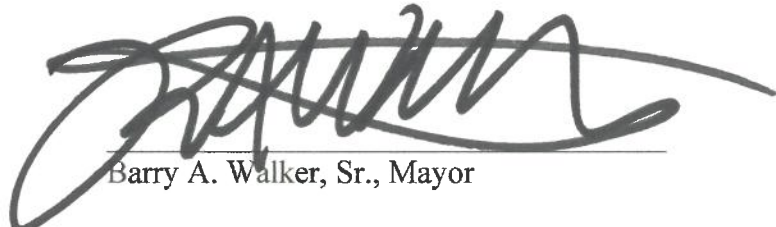
DISCUSSION:

A. Update / Irmo Future Growth Corporation (Sickinger):

Mr. Sickinger deferred this discussion until the September 1, 2020 meeting.

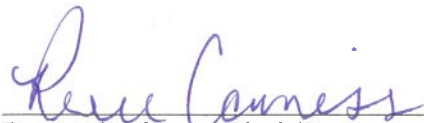
EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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 9:10 p.m.



Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer