

**TOWN OF IRMO
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
September 7, 2021**

The Irmo Town Council held a workshop on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, in the Municipal Building located at 7300 Woodrow Street, Irmo, SC 29063. Council members present were Mayor Walker, Councilwoman Condom, Councilmen Busch, Danielson and Sickinger. Others present were Mr. Courtney Dennis, Town Administrator, Police Chief Bobby Dale, Mrs. Renee Caviness, Municipal Clerk and Mr. Jake Moore, Town Attorney.

The agenda was published and posted on Friday, September 3, 2021, to meet FOIA requirements.

Mayor Walker called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Acquisition of Property on St. Andrews Road (Old Tire Center) (Danielson):

Mr. Danielson explained to Council that this property is worth investing in. He explained this area is an eyesore and is an entrance into the Town of Irmo. Mr. Danielson and Mr. Moore discussed a possible partnership with other business leaders interested in an acquisition of the property. Council asked that this item be put on the next agenda giving permission for the Town to explore a potential partnership. Meanwhile, Mr. Moore will start a title search on the property.

B. Discussion on acquisition property (10 acres) located adjacent to the Irmo Community Park (Mayor):

Mayor Walker opened the discussion by stating the proposed sale would only include six (6) acres and not the full ten (10). He explained that this property is adjacent to Mosley Street and Church Street and would allow for expansion of the Community Park. Both Mayor Walker and Mr. Moore will continue to reach out to the owner about the property. Council decided that if there is interest from the owner, it will be put a future agenda.

C. Discussion of property located at 1071 Lake Murray Boulevard, Lexington County TMS# 001925-03-009 (Mayor):

After a brief discussion, Council decided that the Arbor Day Committee would proceed with the transaction and not involve the Town of Irmo.

D. Discussion on Irmo Nonprofit Grant Program (Mayor):

After a brief discussion, Council agreed for the Irmo Nonprofit Grant Program to have a permanent page on the Irmo website with a link to it from the home page. It was also decided to completely remove both the Irmo Future Growth Corporation's (IFGC) nonprofit and loan programs off the website.

E. Discussion of a notification system for public notification to be distributed (Sickinger):

Mr. Sickinger opened the discussion by stating that the town should have public a notification system as a better way to communicate with our residents, to provide alerts and other Irmo information. Mr. Dennis stated that he agrees and is looking to add a position at Town Hall to have a dedicated staff member that would handle any communication to include alerts, marketing, website, and social media updates. Council agreed and requested an action item be put on the next agenda scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

F. Discussion on COVID-19 testing and possible vaccine site in Irmo (Mayor):

Mayor Walker stated he has been contacted by the group that did testing in the past to begin testing again and possibly offer vaccines. Council agreed with gathering more information, and possibly setting up a new site in Town. Mayor Walker also mentioned that Council may want to mandate that all Town employees be vaccinated. After some discussion, Council decided they did not want to mandate vaccines for employees.

G. Open Discussions

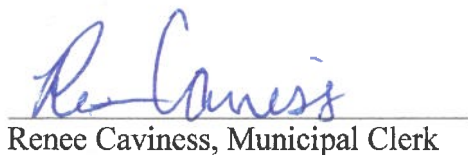
Mr. Dennis brought up several items to Council including the newest census showing there is only 11,569 residents in the town limits. He, then informed Council that Irmo does not qualify for the Undiscovered Grant because we are not the owner of the property. He informed Council that a special meeting for presentations of Rawls Creek Park will need to be scheduled after all the proposals have been received on Friday, October 8, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further items to discuss, Mr. Sickinger made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Busch seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the workshop was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Caviness, Municipal Clerk