

**TOWN OF IRMO
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 15, 2020**

The Irmo Town Council held a public hearing and regular meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 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 Friday, September 11, 2020 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 20-20.

Mr. John Adair – 1525 Lake Murray Boulevard, stated his Lexington County TMS# 001919-02-010 property was under contract with Lexington Medical Center and the zoning change would be required for a sale. No one else spoke, therefore, the public hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the amended June 16, 2020 minutes and Mr. Busch seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes as submitted was unanimous.

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the September 1, 2020 minutes and Mr. Busch 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:

Axe Properties LLC, CISA Lubes, Cocoa Herbals LLC, Donte Kentrell Auto Sales LLC, Mathis Transport LLC, Something Extra and Storage Rentals of America

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

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CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mr. Derek Pugh introduced himself as deputy director of the South Carolina Youth Challenge Academy and stated he is running as the democratic candidate in the Richland County Council District 2 election this November. He stated his goal is to create a healthy relationship with Richland County Council as well as forge a great relationship with the Town of Irmo.

B. Town Council awarded a “Small Business of the Month” Plaque to Scott Jones, owner of American Floral, located at 7565 St. Andrews Road.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. Wade Deloach – 156 Finsbury Road, addressed Council on Item “B” under Old Business
Mr. George Glassmeyer – 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Council on Item “A” and “B” under New Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. THIRD AND FINAL 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. 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”.

B. THIRD AND FINAL 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):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded the motion. Mrs. Condom stated the cemetery needs protection to respect the historical site. 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”.

C. THIRD AND FINAL 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):

Mr. Danielson made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded the motion. Mrs. Condom stated Town of Irmo, and Town of Calhoun Falls are the only two jurisdictions in South Carolina that require three readings. Mayor Walker stated having one meeting and one workshop per month will help streamline the Council’s process. 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”.

D. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 20-20 TO REZONE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO SC-60 AND SHOWN ON LEXINGTON COUNTY TMS# 001919-02-010 NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY JOHN AND ELLEN ADAIR, FROM NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (CN) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) (STAFF):

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mrs. Condom seconded the motion. Mr. Sickinger stated that location makes sense to be zoned General Commercial (CG). Mrs. Condom stated that the proposed use of a medical facility would be an asset to the Irmo community. 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".

E. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 20-21 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 11 RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION AND REGULATIONS: SECTION 11-10, LICENSE FEE (SICKINGER AND BUSCH):

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded the motion. Mr. Sickinger stated the need to update our fees and diversify revenue streams. 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".

F. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 20-22 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 14 ENVIRONMENT; ARTICLE II, NUISANCES; SECTION 14-32 – UNSANITARY AND UNSIGHTLY CONDITIONS (BUSCH / DANIELSON):

Mr. Danielson made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded the motion. Mr. Danielson stated that jail time is extreme and puts pressure on the Irmo Police Department. Mayor Walker stated the Irmo Outreach Committee may be able to help with an alternative. 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 "Nay". The vote for approval was 4 to 1.

NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION FROM THE IRMO ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AWARD \$21,945 TO LAKE MURRAY COUNTRY AND \$11,055 TO THE IRMO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PROMOTE TOURISM (STAFF):

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mayor Walker seconded the motion. Mr. Danielson asked for a breakdown of how the money was allocated. Mr. Brown explained the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee voted to award two-thirds of the \$33,000.00 to Lake Murray Country since they promote tourism outside a 50-mile radius and award the remainder one-third to the Irmo Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Busch asked for more information and made a motion to defer the item to 9/23/2020. Mrs. Condom seconded the motion. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted "Aye", Mrs. Condom voted "Aye", Mr. Danielson voted "Nay", Mr. Sickinger voted "Aye" and Mayor Walker voted "Nay". The Special Meeting was scheduled for September 23rd at 6:00 p.m., via ZOOM.

B. APPROVAL TO PROVIDE \$250,000 TO THE IRMO FUTURE GROWTH CORPORATION TO ASSIST THE SMALL BUSINESSES STRUGGLING THROUGH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (DANIELSON):

Mr. Danielson stated he is continuing to work out details with Security Federal Bank. Mayor Walker requested to include \$250,000.00 as a budget line item. Mr. Sickinger 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", Mr. Sickinger voted "Aye" and Mayor Walker voted "Aye".

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. Whitt Cline, Irmo Public Services Director, announced the Irmo Recycling Event on Saturday, October 3rd from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Irmo High School for citizens of Irmo and surrounding areas in Lexington and Richland Counties. Computers, televisions, electronics, hazardous waste, etc. will be accepted.


Mr. Deloach – 156 Finsbury Road, has a bench to donate to the park and a lawn mower available to use free of charge. He encouraged anyone to visit the website at www.irmooutreach.org to volunteer, donate or apply for help.

Mr. Glassmeyer - 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Council on Item "B" under New Business

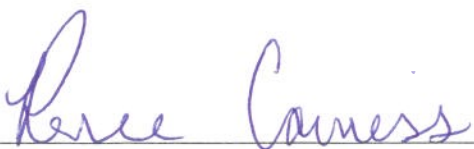
DISCUSSION: None

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 8:04 p.m.


Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer