

**TOWN OF IRMO
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 6, 2020**

The Irmo Town Council held a public hearing and regular meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 beginning at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Council Members in attendance were Mayor Walker, Councilwoman Condom, Councilmen Busch, Danielson and Sickinger. Others present were Mr. Robert Brown, Town Administrator; Police Chief Courtney Dennis; Mr. Whitt Cline, Director of Public Services; Mrs. Renee Caviness, Project Coordinator, Vi Racine, Clerk/Treasurer and Mr. Jake Moore, Town Attorney.

The agenda was published and posted on Friday, October 2, 2020 to meet FOIA requirements.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Walker called the public hearing to order at 7:02 p.m. and asked if anyone was present to speak on Ordinance 20-23 to rezone property at 10534 Broad River Road from Single-family Residential (RS) to General Commercial (CG). Being none, the public hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and Mr. Sickinger led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL CLERK:

Mrs. Condom made a motion to appoint Vi Racine, 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".

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the September 15, 2020 minutes and Mr. Busch seconded. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Racine 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".

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the September 23, 2020 minutes and Mr. Busch seconded. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Racine 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".

REPORT OF STANDING:

A. Administrative Briefing – Mr. Brown furnished a written briefing to Town Council in their packets.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Mr. Danielson made a motion to add an executive session regarding a personnel medical issue. With no discussion, Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Racine 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".

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Town Council awarded a "Small Business of the Month" Plaque to John Adair, owner of Adair Piano, located at 1525 Lake Murray Blvd. Mr. Busch stated that Mr. Adair had been hospitalized and he personally delivered the plaque to him which meant a lot.

B. Mayor Walker stated that the Town had partnered on several successful drive-in movie events and encouraged parents to attend a trunk-or-treat being held at Steve Padgett's Honda of Lake Murray on Halloween from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and a Drive-In Movie at Anchor Lanes parking lot instead of door-to-door trick or treating. Mr. Kirk Luther, Irmo Events Committee Chairman, asked the Town to support the expense of the drive-in movie which was needed to ensure its success. He further stated the events were free to the public and costumes were welcome with masks and social distancing observed. The Drive-In Movie lot opens at 4:30 p.m. and movie starts at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. Mark Kilborne -- Irmo, addressed Council on Item "A" under Unfinished Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. APPROVAL TO EXTEND EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 20-15 (Irmo Mask Mandate) AN ADDITIONAL 30 DAYS ENDING ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 (Mayor)

Mayor Walker made a motion to approve and Mr. Sickinger seconded the motion. Mayor Walker stated that he contracted Corona Virus from his wife because he did not wear a mask at home. He further stated the airborne virus is "no joke" and wearing a mask helps protect you from others, and others from you. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Racine for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted "Nay", Mrs. Condom voted "Aye", Mr. Danielson voted "Nay", Mr. Sickinger voted "Aye" and Mayor Walker voted "Aye".

B. THIRD AND FINAL 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. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Racine 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 20-21 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 11, RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION AND REGULATIONS; SECTION 11-10 – LICENSE FEE (SICKINGER / BUSCH)

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mr. Danielson seconded the motion. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Racine 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. THIRD AND FINAL 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. Sickinger seconded the motion. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Racine 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”.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 20-23 TO REZONE PROPERTY AT 10534 BROAD RIVER ROAD AS SHOWN ON RICHLAND COUNTY TMS# 03300-03 (LOTS) 13 AND 38 NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY VICKIE TOWNSEND, FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (RS) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) (STAFF)

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve and Mr. Sickinger seconded. Mrs. Condom stated the property was in the right place to be zoned general commercial. Mr. Sickinger stated he had not received any feedback from residents and agreed with the rezoning request. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Racine 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. APPROVAL TO AWARD THE GREATER IRMO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE \$10,000 (STAFF):

Mr. Danielson made a motion to approve and Mrs. Condom seconded it. Mr. Danielson stated the Irmo Chamber is our best partner and works in concert with the Town of Irmo. Mrs. Condom stated they are a small business and deserving of the money to continue their good work in our community. Mr. Busch stated the Chamber will utilize the money wisely during the pandemic and business disruptions. Mr. Sickinger agreed and looks forward to rebuilding our relationship. Mayor Walker stated the Chamber just published a new guide and directory which promotes Town of Irmo businesses and services. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Racine 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. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE RICHLAND COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION AND THE TOWN OF IRMO (Staff):

Mayor Walker made a motion to approve and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mr. Sickinger stated his excitement for the opportunity to develop relationships with community volunteers and take control of the 9.9 acres of land. Mr. Danielson echoed the same but has concerns about cost. Mr. Busch and Mrs.

Condom gave their full support. Mayor Walker stated his support for the Irmo citizens to put the land to good use with ideas of a community garden and dog park.

D. APPROVAL TO CHANGE OCTOBER 20, 2020 REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING TO A WORKSHOP:

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded it. Mrs. Condom stated that a workshop will help with better communications among the citizens. Mr. Busch agreed and said it will help take ideas and put into action. Mr. Danielson stated a workshop will create more transparency with constituents and citizens. Mayor Walker said this was an aggressive Council that can work things out in two readings and a workshop. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Racine 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. APPROVAL OF SISTER HAZEL CONTRACT FOR THE 2021 OKRA STRUT FESTIVAL (OKRA STRUT CHAIRMAN)

Mayor Walker made a motion to approve and Mrs. Condom seconded. Mayor Walker stated he would like to have a 30-day cancellation notice included in the Sister Hazel contract in case there is another shut down next year that would cause the Okra Strut to be cancelled. Mr. Larry Slaughter, Okra Strut Commission Chairman, stated the Sister Hazel Band honored the 2020 deposit and put it toward 2021 with the same contract. Town Attorney Jake Moore suggested that Mr. Slaughter express to the band the Mayor's concern and negotiate a cancellation term in the contract. Mr. Busch made a motion to defer the approval of the Sister Hazel contract to the November 17, 2020 meeting. Mr. Sickinger seconded the motion. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Racine 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:

Ms. Jada Powell - 212 Boulters Lock Rd, addressed Mayor Walker on her attempt to have a Trunk-or-Treat event.

Mr. Jake Moore – Reported Barbara Wellm, Vice President of Development and Community Relations with Lexington Medical Center, had been diagnosed with cancer. He requested the Town present her with a commemorative token for all the service she has given to Irmo.

Mr. Erik Sickinger - Stated in-person absentee voting had begun and information could be found on the www.Scvotes.gov website.

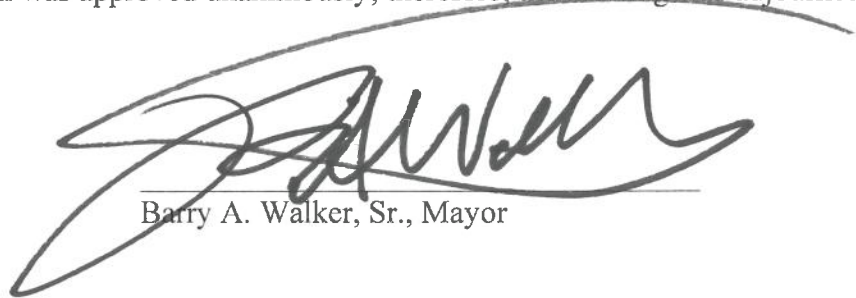
Chief Courtney Dennis – Spoke about October being Breast Cancer Awareness month and the distribution of local funded magnets to recognize their participation in Operation Cure. The Police officers were wearing pink patches and accepting fundraiser donations to go directly to the American Cancer Society.

DISCUSSION: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


Mayor Walker made a motion to go into executive session and Mr. Sickinger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously; therefore, the Mayor, Council, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Moore went into executive session at 8:21 p.m. Mayor Walker called the meeting back to order at 8:40 p.m. and stated that no votes were taken.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mrs. Condom made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Vi Racine, Municipal Clerk