

TOWN OF IRMO SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

November 24, 2020

The Irmo Town Council held a special ZOOM meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2020. 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 and Mrs. Vi Racine, Municipal Clerk. The public was able to watch it live-streamed.

The agenda was published and posted on Monday, November 23, 2020 to meet FOIA requirements.

Mayor Walker called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. FIRST AND ONLY READING OF EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 20-27 REQUIRING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS IN RETAIL, AND FOODSERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS (MAYOR):

Mayor Walker made a motion to approve and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mayor Walker reported he had received many calls from Irmo citizens complaining about people not wearing masks and asking for the mask ordinance to be renewed. He stated this ordinance would take the pressure off the businesses for people not following the guidelines. Mr. Sickinger stated he was in favor since he felt most residents want a mask ordinance. Mr. Busch stated his support for wearing a mask but thinks a resolution would be more appropriate than an ordinance. Chief Dennis reported the Town of Irmo police write criminal infraction tickets and the violation of the emergency ordinance is a civil infraction which requires a civil court. He stated although his officers cannot enforce the violation, they have had 100% success talking with and educating local businesses. Mrs. Condom stated the need to help in any way to slow the spread of the Covid-19 virus. Mr. Danielson stated the CDC and DHEC recommendations are putting pressure on businesses and not the Town. Mayor Walker called on 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".

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS: None


EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Sickinger made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Busch seconded. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.



Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Vi Racine, Municipal Clerk