

TOWN OF IRMO
TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 8, 2022

The Town of Irmo Accommodation Tax Advisory Committee held a regular meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at the Irmo Municipal Building located at 7300 Woodrow Street, Irmo, SC 29063. Committee members present were Ms. Ashley Layne, Mr. Jason Rauch, Ms. Ms. Susan Crosby, Ms. Meta James, and Ms. Bilyana Franks. Also present was Town Administrator Mr. Courtney Dennis and consultant Assistant Town Administrator Rodney Tucker.

The agenda was posted on the listserv and front door on September 7, 2022, to meet FOIA requirements.

I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

II. New Business:

A. Election of a Chairperson

Susan Crosby made a motion to appoint Jason Rauch as the Chairperson with Meta James seconding the motion. A vote to appoint Jason Rauch was unanimously approved, 5-0 vote.

B. Election of a Vice-Chairperson

Ashley Layne made a motion to appoint Susan Crosby as the Vice-Chairperson with Meta James seconding the motion. A vote to appoint Susan Crosby was unanimously approved, 5-0 vote.

C. Appointment of a Secretary

A vote to appoint the Town Administrator, Courtney Dennis as the Secretary was unanimously approved, 5-0 vote.

D. Approval of minutes from September 9, 2021.

A vote to approve the minutes from September 9, 2021, was unanimously approved, 5-0 vote.

E. Discussion on received applications:

- 1. Lake Murray Country.**
- 2. Lexington Medical Center Irmo Okra Strut.**
- 3. Irmo International Festival.**
- 4. Palmetto Outdoor Center.**
- 5. Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce.**
- 6. Lake Murray Lifestyle.**

Chairman Rauch opened the floor for discussions on the applications received. Susan Crosby mentioned that two of the applications (Palmetto Outdoor & Lake Murray Lifestyle) should not be considered due to them not being a non-profit organization. Town Administrator Courtney Dennis explained the application process and that the non-profit status was a condition of the applications to be considered.

F. Approval to recommend disbursement of the 30% restricted funds, totaling \$11,988.

Chairman Rauch made a motion to recommend Lake Murray County to receive the full portion of the 30% restricted funds, totaling \$11,988. Susan Crosby seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the item. A vote to approve the motion passed unanimously, 5-0 vote.

G. Approval to recommend disbursement of the 65% special funds, totaling \$28,050.

Meta James made a motion to recommend 50% to the Irmo International Festival and 50% to the Irmo Chamber of Commerce. The motion was then rescinded by Meta James. Meta James made a motion to recommend \$10,000 to the Irmo Okra Strut, \$10,000 to the Irmo International Festival, and \$8,050 to the Irmo Chamber of Commerce. Jason Rauch seconded the motion. During discussion of the motion, Ashley Layne made a motion to amend the previous motion by recommending \$13,050 to the Irmo International Festival, \$10,000 to the Okra Strut, and \$5,000 to the Irmo Chamber of Commerce. Meta James seconded the amendment. After further discussion, a vote to approve the amendment and amended motion passed 4-1 with Susan Crosby voting in opposition.

III. Adjournment:

Meta James made a motion to adjourn. Jason Rauch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.

Secretary – Courtney Dennis

Chairperson