

**TOWN OF IRMO  
PUBLIC HEARING &  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

The Irmo Town Council held a public hearing and a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 in the Municipal Building. Council Members in attendance were Mayor Walker, Councilmen Busch, Danielson, Sickinger, and Councilwoman Waldman. Others present were Mr. Courtney Dennis, Town Administrator; Mr. Rodney Tucker, Assistant Town Administrator; Police Chief Bobby Dale, Mrs. Renee Caviness, Municipal Clerk; Mia Wilkins, Director of Economic Development & Communications, and Mr. Will Edwards, Town Attorney.

The agenda was published and posted on Friday, February 11, 2022 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 21-13 to rezone Richland County TMS # R03203-01-26 (7.70 acres) on Salem Church Road near Muskrat Run:

Ms. Cindy Sullivan, 42 Palmetto Wood Parkway

No one else spoke, therefore, Mayor Walker closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. and opened the public hearing on

Ordinance 22-03 to Repeal and Replace the Due Date for Local Hospitality Tax Payments:

No one spoke; therefore, Mayor Walker closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and Mr. Kelly Busch led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Mayor Walker stated that Council needed to approve the minutes for January 11, 2022, January 18, 2022, and February 1, 2022 not February 15, 2022. The actual minutes that Council receive had the correct date but it was just listed on the agenda incorrectly. He asked if there was a motion to correct the agenda. Mr. Busch made a motion to correct the date of the February minutes from February 15, 2022 to February 1, 2022 on the agenda and Dr. Waldman seconded the motion. The vote to approval was unanimous.

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the January 11, 2022 minutes and Mr. Busch seconded it. Mr. Sickinger made a motion for the minutes to reflect in the first paragraph of the minutes that he was absent from the January 11, 2022 meeting and Mr. Busch seconded the motion. The vote for approval as amended was unanimous.

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the January 18, 2022 minutes and Mr. Danielson seconded it. The vote from approval was unanimous.

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the February 1, 2022 minutes and Mr. Danielson seconded it. Mr. Sickinger made a motion to change the spelling of his name from “Eric” to “Erik” under item “C” in the first sentence. The vote for approval as amended was unanimous.

**REPORT OF STANDING:**

A. Administrative Briefing – Mr. Dennis furnished a written briefing to Town Council and Mr. Dennis added that Mr. Will Edwards is stuck in traffic but will be here shortly. He mentioned that Dominion Energy has started their tree pruning within Irmo and said he will be off this Friday.

B. Mr. Sickinger welcomed the following new businesses to the Town of Irmo:  
Palmetto Kids Speech Therapy – 237 Newpark Place  
Quick Trip #1192 – 950 Lake Murray Blvd.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:**

A. Mayor Walker stated Council presented the February 2022 Small Business of the Month award to Silver Fox Grill earlier due to their scheduling conflict and could not be at the Council meeting tonight.

B. Ms. Ebonee Gadson, Executive Director of Keep the Midlands Beautiful gave a brief presentation on Keep the Midlands Beautiful and their upcoming events.

C. Ms. Sarah H. Ostergaard, Magnet Lead Teacher with Irmo High School International School of the Arts gave a brief update on Irmo High School’s Escolares Magnet Program, and other upcoming events.

**PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS (Agenda Items IX and X Only):**

- Mr. Ed Greco, 16 Palmetto Wood Court, addressed Council on item “A” under New Business
- Ms. Lindsey Hill, 303 Fire Side Dr, addressed Council on item “A” under New Business
- Ms. Lauren Small, 1719 Quail Valley East, addressed Council on item “A” under New Business
- Ms. Danielle Stroupe, 1706 Quail Valley West, addressed Council on item “A” under New Business
- Mrs. Kathy Condom, 1102 Javelin Court, addressed Council on item “A” under New Business
- Mr. Charles Sherfey, 24 Palmetto Wood Court, addressed Council on item “A” under New Business
- Ms. Birgit McDade, 1504 Beaver Dam, addressed Council on item “A” under New Business
- Mr. Barclay Wiggs, 1709 Quail Valley West, addressed Council on item “A” under New Business
- Ms. Lucy Halliburton, Irmo Elementary School, thanked Council for their support of Irmo Elementary
- Mr. Jacoby Dale, Irmo Elementary School, thanked Council for their support of Irmo Elementary
- Mr. Art McClain, Irmo Zoning Board of Appeals, addressed Council on the Irmo Grant Program
- Ms. Danielle Stoupe, 1706 Quail Valley West, addressed Council on item “G” under New Business

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 22-01 TO ADD A ZONING DESIGNATION OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (RS) TO RICHLAND COUNTY TAX PARCEL # R03203-01-26 (7.70 ACRES) ON SALEM CHURCH ROAD NEAR MUSKRAT RUN NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY LINDA DUFFIE (PLANNING COMMISSION):**

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve in title only and Mr. Busch seconded it. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “Yes”, Mr. Danielson voted “Yes”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Yes”, Dr. Waldman voted “Yes”, and Mayor Walker “Yes”. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**B. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 22-02 DISTRIBUTING OF TAX FUNDS TO NON-PROFITS AND BUSINESSES (MAYOR):**

Mr. Sickinger made a motion for approval and Mr. Busch seconded it. Mr. Sickinger made a motion to amend Ordinance 22-02 as follows:

- Strike through and delete “a” and add “any individual”
- Strike through and delete “the” and add “an”
- Add “of”
- Strike through and remove “until” and “are depleted”
- Add “remain,”
- Add “but not to exceed more than once per quarter”
- Add “On receipt of this request, the recipient shall provide the EAR to the Town Administrator within a period of 7 (seven) business days.”
- Strike through and delete “NPO or for-profit business” and replace with “recipient”, strike through and delete “1 (one) year” and replace with “3 (three) years”

The amendment was seconded by Dr. Waldman. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall to vote: Mr. Busch voted “Yes”, Mr. Danielson voted “Yes”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Yes”, Dr. Waldman voted “Yes”, and Mayor Walker “Yes”. The vote to amend was unanimous.

Then, Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall to vote: Mr. Busch voted “Yes”, Mr. Danielson voted “Yes”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Yes”, Dr. Waldman voted “Yes”, and Mayor Walker “Yes”. The vote for approval of Ordinance 22-02 as amended was unanimous.

**C. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 22-03 REPEAL AND REPLACE THE DUE DATE FOR THE LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAX PAYMENTS (MAYOR):**

Mr. Sickinger made a motion for approval and Mayor Walker seconded it. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “Yes”, Mr. Danielson voted “Yes”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Yes”, Dr. Waldman voted “Yes”, and Mayor Walker “Yes”. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 22-04 AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE AND ASSIGN RS (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) ZONING TO TMS# 001999-02-061 AND TMS# 001999-02-005 OFF PALMETTO WOODS PARKWAY (PLANNING COMMISSION):**

Mayor Walker made a motion for approval and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mayor Walker presented a letter from Great Southern Homes to defer for additional time so they can revise their development plans and receive community feedback. Mayor Walker made a motion to defer to March 15, 2022. The motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Mr. Sickinger stated that he appreciated all the comments, emails, and calls that he has received regarding this ordinance. He explained that this is the first reading of this ordinance and that there will be an upcoming public hearing where he wants to encourage the residents to continue to voice their concerns. He further explained that Great Southern Homes should have plenty of time to meet and get community feedback. Mr. Sickinger ended by stating that he appreciates the fact the Irmo Planning Commission made a recommendation of RS (Single-Family Residential) and he agrees.

Mr. Busch stated that the ordinance states the TMS# is 001999-02-16 but the map shows the TMS# is 001999-02-61 made a motion to amend to change the ordinance TMS# from 001999-02-016 to TMS# 001999-02-61. Dr. Waldman seconded the motion and Mayor Walker asked if everyone approved of the ordinance as amended. The vote for approval as amended was unanimous.

Mr. Danielson reminded Mayor Walker that he has recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote to approve the amended ordinance to change the zoning to Single-Family Residential (RS): Mr. Busch voted "Yes", Mr. Sickinger voted "Yes", Dr. Waldman voted "Yes", and Mayor Walker "Yes". The vote to approve was unanimous.

**B. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 22-05 DESIGNATING ALLOCATIONS FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL RECOVER FUNDS (STAFF):**

Mayor Walker made a motion for approval and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mayor Walker explained this has been discussed many times. He stated that this ordinance is a list of items and projects that has been identified to use the American Rescue Funds on to provide for the enhancement of the Irmo community. Mr. Sickinger explained that most of these expenditures have already been approved technically and this reflects that the Town had taken the standard deduction as allowed.

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to add a "y" to "Recover". Mr. Sickinger stated that the agenda's wording was "Recover Funds" and not the Ordinance. Therefore, Mr. Sickinger rescinded his motion.

Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted "Yes", Mr. Danielson voted "Yes", Mr. Sickinger voted "Yes", Dr. Waldman voted "Yes", and Mayor Walker "Yes". The vote for approval was unanimous.

**C. APPROVAL TO AWARD NONPROFIT GRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$325,000 DISTRIBUTED FROM ARPA FUNDS TO THE FOLLOWING EIGHT NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET BY THE TOWN: (COUNCIL):**

Mayor Walker made a motion to approve distributing \$325,000 in grants to the following non-profits:

- 1. The Ivy heritage Foundation of Irmo, Inc. - \$20,000
- 2. HeartEd Youth Zone/Universal Community Improvement Organization - \$100,000
- 3. SC Kings Foundation - \$50,000 with special conditions
- 4. Irmo Outreach Committee - \$40,000
- 5. Irmo Police Department Community Foundation - \$25,000

- 6. Irmo Elementary PTA - \$25,000
- 7. Friarsgate Skate Park Committee - \$40,000 with special conditions
- 8. Irmo Fire Foundation - \$25,000 with special conditions

Mr. Sickinger seconded the motion and Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “Yes”, Mr. Danielson voted “Yes”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Yes”, Dr. Waldman voted “Yes”, and Mayor Walker “Yes”. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**D. APPROVAL TO AWARD A NONPROFIT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FROM ARPA FUNDS TO THE DISTRICT FIVE FOUNDATION SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET BY THE TOWN (COUNCIL):**

Mr. Sickinger made a motion award \$15,000 to the District Five Foundation and Mr. Danielson seconded it. Mayor Walker stated that Dr. Waldman has recused herself from this vote due to a conflict of interest. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “Yes”, Mr. Danielson voted “Yes”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Yes”, and Mayor Walker “Yes”. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**E. APPROVAL TO AWARD A NONPROFIT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000 FROM ARPA FUNDS TO THE ST. ANDREWS WOMAN’S CLUB SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET BY THE TOWN (COUNCIL).**

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to award \$4,000 to the St. Andrews Woman’s Club and Mr. Danielson seconded it. Dr. Waldman voiced her concern by stating that it is not clear that these funds will impact any of the citizens located in Irmo. Mayor Walker stated that he thought this was the Woman’s Club that does the Irmo Okra Strut and has since found out it is the Lake Murray Woman’s Club that does the festival. He further explained that the St. Andrews Women’s Club does things in downtown Columbia not Irmo. Mayor stated that he thinks Council should not award \$4,000 to St. Andrew’s Woman’s Club.

Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “Yes”, Mr. Danielson voted “Yes”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Yes”, Dr. Waldman voted “No”, and Mayor Walker “No”. The vote for approval was 3 to 2 with Dr. Waldman and Mayor Walker voted in opposition

**F. APPROVAL TO TRANSFER \$250,000 FROM ARPA FUNDS TO THE GENERAL FUND TO COVER THE PREVIOUS ALLOCATION TO THE IRMO FUTURE GROWTH ON 4/20/21 & 7/20/21 (MAYOR):**

Mayor Walker made a motion for approval and Mr. Danielson seconded it. Mayor Walker and Mr. Danielson agree that although the funds granted to the Irmo Future Growth Corporation were disbursed from the General Fund, the awarded funds would eventually be replaced by the American Rescue Fund once received. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “Yes”, Mr. Danielson voted “Yes”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Yes”, Dr. Waldman voted “Yes”, and Mayor Walker “Yes”. The vote for approval was unanimous. Mayor Walker stated that he has received all the information he requested of the disbursement on the funds that the Irmo Future Growth Corporation gave out to businesses located in the Town of Irmo.

**G. APPROVAL OF BIDS AND TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO KCR CONSTRUCTION & CONSULTING, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000 TO PERFORM FORESTRY MOWING WORK A THE IRMO COMMUNITY PARK (STAFF):**

Mayor Walker made a motion for approval and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mayor Walker clarified the KCR Construction was the lowest bid by \$500. However, after listening to residents, he agrees that rather than sending the money to an out-of-state vendor, send it to a local vendor located in Lexington County since it is a \$500 difference. Mayor Walker made a motion to amend to award the contract to Lake Murray Forestry Mulching in the amount of \$12,500, and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted "Yes", Mr. Danielson voted "Yes", Mr. Sickinger voted "Yes", Dr. Waldman voted "Yes", and Mayor Walker "Yes". The vote for approval as amended was unanimous.

Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted "Yes", Mr. Danielson voted "Yes", Mr. Sickinger voted "Yes", Dr. Waldman voted "Yes", and Mayor Walker "Yes". The vote for approval to award the contract in the amount of \$12,500 to Lake Murray Forestry Mulching was unanimous.

**H. APPROVAL OF GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR GRANT AWARDS (WALDMAN):**

Dr. Waldman made a motion for approval and Mr. Busch seconded it. Dr. Waldman explain this would set specific terms and conditions for any grants awarded by the Town. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted "Yes", Mr. Danielson voted "Yes", Mr. Sickinger voted "Yes", Dr. Waldman voted "Yes", and Mayor Walker "Yes". The vote for approval was unanimous. Mayor Walker stated that these General Terms and Conditions will be included in the package to all who receive grant funds from the Town of Irmo.

**I. APPROVAL TO SELECT COUNCILMAN KELLY BUSCH TO REPRESENT THE TOWN OF IRMO ON THE CENTRAL MIDLANDS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (STAFF):**

Mayor Walker made a motion for approval and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mayor Walker explained this would designate a representative to serve on the Central Midlands Council (COG) of Governments. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted "Yes", Mr. Danielson voted "Yes", Mr. Sickinger voted "Yes", Dr. Waldman voted "Yes", and Mayor Walker "Yes". The vote for approval was unanimous.

**J. APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION – 1 OPENING (STAFF):**

Mayor Walker stated that they received three applications. Mr. Sickinger made a motion to appoint Mr. Murphy and Mr. Danielson seconded the motion. The vote for approval to appoint Mr. Murphy was unanimous.

**PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:**

- Mrs. Marie Ryan, Skatepark Committee, addressed Council on item "C" under New Business
- Mr. Russell Dean, SC Kings Foundation, addressed Council on item "C" under New Business
- Ms. Jamesetta Lovett, Ivy Heritage Foundation, addressed Council on item "C" under New Business
- Dr. Alzona Johnson, HeartEd Youth Zones, addressed Council on item "C" under New Business
- Ms. Labrina Myers 232 Elstow, addressed Council on the road conditions on Elstow Road
- Mrs. Kathy Condom, 1102 Javelin Court, addressed Council on item "A" under New Business
- Mr. Gregg Edmonds and Mr. Wade DeLoach, Irmo Outreach Committee, addressed Council on item "C" under New Business and the Irmo Outreach website

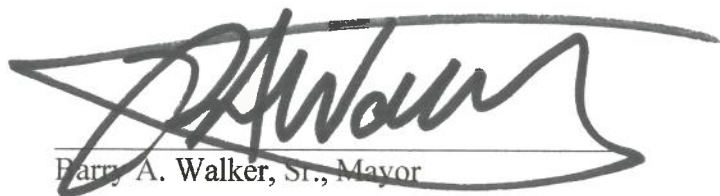
-Mr. Courtney Dennis, Irmo Town Administrator, addressed Council on how the approved grants will be proceed

-Mr. Beach Loveland, Loveland Coffee, addressed Council on item "C" 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 8:43 p.m.



Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Caviness, Municipal Clerk