

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

The Irmo Town Council held a public hearing and a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 in the Municipal Building. Council Members in attendance were Mayor Walker, Mayor Pro Tem Danielson, Councilmen Busch, 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, March 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 22-04 to zone TMS # 001999-02-061 and #001999-02-005 (RS) Single Family Residential District):

Ms. Cindy Sullivan, 42 Palmetto Wood Parkway  
Mrs. Kathy Condom, 1102 Javelin Court  
Mr. Ed Greco, 16 Palmetto Wood Court  
Mr. Dick Bohor, 1112 Javelin Court  
Mr. Mike Satterfield, Great Southern Homes  
Ms. Birgit McDade, 1504 Beaver Dam  
Ms. Lauren Small, 1719 Quail Valley East

No one else spoke, therefore, Mayor Walker closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. and opened the public hearing on

Ordinance 22-05 Designating Allocations for funding through the Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds:

No one spoke; therefore, Mayor Walker closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and Girl Scout Troop #785 and #810 led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Walker gave the Invocation.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Mr. Busch made a motion to approve the February 15, 2022 minutes and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the March 1, 2022 minutes and Mr. Busch seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.

REPORT OF STANDING:

A. Administrative Briefing – Mr. Dennis previously furnished a written briefing to Town Council.

B. Mr. Sickinger welcomed the following new businesses to the Town of Irmo:

Capital City Counseling – 7511 St. Andrews Road  
Bath & Bronze LLC – 1250 Lake Murray Blvd.  
Jaks Suites – 7777 St. Andrews Road  
Midlands Dumpster Services – 113 Shillingford Road  
Franklin Defense – 1140 Mosley Ave.  
Wealth’s Logistics LLC – 596 Cornerstone Circle

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Mr. Danielson made a motion to remove item “A” under “Discussion” from the agenda and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mr. Danielson explained this item has not been presented to the Irmo Future Growth Corporation Board. The board would have to approve it. Therefore, it is inappropriate for Council to discuss at this time. 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 “No”. The vote to approve was 4 to 1 with Mayor Walker voting in opposition.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mayor Walker and Council presented the March 2022 Small Business of the Month award to Corley Compound.

B. Mayor Walker presented a proclamation recognizing April as the 2022 National Donate Life Month to Mr. Keith Lower.

C. Mayor Walker and Council presented \$254,000 in grant awards to the following non-profits:

- The Ivy Heritage Foundation of Irmo, Inc.
- District Five Foundation
- Irmo Elementary School PTA
- Irmo Outreach Committee, Inc.
- Universal Community Improvement Organization
- Friarsgate Skatepark Committee
- SC King’s Foundation
- St. Andrews Woman’s Club
- Irmo Fire Foundation, Inc.
- Irmo Police Department Community Foundation

D. Mayor Walker mentioned that the Artist of the month is Mr. Sean Madden. His artwork is displayed in the lobby of Irmo Town Hall

E. The School Showcase for March 2022 is Irmo Middle School International Academic Magnet. Ms. Odom, Dr. Thur, and Mr. Joseph, Principal, gave a brief update on the many activities the students are involved in, awards and went over several upcoming events including a plant sale.

F. Dr. Mary Kennerly presented information on the upcoming Irmo International Festival that will be held at the Community Park of Irmo on April 24, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be food, music, dance, storytellers and a bounce house. She also mentioned that there is a student art competition where the students will have an opportunity to win cash prizes.

G. Mr. Sickinger mentioned that the Irmo Elementary School PTA are sponsoring a play date in the Community Park of Irmo from on April 2, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

H. Mayor Walker explained he has received several requests for Council to consider upgrading playground equipment at the Community Park of Irmo.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. SECOND AND FINAL 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):**

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mr. Busch seconded it. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “Yes”, Mr. Danielson recused himself, 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 22-05 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. This Ordinance designates \$2,269,125 of American Rescue Plan funds received to governmental services by electing the standard allowance option through the CSLRF and allocates funds for projects. 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 to approve was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 22-06 TO AMEND THE TOWN’S OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO CORRECT ZONING DISCREPANCIES (PLANNING COMMISSION):**

Mr. Sickinger made a motion for approval and Mr. Danielson 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. APPROVAL TO AWARD A NONPROFIT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 DISTRIBUTED FROM ARPA FUNDS TO SOUL TO SOUL FOUNDATION & BUILDING U PARTNERSHIP WITH SPECIAL CONDITIONS (DANIELSON):**

Mr. Danielson made a motion for approval and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mr. Danielson suggested the two groups to combine efforts to use the facility which they have agreed on. The grant would pay the rent to lease the facility for 1 year under special conditions. Mayor Walker voiced his concerns on the sustainability of the project. 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 "No". The vote for approval was 4 to 1 with Mayor walker.

**C. APPROVAL OF REVISED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH THE RICHLAND COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION (STAFF):**

Mayor Walker explained the revision was required to correct errors within the agreement for the Rawls Creek Park and to add provisions within the guidelines of the PARD grant. 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 "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 SUBMIT A GRANT REQUEST TO THE SCDPS OHSJP SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM FOR \$150,655 (STAFF):**

Mayor Walker made a motion for approval and Mr. Busch seconded the motion. Mayor Walker explained this grant would fund a School Resource Officer for Irmo Elementary School at 100% for 1 year. 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.

**E. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT REQUEST TO THE SCDPS OHSJP JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR \$108,000 (STAFF):**

Mayor Walker made a motion for approval and Mr. Sickinger seconded the motion. This is an equipment grant to replace aging Tasers and is a 10% match (\$10,800). 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.

**F. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT REQUEST TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM PARD FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128,000 (STAFF):**

Mayor Walker made a motion to approve and Mr. Sickinger seconded the motion. This grant is an 80/20 grant match for the design and engineering of the Rawls Creek Park. 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.

**G. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AND RIDER FOR COWBOY MOUTH TO PERFORM AT THE 2022 OKRA STRUT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,000 (OKRA STRUT COMMISSION):**

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Dr. Waldman seconded the motion. Mr. John Lindower stated they are from New Orleans and indicated that he is seeking approval of the offer letter which is needed in order to get the contract for Cowboy Mouth. The price includes the cost of the band and the other expenses associated with their rider. Mr. Lindower clarified that once the offer letter is approved, it then becomes the contract. 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.

**H. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AND RIDER FOR ROOT DOCTORS TO PERFORM AT THE 2022 OKRA STRUT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,000 (OKRA STRUT COMMISSION):**

Mayor Walker made a motion to approve and Mr. Sickinger seconded the 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.

**I. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AND RIDER FOR COREY SMITH TO PERFORM AT THE 2022 OKRA STRUT NOT TO EXCEED \$21,000 (OKRA STRUT COMMISSION):**

Mayor Walker made a motion for approval and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mr. Danielson clarified that this band will be the entertainment for Saturday night of the Okra Strut. 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. APPROVAL TO APPOINT MS. META JAMES TO THE ACCOMMODATION TAX COMMITTEE TO THE VACANT LODGING POSITION (MAYOR):**

Mayor Walker made a motion to appoint Ms. Meta James to the Accommodation Tax Committee and Mr. Sickinger seconded the 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.

**K. APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF IRMO AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR USE OF THE YOUNGINER BUILDING LOCATED AT 1239 COLUMBIA AVENUE (STAFF):**

This is a continuation of a lease agreement for State Transport Police to utilize the space for an additional 5 years at \$1,000.00 per month. Mayor Walker made a motion to approve and Mr. Sickinger seconded the 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.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Ms. Cheryl Johnson, 10 Crown Point Court, addressed Council on the playground equipment at the Community Park of Irmo.

Ms. Judy Davis, 236 Elstow Road, addressed Council on the road conditions due to a water leak on Elstow Road.


DISCUSSION:

A. Discuss the Irmo Future Growth Corporation purchasing another swing set or implements for the Irmo Community Park (Mayor):

**This item was removed (Please refer to “Amendment to the Agenda”).**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Sickinger made a motion to adjourn, and Dr. Waldman seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.



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Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



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Renee Caviness, Municipal Clerk