

**TOWN OF IRMO  
PUBLIC HEARING &  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
June 21, 2022**

The Irmo Town Council held a public hearing and a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 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, Finance Director & Municipal Clerk; Mia Wilkins, Director of Economic Development & Communications; Mr. Whitt Cline, Public Services Director, and Mr. Will Edwards, Town Attorney.

The agenda was published and posted on Friday, June 17, 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 22-15 TO ADD A ZONING DESIGNATION OF FRINGE AGRICULTURAL TO  
TMS# R03207-01-25 AT 33 BUSCH OAKS COURT:**

No one spoke; therefore, Mayor Walker closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and Mr. Danielson led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the May 17, 2022 minutes and Mr. Busch seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the May 31, 2022 minutes and Dr. Waldman seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the June 7, 2022 minutes and Dr. Waldman seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**REPORT OF STANDING:**

A. Administrative Briefing – Mr. Dennis previously furnished a written briefing to Town Council and let Council know that the Friarsgate Skate Committee has invited Council to join them at Owens Field Skate Park on July 21, 2022 for National Skate Day.

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

Interfirm Brokers – 7821 St. Andrews Road  
Infallible Body Essentials – 937 Friarsgate Blvd.  
Moore, Beauston, Woodham LLP – 7193 St. Andrews Road  
Build On Your Land – 7464 Woodrow Street  
KC Hair Design – 7001 St. Andrews Road  
11 Tyme 24 T-Shirt & Catering – 142 Rose Oaks Drive  
Ultimate Car Wash Service – 1019 Old Town Road

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mayor Walker and Council presented the June 2022 Small Business of the Month award to Irmo Auto Supply

B. Community Connections:

1. Dr. Waldman announced that Lexington-Richland School District Five is participation in the Summer Break Café. This is a free summer food service program that is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the SC Department of Education that allows students who are no older than 18 to received free breakfast and lunch.
2. **OUT OF ORDER** : Dr. Alonzo Johnson from Universal Leadership & STEAM Academy
3. Mayor Walker stated the Ivy Heritage Community Garden Ribbon Cutting is Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Rawls Creek Park. He further explained that there will be a market starting at 9 a.m.

C. Mr. William Bowman gave an update on the recent museum in the park for the Juneteenth Celebration that occurred Wednesday, June 15, 2022

D. Mayor Walker recognized Layne and Company as the June 2022 Artist of the Month and let everyone know that her artwork is on display in the lobby at Town Hall.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS:

Mr. Jerry Gallagher - 101 Muskrat Run, addressed Council for item “A” under New Business

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 22-14 TO ADOPT THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR FY22/23 (STAFF).**

Mr. Sickinger made a motion for approval and Mayor Walker seconded it. Mayor Walker stated the FY22/23 budget is \$8,306,289. 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.

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**B. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 22-15 TO ADD A ZONING DESIGNATION OF FRINGE AGRICULTURAL (FA) TO TMS# R03207-01-25 OFF BUSCH OAKS COURT OWNED BY GEORGIA BUSCH (PLANNING COMMISSION):**

Mr. Sickinger made a motion for approval and Dr. Waldman seconded it. Mayor Walker stated that Mr. Busch has recused himself because of a relationship with the property owner. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: 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 22-17 TO REZONE A PORTION OF TMS# R03203-03-01 (+/- 16 ACRES) FROM FRINGE AGRICULTURAL (FA) TO RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY (RS) (PLANNING COMMISSION):**

Mayor Walker made a motion for approval and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. He explained this was referred from the Planning Commission and they are recommending Single Family Residential (RS). Mayor Walker stated that this would allow four units per acre in single family residential zoning. Mr. Sickinger voice his concerns about the increase in traffic in the area. Mr. Busch stated that his understanding is that the petitioner was seeking a CG (General Commercial) zoning for development of apartments on this tract of land and did not request single family residential.

Therefore, Mayor Walker made a motion to defer until the July 19, 2022 meeting and Mr. Sickinger seconded the motion. Mr. Danielson stated that he agrees that Council should not vote on the zoning of this property until the owner clarifies what zoning he is requesting. Dr. Waldman explained that zoning a portion of the property with one TMS will cause confusion. Therefore, she wants the owner to properly divide the portion of the land that the owner wants to rezone creating two tax map numbers for this property. Mr. Danielson stated that he does not think the owner can get another TMS in 30 days. Mr. Sickinger seconded the motion. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote to defer: 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. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 22-18 TO ANNEX TMS# R03207-01-22 (+/- 5.1 ACRES) OWNED BY JONNATHAN L. PRIESTINO LOCATED AT 1342 FARMING CREEK ROAD INTO THE TOWN LIMITS (STAFF):**

Mr. Sickinger made a motion for approval and Mr. Danielson seconded it. Mr. Sickinger stated the property is contiguous to the town limits. Mr. Danielson was in favor of annexing the property into the town since the owner made the request. Mr. Dennis let Council know that the owner had purchased some additional land that is already in the town limits and then added the property to his existing TMS number.

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to amend to change TMS# R03302, Block 01, Lot 01 to TMS# R03207, Block 01, Lot 22 and Mr. Busch seconded. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch “Yes”, Mr. Danielson voted “Yes”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Yes”, Dr. Waldman voted “Yes”, and Mayor Walker “Yes”. The vote for approval to amend was unanimous.

Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch “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.

**C. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 22-19 TO ANNEX TMS# R03302-01-01 (MICHAEL BULL +/- 23 ACRES), R03303-02-01 (ST. ANDREWS RD. CHURCH OF CHRIST +/- .96 ACRES) & R03303-02-02 (BETTY E. JACO +/- 1 ACRE) LOCATED AT 1181 & 1191 DUTCH FORK ROAD INTO THE TOWN LIMITS (STAFF):**

Mr. Danielson made a motion for approval and Mr. Busch seconded it. Mayor Walker confirmed with Mr. Dennis that this property will be presented to the Planning Commission for consideration of zoning designation and a recommendation will be given to Council. 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. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 22-20 TO UPDATE THE IRMO OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AS A VISUAL REFERENCE OF THE TOWN’S ZONING DISTRICTS (PLANNING COMMISSION):**

Mayor Walker explained that this is to our Official Map which is the final step in adopting our map as the Official Zoning Map for the Town of Irmo and cleaning up discrepancies within our mapping system. Mr. Sickinger made a motion for approval and Dr. Waldman 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.

**E. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 22-21 TO AMEND APPENDIX A OF THE ZONING & LAND REGULATIONS SECTION 1-6 ADDITIONS TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP (PLANNING COMMISSION):**

Mr. Sickinger made a motion for approval and Mr. Busch seconded it. Mr. Sickinger explained that will clarify the language in the Zoning Ordinance. 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. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 22-22 TO AMEND APPENDIX A OF THE ZONING & LAND REGULATIONS SECTION 12-6 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES (PLANNING COMMISSION):**

Mr. Sickinger made a motion for approval and Mr. Busch seconded it. Mr. Sickinger stated that this will clarify the language in the zoning ordinance just like the previous ordinance. 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. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 22-23 TO AMEND APPENDIX A OF THE ZONING & LAND REGULATIONS SECTION 1-7 COMMENCEMENT OF WORK (PLANNING COMMISSION):**

Mayor Walker explained that this will clean up language in the ordinance. Mr. Sickinger made a motion for approval 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.

**H. APPROVAL OF BID AND AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MCCLAM & ASSOCIATES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$413,360.50 FOR PHASE 1 OF THE RAWLS CREEK PARK PROJECT (STAFF):**

Mayor Walker made a motion for approval and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. Mayor Walker made a motion to amend to accept just a portion of the bid to perform the clearing/grubbing, tree/debris removal, and hydroseeding. Mr. Busch believes that since there was only one bid for this project, he wants the work divided into different projects and start the bidding process over again. He would like to see more competitive bids.

Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “No”, Mr. Danielson voted “No”, Mr. Sickinger voted “No”, Dr. Waldman voted “No”, and Mayor Walker “No”. The vote to amend was failed with all of Council voting in opposition.

Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “No”, Mr. Danielson voted “No”, Mr. Sickinger voted “No”, Dr. Waldman voted “No”, and Mayor Walker “No”. The vote for approval was failed. Mayor Walker directed Mr. Dennis to have this phase of the project divided out and send out each portion to be bid on separately.

**I. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,052 FROM THE SCDPS STATE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM (POLICE DEPARTMENT):**

Mayor Walker made a motion for approval and Dr. Waldman seconded it. Mayor Walker explained that this funding would put a School Resource Officer in Irmo Elementary School. Dr. Waldman clarified that the grant would cover 25% of the cost and Lexington-Richland 5 School District covering the remaining portion (75%). Mr. Sickinger voiced his concerns taking on this responsibility due to recent events in the Texas. Chief Dale stated that he believes this is the right thing to do and will allow the Irmo Police Department build relationships to better the Irmo community. 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 CLOSE PORTIONS OF ST. ANDREWS ROAD, CHURCH STREET, AND EASTVIEW DRIVE DURING THE ANNUAL OKRA STRUT FESTIVAL FROM SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2022 (STAFF):**

Mr. Sickinger made a motion for approval and Dr. Waldman 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.

**K. APPROVAL TO CANCEL THE JULY 12, 2022 TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP (MAYOR):**

Mr. Sickinger made a motion for approval and Mayor Walker seconded it. Then, Mr. Sickinger made a motion to amend to reschedule the workshop from July 12<sup>th</sup> to July 26<sup>th</sup> and Mayor Walker seconded it. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “No”, Mr. Danielson voted “Yes”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Yes”, Dr. Waldman voted “No”, and Mayor Walker “Yes”. The vote to amend to reschedule the workshop to July 26<sup>th</sup> for approval was unanimous.

Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Caviness for a rollcall vote to approve as amended: Mr. Busch voted “No”, Mr. Danielson voted “No”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Yes”, Dr. Waldman voted “No”, and Mayor Walker “Yes”. The vote to cancel the workshop as amended failed with Mr. Busch, Mr. Danielson, and Dr. Waldman voting in opposition. Therefore, the Council Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

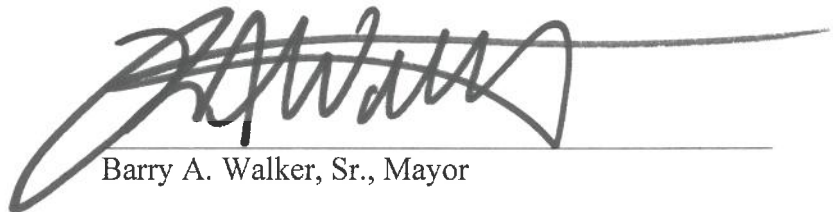
**OUT OF ORDER:** Mayor Walker asked Dr. Alonzo Johnson to give an update on Universal Leadership & Steam Academy. Dr. Johnson updated Council with a summary of the weekly activities and explained there are approximately 52 students that attend daily. He ended his presentation by stating more information can be found on their website at [www.ulsteamaca.org](http://www.ulsteamaca.org).

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS: None

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 8:34 p.m.



Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Caviness, Municipal Clerk