

# TOWN OF IRMO COUNCIL WORKSHOP February 1, 2022

The Irmo Town Council held a Workshop on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, in the Municipal Building. In attendance was 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; and Mr. Will Edwards, Town Attorney.

The agenda was published and posted on Friday, January 28, 2022 to meet FOIA requirements.

Mayor Walker called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **A. Introduction of Lexington County Councilwoman Charlene Wessinger to Town Council (Mayor):**

Mayor Walker introduced Councilwoman Charlene Wessinger from Lexington County. Ms. Wessinger introduced herself and stated that district lines have been redrawn. She presented Council a map showing the changes. Ms. Wessinger stated that she represents District 6 which covers about 95% of the Town of Irmo. She ended by letting Council know to please contact her if they have any questions or concerns.

### **B. Discussion on COVID nonprofit Grant applications received (Mayor):**

Council agreed that they will award up to \$500,000 of the American Rescue Fund to non-profits. They will prioritize in-town non-profits first and then handle out of town non-profits case by case. After going through each application that was submitted, Council agreed on the following amounts:

1. Irmo Outreach Committee for \$40,000
2. The Ivy Heritage Foundation of Irmo, Inc. for \$20,000
3. SC Kings Foundation for \$50,000 and a letter of credit up to \$100,000
4. Friarsgate Skatepark Committee - \$40,000 and a letter of credit up to \$80,000
5. Irmo Police Department C Foundation for \$25,000
6. Irmo Elementary PTA for \$25,000 to be applied for the expense of new sign on Lake Murray Blvd
7. Irmo Fire Foundation for \$25,000
8. Soul to Soul Foundation is on hold so Council can get more information about the foundation as well as asking questions as necessary.
9. HeartEd Youth Zone for \$100,000
10. District Five Foundation for \$15,000
11. St. Andrews Woman's Club for \$4,000
12. Building U is on hold until they submit budget and prove their 501 3c status
13. Pine Grove AME & McGregor Presbyterian is on hold until they submit a budget
14. Project Nu Beginning Re-entry, LLC – Council denied this grant and stated the organization need to request funds from Richland County request

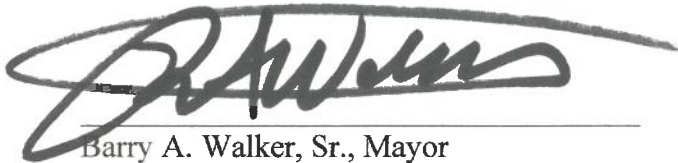
All of Council agreed to award more non-profit grants in the future.

**C. Discussion of language and reporting form for Ordinance 22-02 – Distributing of Tax Funds to non-profits and businesses (Mayor):**

Mr. Erik Sickinger stated he will propose changes and send it to Council, Mr. Dennis, and Mr. Edwards to review and propose changes if necessary.

Council requested to have an action item where they would vote on a member to represent the Council Central Midland Council of Governments (COG) meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further items to discuss, Mr. Sickinger made a motion to adjourn, and Dr. Waldman seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the workshop was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Renee Caviness', is written over a horizontal line.

Renee Caviness, Municipal Clerk