

# TOWN OF IRMO

## COUNCIL WORKSHOP

### September 06, 2022

The Irmo Town Council held a Workshop on Tuesday, September 06, 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, Finance Director & Municipal Clerk; Mr. Whitt Cline, Public Services Director, Mr. Will Edwards, Town Attorney and Mr. Jake Moore.

The agenda was published and posted on Friday, September 02, 2022, to meet FOIA requirements.

Mayor Walker called the workshop to order at 6:02 p.m.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

##### A. Discussion on Blue Granite (Mayor):

Mayor Walker stated that he talked with Mr. Don Denton from Blue Granite, and let Council know that Blue Granite will be merging with another company. Mr. Moore mention that he had talked to Mr. Denton and believes the merger could bring new technology including upgrades to their sewer billing.

##### B. Discussion about the Stormwater Consortium (Staff):

Mr. Cline introduced Angela Vandelay (Woods Engineering) and Ms. Taylor Brewer (Lexington County). They gave a presentation to Council on the Stormwater Consortium Program, MS4 Permitting, Irmo's permit obligations and financial commitment.

##### C. Discussion on plan to recycle glass (Sickinger):

Mr. Sickinger asked Mr. Cline to explain the proposed recycle glass program because of all the research he had completed on the project. Mr. Cline explained that the Town could purchase a used dumpster for approximately \$5,500 and could have a mural painted on the dumpster that will be located between the Town Hall and the Public Works building. This will give the residents a central location where they can discard their glass no matter the color of glass. Then, a company would be hired at about \$300 per load to haul the dumpster quarterly to Lexington County dump. He further explained that he talked to Lexington County, and they will not charge Town for the glass.

##### D. Discussion on box car proposal (Staff):

Mr. Dennis voiced his concerns about placing the box car on the corner of Royal Tower and Broad River due to the widening of Broad River Road. Therefore, he advised Council to hold off on the project or move the box car to another location. It was suggested that the box car could be moved to the Community Park of Irmo or somewhere on Lake Murray Blvd.

Mr. Sickinger stated the Irmo Future Growth received a grant to get box car and that it must be moved before the end of the year, or they will lose the grant. He further explained that it will take about eight weeks to get it installed. The discussion ended with Mr. Danielson stating that he will get with Richland County about the project.

#### E. Discussion on our current Zoning and Land Regulations Manual (Busch):

Mr. Busch stated that the current zoning ordinances has many deficiencies. He is requesting a timeline on correcting deficiencies and believes it needs to get completed as soon as possible. It was mentioned that Council could outsource the project. Mr. Dennis explained that the current manual was outsourced as well of expensive. Mr. Tucker explained that he is currently working on updating the manual and has requested Council to provide a list of items they would like to change. He stated that the Zoning and Land Regulation manual is a living document that will need to be constantly updated as things change.

#### F. Discussion on hybrid Council Meetings and Workshops (Waldman):

Dr. Waldman stated that she would like a mechanism to be put in place where an absent Councilmember can virtually attend and participate in a meeting. Mr. Dennis explained that a new video and other equipment would need to be purchase because the current equipment does not have the capability. He mentioned that it would be an expensive purchase. Council discussed whether this is needed and that most of Council would be required to meet in person due to the current laws. The conversation end with Dr. Waldman stating that she will look into what other institutions are doing.

#### G. Discussion on DHEC's Palmetto Smokefree Workplace Certification (Sickinger):

Mr. Sickinger has talked with DHEC about a certification program and is working with Mr. Dennis on a smoking ordinance.

#### H. Open Discussion:


1. Chief Dale let Council know that there are 4 cameras temporarily at Rawls Creek Park.
2. Chief Dale mentioned to Council that he will be requesting for the starting salary of incoming police officer be raised to keep up with other police departments in surrounding areas as well as increases to salaries for current police officers for retention in the upcoming budget workshops.
3. Mr. Sickinger gave a brief update on the status of the Town flag. He stated that he believes this task should be contracted out.
4. Mr. Busch stated that he does not have any information to provided from the COG meeting at this time.
5. Mr. Dennis let Council know that the clearing and leveling at the Community Park of Irmo is continuing along and hopes it will be completed prior to the Okra Strut.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further items to discuss, Mr. Danielson made a motion to adjourn, and Dr. Waldman seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the workshop was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Caviness, Municipal Clerk