TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

February 21, 2023 @ 7:00pm
Irmo Municipal Building – 7300 Woodrow Street, Irmo, South Carolina

Live streaming will be available from our YouTube channel at:
https://www.youtube.com/c/TownofIrmo

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Pledge of Allegiance
III. Invocation
V. Report of Standing
   A. Administrative Briefing
   B. New In-Town Businesses
      Cava Mezza Grill – 952 Lake Murray Boulevard
      Direct Accommodations, LLC. – 7228 Woodrow Street
      Dynamite Kids Afterschool – 10071 Broad River Road
      Edima Cleaning Services – 131 Kenton Drive
      Floyd Brace Company – 8000 Broad River Road
      My Purpose Counseling – 1180 Columbia Avenue
      Nails by Tracy – 107 North Royal Tower Drive
      Rider Family Chiropractic – 7839 Broad River Road

VI. Amendments to the Agenda
VII. Consideration of Communication

A. Recognition of Fleet Feet as the February 2023 Small Business of the Month.
B. Presentation of 2023 Chili Cook-off proceeds to the National Kidney Foundation (Mayor).
C. Proclamation recognizing Bleeding Disorder Awareness Month (Mayor).
D. Community Connections:
   1. Irmo’s Black History Exhibit (Waldman).
   2. Summer Enrichment Camps Expo (Waldman).
   3. Unity in the Community/Irmo’s Got Talent (Waldman).
   4. Irmo International Festival (Waldman).
E. Artist of the Month: Wrapped by Trish

VIII. Presentation by Citizens (Agenda Items IX and X only)

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SECOND AND FINAL READING of ORDINANCE 23-01 to amend Appendix A – Zoning and Land Development Article 2, Section 2-3.6 Conditional Uses for Townhouses (Planning Commission). This will change the language under conditional uses to include multifamily.

B. SECOND AND FINAL READING of ORDINANCE 23-02 to amend Appendix A – Zoning and Land Development Article 2, Section 2-3.5 Conditional uses for mini-warehouses and self-storage units (Planning Commission). This will remove mini-warehouses and self-storage units as a conditional use and place them under special exceptions requiring ZBA approval.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING of ORDINANCE 23-03 to amend the Town of Irmo’s Code of Ordinances Section 14-32 – Unsanitary and Unsightly (Sickinger). This will add language to regulate water discharge.

B. Approval of the 2023 Okra Strut budget in the amount of $171,750 (Okra Strut Commission). Commission Chairman Mike Ward will be on hand to present the budget proposal.
C. Approval to submit offers to the Spin Doctors not to exceed $25,000, KT Tunstall not to exceed $35,000, and Mickey Guyton not to exceed $50,000, to perform at the 2023 Okra Strut on Saturday night (Okra Strut Commission). The Commission will offer these bands to secure only one of them to perform on Saturday as the headliner.

D. Approval to adjust the starting salary for police officers to $44,000 annually (Staff). This would raise the starting salary from $40,000 to $44,000 per year.

E. Approval to update the Supportive Municipal Judge Agreement with Lexington County (Walker). This would update the 2019 agreement and increase the Judge’s salary to $8,750 per quarter.

F. Approval to use $43,300 in Hospitality Funds to refurbish and repair 72 holiday decorations through Universal Concepts (Public Works). This would convert the annual decorations along Lake Murray Blvd., Woodrow Street, and St. Andrews Road to LED lighting and apply new powder coating.

G. Approval to contract with First Tryon Advisors, LLC. not to exceed $20,000 (Staff). They will provide independent municipal financial advice and create a Capital Planning Model.

H. Approval of proposal from F3 Concepts under state contract to reorganize space within the police department and replace aging furniture in the amount of $43,666 using ARPA Funds (Police Department). This will reorganize space and add more cubicles and working space within the police department.

I. Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals – 1 position (Staff). Ed Greco has resigned his position, effective March 31, 2023, to take a spot on the Planning Commission. Applications to consider are from John Davis and Walter Lindler.

XI. Presentation by Citizens

XII. Discussion

XIII. Executive Session — Council may act on items discussed in executive session after returning from the executive session.

XIV. Adjournment

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Town of Irmo will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities based on disability in its services, programs, or activities. If you need an accommodation to attend the meeting, please contact the Town Administrator or Municipal Clerk for assistance at (803)781-7050, M-F between the hours of 8:30 – 5:00 (closed most Federal and State Holidays).
WHEREAS, I, Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor of the Town of Irmo, am proud to commemorate March 2023 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in the Town of Irmo; and

WHEREAS, this Awareness Month in the Town of Irmo will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including von Willebrand Disease and rare bleeding disorders; which affect millions of individuals around the world; and

WHEREAS, this Awareness Month will bring light to the great scientific achievements in the treatment of bleeding disorders, for which there is no cure, and the greater pursuit of advanced therapies and cures to these disorders; and

WHEREAS, this Awareness Month will elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey beyond our community to the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures, and disability; now

THEREFORE, I, Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor of the Town of Irmo, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2023, as: BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH in the Town of Irmo.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 21st day of March 2023.

_____________________________________
Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

) ORDINANCE 23 – 01

) TOWN OF IRMO )

TEXT AMENDMENT: APPENDIX A – ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE 2 – PRIMARY ZONE DISTRICT REGULATION, SECTION 2-3.6, CONDITIONAL USES FOR TOWNHOUSES AND MULTIFAMILY HOUSING

BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED, BY THE TOWN OF IRMO, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN COUNCIL DULY AND LAWFULLY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Town of Irmo desires to strengthen its Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Regulation and reconcile the associated zoning standards with its Official Zoning Map;

WHEREAS, the change is a text amendment to address noted errors, omissions, vague language, and add appropriate standards;

WHEREAS, this amendment adds language to Section 2-3.6, Conditional Uses for Townhouses and Multifamily Housing;

WHEREAS, this request separates and varies the conditional requirements for townhouses and multifamily housing;

WHEREAS, the Town and its Planning Commission per SC Codes § 6-29-760 met the State’s zoning procedural standards. Simply, notice was advertised in The New Irmo News 15 days before the public hearing;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended the adoption of the following zoning amendment to the zoning ordinance on Monday, January 9, 2023.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of February, 2023.

___________________________________
Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Renee Caviness, Municipal Clerk

1st Reading: January 17, 2023
2nd Reading: February 21, 2023
Ordinance 23 – 01

As is:

2-3.6 Conditional Uses for Townhouses

Due to the unique design features of townhouses, the dimensional and density requirements of Table 2 are hereby modified, as follows:

A. Such projects shall have a minimum of one acre.
B. Minimum lot area shall be 3,000 square feet per unit, on average.
C. Not more than eight townhouses may be joined together, with approximately the same (but staggered) front line.
D. Side yard setbacks at the end unit shall be as required for the district in which the project is to be located, with not less than 20 feet distance between buildings in the project area.
E. Rear yard setbacks shall be 20 feet.
F. Minimum lot width shall be 24 feet.
G. Sidewalks not less than five feet in width shall be provided along the front property line of each project building.
H. Rear yards, where enclosed, shall be by a masonry or brick wall not less than six feet in height.
I. Where proposed for the RG district, maximum density of a townhouse project shall not exceed four units per acre.
J. The building façades shall alternate between units.

Proposed:

2-3.6 Conditional Uses for Townhouses and Multifamily Housing

2-3.6(A) Conditional Uses for Townhouses

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H. Rear yards, where enclosed, shall be by a masonry or brick wall not less than six feet in height.
I. Where proposed for the RG district, maximum density of a townhouse project shall not exceed four units per acre.
J. The building façades shall alternate between units.

2-3.6(B) Conditional Uses for Multifamily Housing

Due to the unique design features of multifamily housing (apartments), the dimensional and density requirements of Table 2 are hereby modified, as follows:

A. Such projects shall have a minimum of one acre.
B. Multifamily buildings may not cover more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total lot acreage.

C. Front yards, rear yards and side yards shall surround multifamily buildings by twenty-five (25) feet on all sides.

D. Off-street parking must be provided for not less than two vehicles per single housing unit in the multifamily housing complex.

E. Street access. Multifamily housing shall access only roads with a minimum of four paved lanes with one lane being a turning lane. Such roads may be pre-existing or modified by the developer and approved by SCDOT and the Town of Irmo.

Amendments to Table for Conditional Use

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  )  ORDINANCE 23 – 02  
)  
TOWN OF IRMO  )

TEXT AMENDMENT: APPENDIX A – ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE 2 – PRIMARY ZONE DISTRICT REGULATION, SECTION 2-3.4, CONDITIONAL USES FOR MINI-WAREHOUSES AND SELF-STORAGE UNITS AND 2-3.21, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS FOR MINI-WAREHOUSES AND SELF-STORAGE UNITS

BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED, BY THE TOWN OF IRMO, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN COUNCIL DULY AND LAWFULLY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Town of Irmo desires to strengthen its Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Regulation and reconcile the associated zoning standards with its Official Zoning Map;

WHEREAS, the change is a text amendment to address noted errors, omissions, vague language, and add appropriate standards;

WHEREAS, this amendment is to delete language from Section 2-3.4, Conditional Uses for Mini-Warehouses and Self-Storage Units and to add similar language to a newly created Section 2-3.21, Special Exceptions for Mini-Warehouse and Self-Storage Units;

WHEREAS, this request changes the requirements for mini-warehouses and self-storage units from conditional to special exceptions requiring Zoning Board of Appeals approval;

WHEREAS, the Town and its Planning Commission per SC Codes § 6-29-760 met the State’s zoning procedural standards. Simply, notice was advertised in The New Irmo News 15 days before the public hearing;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended the adoption of the following zoning amendment to the zoning ordinance on Monday, January 9, 2023.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of February, 2023.

________________________________________
Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

_______________________________
Renee Caviness, Municipal Clerk

1st Reading: January 17, 2023
2nd Reading: February 21, 2023
AS IS:

2-3.4. Conditional uses for mini-warehouses and self-storage units.

Where conditionally allowed in Table 1, mini-warehouses shall meet the following standards:

A. Mini-warehousing sites shall not exceed four acres.
B. Lot coverage of all structures shall be limited to 50 percent of the total area.
C. Vehicular ingress-egress shall be limited to one point for each side of property abutting any street lot line.
D. No business or residential activities other than use as storage units shall be conducted within or from the units.
E. The storage space or gross floor area of a single unit shall not exceed 300 square feet.
F. Four parking spaces shall be provided in the vicinity of the leasing office to include one handicapped accessible space. Drive aisles adjacent to all exterior storage unit doors shall be a minimum of 27 feet wide.

PROPOSED:

Deletion of Section 2-3.4:

2-3.4. Conditional uses for mini-warehouses and self-storage units.

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Creation of Section 2-3.21:

2-3.21. Special exceptions for mini-warehouses and self-storage units.

The location of these uses, where permitted by special exception per Table 1, shall be regulated by the following:

A. Mini-warehousing sites shall not exceed four acres.
B. Lot coverage of all structures shall be limited to 50 percent of the total area.
C. Vehicular ingress-egress shall be limited to one point for each side of property abutting any street lot line.
D. No business or residential activities other than use as storage units shall be conducted within or from the units.

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F. Four parking spaces shall be provided in the vicinity of the leasing office to include one handicapped accessible space. Drive aisles adjacent to all exterior storage unit doors shall be a minimum of 27 feet wide.

G. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall approve all buffer landscaping on the exterior lot lines of any such proposed facilities.

H. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall approve all exterior building materials for any and all structures located within such proposed facilities.

Changes to Table 1:

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 14, ENVIRONMENT, OF THE TOWN OF IRMO CODE OF ORDINANCE; SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE II. – NUISANCES; SECTION 14-32. – UNSANITARY AND UNSEENLY CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, the Town of Irmo desires to strengthen its Municipal Code of Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the change is a text amendment to address noted errors, omissions, vague language, and add appropriate standards; and

WHEREAS, this amendment, attached, adds language to Section 14-32, Unsanitary and Unseent Conditions; prohibiting the discharge of water or other liquids onto streets and sidewalks; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED and ordered by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Irmo, South Carolina, in Council duly assembled on this 21st day of March, 2022, that the Code of Ordinance of the Town of Irmo is hereby amended.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of March, 2023.

_________________________________
Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

_______________________________
Renee Caviness, Municipal Clerk

1st Reading: February 21, 2023
2nd Reading: March 21, 2023
Amendment with edits highlighted:

Chapter 14 – Environment; Article II. – Nuisances; Sec. 14-32. – Unsanitary and unsightly conditions

(a)(1) All premises within the town whether vacant, improved or occupied, shall at all times be kept in a sanitary condition. All damp low places and all garbage, leaves, trash, cans, vessels, broken bottles, pieces of metal, china, glass or any other materials that may hold water are hereby deemed unsanitary and declared to be a nuisance punishable by a fine.

(2) Weeds, grass and other rank vegetation allowed to grow and stand uncut will not be allowed to grow over eight inches in height.

(3) No garbage, trash, appliances (unless installed), construction materials, brick, block, lumber, wood, plumbing supplies, conduit, pipe, five-gallon containers (empty or otherwise) construction equipment and/or tools may be allowed to accumulate and remain at any location with a residence or any residential zoned property and visible from a public road or from another residential property. All such materials must be stored or contained in a building or in a backyard enclosed by a six-foot privacy fence that is properly installed and maintained in accordance with standard building practices, and shall be effective at blocking such items from view by the public. Any of these violations will deem a property to be unsightly or unsanitary and it will be declared to be a nuisance and punishable by a fine.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any owner, occupant, tenant or operator of any premises in the town to consistently, continuously or frequently cast, drain or discharge water or other liquid upon the streets or sidewalks of the town, or to permit such to be done, or to occupy or manage such premises so that water or other liquid will be so cast, drained or discharged upon the streets or sidewalks; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to rainfall.

(5) In accordance with the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) plumbing fixtures shall be properly connected to either a public sewer system or to an approved private sewage disposal system. Every plumbing stack, vent, waste and sewer line shall function properly and be kept free from obstructions leaks and defects. Any person receiving an abatement notice hereunder shall have a period of 15 days after receipt of said notice to abate the violation.

(b) The occupant or lessee of any premises, and the owner, agent, representative or employee having control of any vacant premises within the town, who shall permit or tolerate any of the conditions prohibited in this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable as such.
# Okra Strut 2023 Proposed Budget

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  ) SUPPORTIVE MUNICIPAL JUDGE 
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON ) AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN 
OF IRMO

This agreement is made and entered into this ______ day of __________, 2023, between the Town of Irmo, South Carolina, hereinafter referred to as “Town,” and the County of Lexington, hereinafter referred to as “County,” and the below-named Magistrates for Lexington County, hereinafter referred to as “Magistrates.”

WHEREAS, Town desired to provide persons charged with offenses by the Town police speedy and efficient access to a public official empowered to administer Municipal Court issues and dispose of cases where such is appropriate; AND

WHEREAS, the County of Lexington and the Chief Magistrate desire to accommodate the City in this regard insofar as feasible and within the best interests of the citizens of the County, AND

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of South Carolina has authorized a procedure for assigning magistrates to serve as supportive Municipal Judges;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority of the Supreme Court of South Carolina and Lexington County Council, and in accordance with the procedures established by the South Carolina Court Administration, the following agreement is entered into:

1. The Chief Magistrate for Lexington County shall assign Rebecca Adams to serve as primary Municipal Judge and Bradly Melton to serve as a backup Municipal Judge in order to conduct bench/jury trials, hold preliminary hearings, issue search and arrest warrants and assist in other judicial duties.

2. The supportive Municipal Judge work shall take place only after the regular magisterial work schedule time for the assigned Magistrate, so that there will be no overlap in the time that the Magistrate serves as County Magistrate and the time he performs the duties as supportive Municipal Judge.

3. The assigned Magistrate shall follow the order of the Chief Justice dated October 26, 2017 that sets forth the financial record keeping standards for Magistrate Court for both the magisterial court and municipal court.

4. The Town agrees to pay to the County an amount which reflects payment of wages and benefits for the services of the Magistrate as Town Judge. The County will increase the compensation the Magistrate receives as provided by the Town, and the County shall make the appropriate withholding and distribute the checks as directed by the Chief Magistrate. The QUARTERLY COMPENSATION will be: $8,750.00 plus the employers’ portion of FICA, Police Retirement, and Worker’s Compensation. The amount is to be paid to the County on the second Friday of the last month of the quarter in the manner prescribed below:
The primary Municipal Judge shall receive full compensation for services rendered to the Town.

The backup Municipal Judge shall receive $200 compensation per court session held in the absence of the primary Municipal Judge for services rendered to the Town. This amount shall be deducted from the compensation of the primary Municipal Judge.

5. The parties hereto agree that this agreement is efficient use of judicial resources. Nothing contained herein shall change the status of the Magistrate so assigned in his/her relationship to the County as a County Magistrate.

6. This AGREEMENT shall be terminable at the request of any party upon sixty (60) days written notice to the other parties. Otherwise, the agreement shall continue in effect until the end of the current fiscal year. The agreement will automatically extend for the next fiscal year unless written notice not to extend is given by any of the parties. This Agreement shall be submitted for approval of Lexington County Council each fiscal year. If approved by County Council, this Agreement shall continue in effect without re-signing the Agreement each year.

7. This agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties, and no oral representations shall be binding unless specifically included herein. Any change or modification hereto must be in writing and signed by both parties.

8. This agreement replaces any and all previous agreements of the parties in regard to providing the assignment of Magistrates to serve as Municipal Judges.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals this _______ day of ____________, 2023.

WITNESSES:

__________________________________________
Town of Irmo
By: ______________________________________
Its: ______________________________________

__________________________________________
County of Lexington
By: ______________________________________
Its: ______________________________________

__________________________________________
The Honorable Matthew Johnson
Chief Magistrate, Lexington County
NOTES:
• Add aluminum trims to existing 3 stations & replace all fabric. Connectors say the same for 3 stations.
• Remove overheads from existing stations.
• All 4 stations have stand-up desk + stationary return (BBF and FF under return).
• Add (1) station with sliding door to SW corner (Open bottom panels along South wall for p&d access. No electric specified in panels). 3 panels have 24" clear glass at the top.