



OKRA STRUT MEETING

Irmo Municipal Building
7300 Woodrow Street, Irmo, SC 29063

May 13, 2025 @ 6:15 PM

Optional Zoom Viewing Link: <http://bit.ly/okra-strut>

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting March 11, 2025
 - B. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting April 8, 2025
- III. Amendments to the Agenda
- IV. Presentation by Citizens
- V. Budget Update
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Task Area Reports (Admin, Entertainment, Rentals, Sponsorships, Volunteers, Marketing, Food Vendors & Exhibitors, Parade)
 - B. Update regarding the 2025 50th Anniversary Okra Strut Scavenger Hunt (Carpenter)
- VII. New Business
 - A. Announcement of scholarship recipients (Ward)
 - B. Discussion of adding a 5k to the 2025 Okra Strut (Ward)
 - C. Approval to add a 5k event to the lineup for the 2025 Okra Strut (Ward)

- D. Discussion of amusement entertainment for the 2025 Okra Strut (Ward)
- E. Approval to engage Will & Kris Amusements in the amount of \$15,000.00 for amusement rides and services (Ward)
- F. Approval to engage CNY Attractions in the amount of \$3,200.00 for RC Racing (Ward)
- G. Approval to engage CNY Attractions for the amount of \$7,450.00 for Laser Tag and Video Game Truck (Ward)
- H. Discussion of the marketing plan for the 2025 Okra Strut (Cilley)
- I. Approval to engage Adams Outdoor Advertising in the amount of \$1,500.00 for billboard advertising (Cilley)
- J. Approval to engage Free-Times in the amount of \$1,000.00 for print media advertising (Cilley)
- K. Approval to engage Grace Outdoor in the amount of \$2,150.00 plus a gold-level sponsorship for billboard advertising (Cilley)
- L. Approval to engage Lexington Life/Irmo Chapin Life Magazine in the amount of \$1,800.00 for print media advertising (Cilley)
- M. Approval to engage Make the Point Radio in the amount of \$899.00 for radio advertising (Cilley)
- N. Approval to engage Midlands Media Group in the amount of \$1,000.00 plus a gold-level sponsorship for radio advertising (Cilley)
- O. Approval to engage Spectrum in the amount of \$3,000.00 for television advertising (Cilley)
- P. Approval to engage WACH FOX in the amount of \$2,010.00 for television advertising (Cilley)
- Q. Approval to engage WIS NBC in the amount of \$5,000.00 plus a gold-level sponsorship for television advertising (Cilley)
- R. Approval to engage WLTX in the amount of \$2,000.00 for television advertising (Cilley)
- S. Approval to engage Paper Pro to produce EDDM mailers at no cost to the Okra Strut (Ward)
- T. Approval to waive the fee for the Crime Stoppers exhibit for the 2025 Okra Strut (Ward)

- U. Approval to engage LaserChicken in the amount of \$880.00 for laser light show on Friday night (Sherr)
- V. Approval to engage Balloonopolis in the amount of \$500.00 for ancillary entertainment (Sherr)
- W. Approval to partner with the Harbison Theater to co-promote our events (Ward)
- X. Approval to partner with Miss Okra Pageant to co-promote our events (Ward)
- Y. Appoint community members James Mack and Radley West as Non-Voting Commissioners for the 2025 Okra Strut (Ward)

VIII. Adjournment

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Irmo Okra Strut Commission Meeting

March 11, 2025

VMP: M. Ward, P. Hawkins, M. Carpenter, S. Fulmer, D. Cilley, L. Sherr, absent; K. Snipes

NVMP: Major Hendrix, C. Dennis, Michelle Ward, J. Powell, Dr. B. Waldman, J. Mack, G. Fulmer, T. Horton, D. McNaughton

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II.Motion to approve minutes from January 14, 2025 mtg by I. Sherr, 2nd M. Carpenter

Motion to approve Feb. 4, mins that mtg was cancelled by L. Sherr, 2nd M. Carpenter, approve 6-0

III No amendments to the agenda

IV. No presentation by citizens

V. Budget update: we have spent \$40,000.00 thus far, we are currently operating in the negative.

VI. The polymorphic forms have been changed to Jot forms for all online submissions. The Parade forms are not yet ready. Deposits have been paid on big ticket items, Entertainment. We are looking for donations to feed the volunteers on Thursday at The training meeting. We are at the end of the 5 year term w/ Lexington Medical Center. They are looking to engage again w/ The Strut. Mike Ward is working on a sponsorship Letter. D. Cilley is the new marketing task leader. D. Mcnaughton has graciously agreed to help with social media. We note that the Public works Dept has been very accommodating and helpful with set up at the strut.

VII. Motion to approve Barnhill's Services Inc to provide port-a-johns, sinks, and sanitation Services not to exceed \$4,210.00 by M. Ward, 2nd by P. Hawkins, approve 6-0

Motion to approve to contract Something Borrowed LLC to provide Festival rental items in an amount not to exceed \$5, 325.00 by M. Ward, 2nd D. Cilley, approve 6-0.

VIII Motion to adjourn by P. Hawkins, 2nd L. Sherr, approve 6-0.

Meeting adjourned 1840.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Hawkin

April 8, 2025

Irmo Okra Strut Commission

Due to no new business decisions to vote on or new business to discuss, the meeting for April was cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Hawkins