

**City Council Minutes
December 21, 2021**

Orangeburg City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Facebook Live via Zoom on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 6:00 PM with Mayor Michael C. Butler presiding.

PRESENT:

Michael C. Butler, Mayor
Dr. Kalu Kalu, Mayor Pro Tem
Bernard Haire
Jerry Hannah
L. Zimmerman Keitt
Sandra P. Knotts
Richard F. Stroman

Public Hearing #1 To consider a Zoning District Map change from A-2 Residential to O-I Office-Institutional-Residential property belonging to Claflin University at 631 and 671 Goff Avenue, TMS# 0173-10-07-007.000. Public Hearing #1 was closed as no comments were made.

Public Hearing #2 To consider B-1, General Business zoning classification and annexation of the property belonging to Orangeburg County Fair Association located at 161 Sprinkle Avenue containing approximately 25 acres lying on the East side of Magnolia Street and the Northwestern side of Sprinkle Avenue. The property is contiguous to TMS# 0172-07-01-001 which is located within the City of Orangeburg and encompasses all properties within these borders, and the entire abutting public rights of way, TMS# 0172-07-01-002.000. Public Hearing #2 was closed as no comments were made.

A motion was made by Councilmember Keitt seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to approve the December 7, 2021, City Council minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu seconded by Councilmember Keitt to approve the December 13, 2021, City Council Special minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Assistant City Administrator Singh addressed Council concerning second reading of an Ordinance amending Zoning District Map to change from A-2 Multi-Unit Residential to O-I Office-Institutional-Residential property belonging to Claflin University located at 631 and 671 Goff Avenue. He stated, "This property is located on the corner of Magnolia and Goff Avenue where Claflin University will build a student center. The intended use fits the O-I zoning. We did not receive any public comments by email, nor did we receive any calls."

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Knotts to approve the second reading of an Ordinance amending Zoning District Map to change from A-2 Multi-Unit Residential to O-I Office-Institutional-Residential property belonging to Claflin University located at 631 and 671 Goff Avenue. The motion was unanimously approved.

Assistant City Administrator Singh addressed Council concerning second reading of an Ordinance to annex property belonging to Orangeburg Fair Association containing approximately 25 acres lying on the East side of Magnolia Street and the Northwestern side of Sprinkle Avenue, TMS# 0172-07-01-002.000. He stated, "This is the parking lot of the Orangeburg County Fair. The building areas are already in the City so this would just bring the entire Fair property into the City. There are no changes in services. We did discuss there may be some additional law enforcement coverage required by City by having the entire property in the City limits."

Councilmember Haire asked, "When you say more coverage by our law enforcement, is this a paid thing or is this something we normally do?"

Assistant City Administrator Singh stated, "The County and City law enforcement work together as the City is in the County. But from a jurisdictional standpoint, currently the building area is in the City and is mostly the responsibility of the Department of Public Safety (DPS). If the Sheriff's office required assistance in the parking lot area that is currently in the County, DPS would assist just as the County would assist the City. With annexation we talk about cost analysis, with this property all the services are already in the City but the one item that does change is the law

enforcement component. It just takes the City from being primary/secondary to being primary and it is a cost.”

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to approve the second reading of an Ordinance to annex property belonging to Orangeburg Fair Association containing approximately 25 acres lying on the East side of Magnolia Street and the Northwestern side of Sprinkle Avenue, TMS# 0172-07-01-002.000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Assistant City Administrator Singh addressed Council concerning the Second Reading of an Ordinance amending Zoning District Map to change from A-1 Single-Unit Residential to B-1 General Business property belonging to Orangeburg County Fair Association containing 25 acres, more or less, lying on the East side of Magnolia Street and Northwestern side of Sprinkle Avenue TMS# 0172-07-01-002.000. He stated, “Properties annexed into the City are automatically zoned A-1 unless requested by the property owner to be zoned differently and if that property is compatible with the requested zoning. In this case, the Fair Association has requested the property be zoned B-1.”

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance amending Zoning District Map to change from A-1 Single-Unit Residential to B-1 General Business property belonging to Orangeburg County Fair Association containing 25 acres, more or less, lying on the East side of Magnolia Street and Northwestern side of Sprinkle Avenue TMS# 0172-07-01-002.000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Assistant City Administrator Singh addressed Council concerning first reading of an Ordinance amending Article IX of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Orangeburg, South Carolina titled Buffering, Screening, Landscaping, Common Open Space and Tree Protection. He stated, “As we discussed in the past meeting, Staff and the Planning Commission recommend we amend our buffering guidelines and give it more detail and range to help transition areas of the City where there may be residential that is butting up to an O-I or a B-1. We had two questions asked at the previous meeting. One was about mobile versus manufactured homes. The answer is we do allow manufactured homes in A-3 so there is a reasoning to keep that language in place. Anything after 1976 is a manufactured home and before 1976 would be a mobile home and we do not allow mobile homes. The other question was about grades and materials of fencing. The recommendation is to allow the building official to work through the process to assure we have comparable materials.”

A motion was made by Councilmember Keitt, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending Article IX of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Orangeburg, South Carolina titled Buffering, Screening, Landscaping, Common Open Space and Tree Protection. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to go into Executive Session concerning Personnel Matter (a) Interviews, appointment, and compensation of City Attorney. S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70 (a) (1). The motion was unanimously approved.

Council did not return to open session. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McDaniel

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City Clerk

