

**City Council Minutes**  
**January 18, 2022**

Orangeburg City Council held a meeting on Facebook Live via Zoom on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 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**  
**Richard F. Stroman**

**PRESENT VIRTUALLY:**

**Sandra P. Knotts**

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to approve the January 4, 2022, City Council minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Butler recognized the retirement of Kenneth A. Gibson for his service to the Department of Public Utilities for thirty-two years, five months and twenty days with a retirement date of January 14, 2022.

Mayor Butler recognized Moderator Lonnie Robinson, III with a Proclamation for his diligent success with the Orangeburg Orthodox Baptist Association.

Representative Jerry Govan addressed Council to give an update on redistricting. He stated, "Three redistricting plans were drafted, introduced, and passed by the South Carolina House of Representatives and the South Carolina State Senate. Two of those bills were signed into law. One dealt with House reapportionment and the other was Senate. The two bills were combined and passed the House and Senate remapped plans and the Governor signed it into law. The congressional remap plan involving the remap of House districts has not been signed into law yet. This plan has a direct impact on the City and County of Orangeburg and how it impacts our representation in the South Carolina General Assembly. Currently there is a pending lawsuit against the House of Representatives scheduled to be heard before Federal Court."

Councilmember Keitt asked, "At this point, what can City Councilmembers do to assist?"

Representative Govan responded, "From time to time third parties will join pending suits so there will be further input into this process. This is something you can discuss with your legal counsel."

Mayor Butler recognized South Carolina State University with a Proclamation as the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) National Football Champion.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to approve the third reading 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.

Assistant City Administrator Singh addressed Council concerning a resolution for support of the Municipal Association's 2021-2022 Legislative Advocacy Initiatives. He stated, "February 1st is Legislative Regional Advocacy Day in Columbia. This is an opportunity for local government to learn what is going on in State government and for you to meet with your representatives. I want to point out a couple of the items on this resolution. One of the items is the stressing of local government. Home Rule is something constantly in front of the Municipal Association. It is very important because you are the closest to the people you represent and can relay messages at a state and national level. They are continuing to work on enclave and annexation. Another item that is important is full funding of the Local Government Fund. This is a large list because it spans from 2021-2022."

A motion was made by Councilmember Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Kalu to approve the Resolution to support the Municipal Association 2021-2022 Legislative Advocacy Initiatives. The motion was unanimously approved.

Assistant City Administrator Singh addressed Council concerning an update of the Magnolia Village sign at the North Road complex. He stated, "This is a unique sign that sends a message to everyone about our facility and how important it is to the City, but also, we have something that presents well in terms of what we have in mind for the future for the City. The process of installing the steel is beginning this week. Within the next two weeks, weather cooperating, we should have the sign up and running. It has a nice message board that will be very useful. We will be using a managed service where we have eight messages that are pre-set for us, and we can also add messages."

City Administrator Evering stated, "Our recreational complex on the North Road is quickly becoming a crown jewel for the City. We have received a lot of compliments from individuals from all over the Southeast that come to play baseball tournaments. It has been our desire for some time to see that we have a sign worthy of the complex. This is part of a bigger initiative in my mind which is to take what we have and embellish it. It will provide information for the complex and the area in general. We want to make sure people can get to it without any issues."

Councilmember Hannah asked, "Who is the contractor for the sign?"

Assistant City Administrator Singh responded, "It is contracted with RSH Signs, Charleston, South Carolina. The actual bid process was put through the South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO) through the state of South Carolina and locally on our website. We had two bidders, RSH and a group out of Georgetown."

Councilmember Kalu asked, "Do you know the type of sign the Veterans Affairs Clinic will have?"

Assistant City Administrator responded, "This will be the signage for the Veterans Affairs Clinic in the tenant panels and the other developments. This sign is a partnership. It is not just the City of Orangeburg. The roadway is a partnership with Magnolia Village Partners, which are the landowners around the development areas including the Veterans Affairs Clinic. They are financially participating with us in this sign as this is a public/private partnership."

Councilmember Haire asked, "Is it possible for Council to get a breakdown each party is paying into this?"

Assistant City Administrator Singh responded, "We would be glad to do that."

Councilmember Hannah asked, "Is this already allocated in the budget we had for the facility?"

Assistant City Administrator Singh responded, "I will do that in the form of a memo to Council and the City Administrator."

Mayor Butler asked, "Did the plaque with Councilmembers names get put up at the complex?"

Assistant City Administrator Singh responded, "Not yet, but that is a goal for spring. We will have a presentation with the plaque."

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning Infrastructure and Jobs Act - Orangeburg Municipal Airport Grant. He stated, "The City will receive a \$295,000 grant for our municipal airport that will be used for runways, taxiways, safety, terminal airport and transit connections among other possibilities. This is part of over \$32 million federal funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Acts allocated to the State of South Carolina. We are very appreciative to Congressman Clyburn and his office for assisting the City in getting this grant funding to us. Our airport has been very fortunate to receive several significant grants over the past year. This will go a long way to improve our airport facility."

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning the endorsement of the Railroad Corner Development scenarios and potential public participation strategies. He stated, "In December 2020, we engaged the Development Finance Initiative group, which is an arm of the University of

North Carolina School of Government (UNC/DFI) to assist us with the Railroad Corner Redevelopment. We have had several public input sessions, surveys, and opportunities for DFI to speak to Council and the public in regards to the development project. Last month they presented three different development scenarios and recommended Scenario B. Scenario B is labeled "Reuse and Reenergize" and would consist of approximately 14,300 square footage of commercial space, 51,200 square footage of apartments, 6,700 square footage of cultural usage along with 132 parking spaces. The total estimated cost of the project would be about \$18.2 million, and the anticipated public investment would be between \$4.5 - \$5 million. One of the things emphasized in the public input was the importance of historic preservation. This scenario certainly took that into consideration as it is anchored by commercial, apartments, and cultural usage. UNC/DFI recommended Scenario B and are asking Council to officially endorse Scenario B along with the potential public participation strategy. Once they receive that endorsement, they will take this to the market in terms of solicitation from developers. They will package all the information and the developers will have until April to come back with their development plans to meet these requirements. We are turning a corner in terms of entering the last lap before we get shovels in the ground."

A motion was made by Councilmember Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to endorse Scenario B for the Railroad Corner Development and potential public participation strategies discussed. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hannah, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to approve the following 4-year terms Boards and Commissions appointments. The motion was unanimously approved.

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

George I. Buck (Lucky)	#1
Elaine Wright	#3
Willie Brown	#5
V. LaNard Huggins	At Large

**ALTERNATES/BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Linton Davis  
Michael Stroman

**AVIATION COMMISSION**

Phyllis Pelzer	#3
Kevin Bell	#5
Colonel Richard Leonard	At Large

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Guy Best	#1
Paula Payton	#3
Jeanna Reynolds	#5
Shirlan Moseley-Jenkins	At Large

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to go into Executive Session concerning Personnel Matters a.) Discussion of Personnel Matter – Finance Department S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70 (a) (1), b.) Performance Evaluation of Municipal Judge S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70 (a) (1) and Contractual Matter a.) Discussion of 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



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**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION  
2021-2022 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY INITIATIVE**

- BE IT RESOLVED,** cities and towns in South Carolina are the government closest to the people providing the core services residents and businesses demand for an exceptional quality of life; and,
- WHEREAS,** local decisions affecting residents and local businesses should be made by local leaders; and,
- WHEREAS,** cities and towns seek to make numerous small changes in current state law to support new and existing local industry and businesses, changes in public health and safety, and continuity of service delivery; and,
- WHEREAS,** cities and towns seek to support legislation that adds more tools to the toolbox for local governments to expand and create programs to help residents and businesses; and,
- WHEREAS,** the City of Orangeburg fully supports the 2021-2022 advocacy initiatives set forth by the Municipal Association of South Carolina Board of Directors for city and town councils to govern effectively and efficiently; and,
- WHEREAS,** amending the newly adopted broadband expansion law to allow cities and towns to not only lay fiber, but also light the fiber or partner with a third party to light it; and,
- WHEREAS,** allowing cities and towns to close enclaves, also known as doughnut holes, in their municipal limits through a local annexation process; and,
- WHEREAS,** supporting reform measures to aspects of law enforcement training and practices; and,
- WHEREAS,** requiring code enforcement liens to be billed and collected, similar to property taxes; and,
- WHEREAS,** extending the current abandoned buildings tax credit to 2026 to allow for additional local economic development incentives; and,
- WHEREAS,** supporting the Local Government Fund to be funded in accordance with current law; and,
- WHEREAS,** supporting the inclusion of money in the state budget to fund the Firefighter Healthcare Benefit Plan; and,
- WHEREAS,** supporting money to be included in the state budget to fund the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder programs for first; and,
- WHEREAS,** allowing cities and towns with no property tax millage to impose a millage with certain limitations; and,
- WHEREAS,** creating a Municipal Capital Projects penny tax for municipal residents to approve for capital projects within the city limits; and,



**WHEREAS,** expanding the availability of naloxone, the medication used to revive individuals suffering from drug overdoses, to fire and emergency medical services first responders; and,

**WHEREAS,** amending the Textiles Communities Revitalization Act to include as one site those parts of abandoned mill properties that are separated by way of an intervening connector, such as a railroad or waterway.

**BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Orangeburg affirms on this 18th day of January 2022, its support for the Municipal Association's 2021-2022 advocacy initiatives for the benefit of all of South Carolina's 271 cities and towns.

**DONE AND RATIFIED THIS 18th DAY OF JANUARY 2022.**



Michael C. Butler  
MAYOR

Seamus H. Hane

James R. Hane

LaZimmon Hane

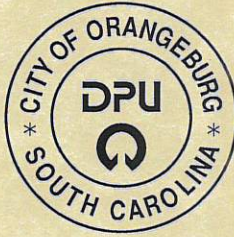
Rickie L. Hane

Shandra L. Hane  
MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Luinda McDaniel  
City Clerk





## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Kenneth A. Gibson, faithfully served the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Orangeburg for thirty-two years, five months and twenty days with a retirement date of January 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, he, through his long and faithful service contributed greatly to the successful operation of the City of Orangeburg; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, in recognition of the fine contribution rendered to the City of Orangeburg, wants to inscribe on the records its appreciation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Members of Council, in Council assembled, do officially recognize the faithful service rendered to the City of Orangeburg in the capacities in which he served and we take pride in commending him for a job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution, in appreciation for his devotion of duty to the City of Orangeburg, be placed in the Minute Book of the City in recognition of his services.

PASSED BY the City Council of the City of Orangeburg, State of South Carolina, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.



Michael C. Butler  
Mayor

L. Zimmerman Kato

Richard A. Thomas

Deanna Harris

Jamcha P. Kotto

Joseph A. [Signature]  
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Members of Council

ATTEST:

Linda McDaniel  
City Clerk