

City Council Minutes
April 1, 2025

Orangeburg City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers, 933 Middleton Street with Mayor Michael C. Butler presiding.

PRESENT:

Michael C. Butler, Mayor

Annette Dees Grevious

Jerry Hannah

Dr. Kalu Kalu

L. Zimmerman Keitt, Mayor Pro Tem

Richard Stroman

PRESENT VIRTUALLY:

Sandra P. Knotts

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Kalu to approve March 18, 2025, minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Butler recognized Fairness as the April Orangeburg County Community of Character Trait.

Mr. Vincent Sanders and the Fearless Individuals Reaching Excellence Youth Coalition appeared before Council to express gratitude for the Ordinance regarding tobacco retail establishments.

Mr. Fred Ferrante did not appear before Council concerning request to allow fowl on property.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning third reading of an ordinance amending the City of Orangeburg Zoning Ordinance regarding tobacco retail establishments. He stated "This ordinance would amend the zoning ordinance to restrict the density, the number of vaping shops within City limits. The planning commission passed a resolution on February 27, 2025, recommending approval. The amendment would prohibit vaping shops from being opened in residential areas A-1, A-2, and A-3, Office Institutional O-I and General Business B-1 and would not be permitted in any planned development districts or historical conservation districts. They would be permitted in B-2 Central Business and B-3 Neighborhood Business. They cannot be within 2,000 feet of another vape shop or within 1,000 feet of a place of worship, educational facility, or establishment whose principal gross revenue is distribution of alcohol and beverages."

Councilmember Grevious asked, "If an area is not currently zoned as B-2 Central Business, and is rezoned to B-2 Central Business, can a vape shop be permitted?"

City Attorney Kozlarek stated, "Yes, that is correct it would be open for any permitted use under B-2. That is true of any of the zoning classifications. If it is currently not something permitted in that zoning, but the zoning has changed then any of those permitted uses within that zoning classification are permitted uses. There are other ways to potentially address whether it is tobacco retail establishments or certain types of residential, certain densities of residential. The airport is a great example, having an overlay district. Even though those parcels may be differently zoned within an overlay, there may be additional requirements that apply to that area across multiple zoning classifications."

A motion was made by Councilmember Kalu, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt to approve third reading of an ordinance amending the City of Orangeburg Zoning Ordinance regarding tobacco retail establishments. The motion was unanimously approved.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning approval of proposed City of Orangeburg Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. He stated, "I would like to highlight a few dates on the proposed budget calendar. On June 10, 2025, from 10am – 2pm, there is a Planning and Goal Setting Council Retreat to be held at the DPU Operational Center. On July 8, 2025, 10am – 2pm the Council Budget Workshop will be held in Council Chambers. On July 31, 2025, we will deliver the budget package to Council. First Reading is scheduled for August 5, Second Reading on August 19, and Third Reading September 2, 2025. We ask your consideration to adopt the Budget Calendar."

A motion was made by Councilmember Kalu, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt to approve the proposed City of Orangeburg Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The motion was unanimously approved.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning resolution for Fair Housing Month. He stated, "This is an annual resolution that is requested that you adopt that basically rejects discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, or disability in the sale, rental, or provision of housing services."

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Kalu to approve the resolution for Fair Housing Month. The motion was unanimously approved.

DPU Manager Harley addressed Council concerning second reading of a Series Ordinance making provision for the Terms and Conditions of Combined Public Utility System Revenue Borrowing of the City of Orangeburg. He stated, "This is second reading of an ordinance that allows us to borrow \$13.1 million through the SC Revolving Loan Fund through South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (SRF) at an interest rate of 2.1% for 20 years. As you may recall during our budget process, we discussed a water treatment plant project of improvements to the plant and the flood lagoon. This project would use those funds to make those improvements. You also have in the packet attached to the ordinance Exhibit B and updated information specifically the debt service reserve fund of \$804,000. This is simply the amount of a year's worth of payments that we have to set aside. We do that on all the bonds that we have through SRF."

Councilmember Hannah asked, "Can you please explain the reserve funds?"

DPU Manager Harley stated, "We are required on these loans to set aside an amount equal to a year's worth of payments to protect the fund so they do not have situations where the borrower cannot make payments."

A motion was made by Councilmember Grevious, seconded by Councilmember Kalu to approve second reading of a Series Ordinance making provision for the Terms and Conditions of Combined Public Utility System Revenue Borrowing of the City of Orangeburg. The motion was unanimously approved.

DPU Manager Harley addressed Council concerning approval of proposed DPU Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. He stated, "Mr. Evering has already covered the dates for the first, second and third readings. The proposed dates for the DPU Budget Workshop are June 26th and 27th. As always, when necessary, we have two days' worth of work. We can either decide to have one full day or two half days. It is your decision. Last year, we had two half days from 10am – 2pm and we ended early on the second day. For one day, we propose beginning at 9am and working until we get it done. We typically finish around 3pm. I suggest Council approve both days. If that works for Council, please mark your calendars for both days and as we get closer, we will refine it."

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Kalu to approve the proposed DPU Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Councilmember Grevious to go into Executive Session concerning Performance Evaluation Discussion – City of Orangeburg Municipal Judge S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1) and Receipt of legal advice – Annexation of S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2). The motion was unanimously approved.

Council did not return from Executive Session. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McDaniel

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City Clerk



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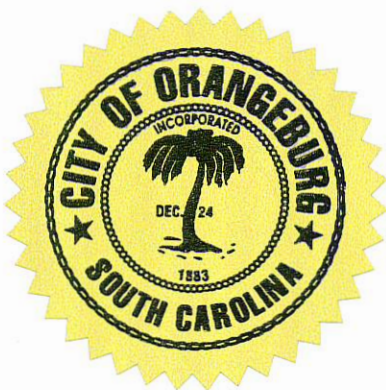
RESOLUTION FOR FAIR HOUSING

- WHEREAS,** the City of Orangeburg desires that all its citizens be afforded the opportunity to attain a decent, safe, and sound living environment; and,
- WHEREAS,** the City of Orangeburg rejects discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability and/or familial status in the sale, rental or provision of other housing services; and,
- WHEREAS,** the State of South Carolina enacted the South Carolina Fair Housing Law in 1989; and,
- WHEREAS,** April is recognized nationally as Fair Housing Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Orangeburg, South Carolina, in Council assembled, do officially recognize April as

“Fair Housing Month”

Passed by the City Council of the City of Orangeburg, State of South Carolina, this 1st day of April 2025.



Michael C. Beale

MAYOR

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Richard J. Stone

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MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Linda McDaniel

City Clerk