

**City Council Minutes**  
**April 15, 2025**

Orangeburg City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers, 933 Middleton Street with Mayor Pro Tem Keitt presiding.

**PRESENT:**

**Annette Dees Grevious**

**Jerry Hannah**

**Dr. Kalu Kalu**

**L. Zimmerman Keitt, Mayor Pro Tem**

**Richard Stroman**

**PRESENT VIRTUALLY:**

**Sandra P. Knotts**

**ABSENT**

**Michael C. Butler, Mayor**

A motion was made by Councilmember Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Grevious to approve April 1, 2025, minutes. The motion was unanimously approved

Dr. William Molnar, Executive Director, Lower Savannah Council of Governments (LSCOG) appeared before Council. He stated, "LSCOG was established in 1967 and serves Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun and Orangeburg counties to include the following programs Community Development Block Grants, Economic Development Activities (EDA), Local and Regional Planning, Lower Savannah Regional Housing Consortium (LSRHC), Aging, Disability and Transportation Resource Center (ADTRC), Area Agency on Aging (AAA), Tourism and Workforce Development Programs (WIOA). LSCOG's vision and mission are to support economic development and quality of life in the region. We work locally with the Orangeburg Council on Aging to provide home delivered meals and congregate meals. We also offer homemaker services and Long-Term Care Ombudsman, which is looking after nursing homes and other facilities that the seniors are in making sure that they are treated properly and if they have complaints, they come to us, and we work through the legal channels to help. We are working on a long-range transportation plan gathering information about intersections, accidents, and roads that may need to be widened. We hope to look at a corridor plan for the Orangeburg Chestnut and Columbia Roads intersection soon to see how we can make it work better. In the area of Economic Community Development which the City is a member of the home partnership program, we have completed two home rehab projects this past year in Orangeburg County. We recently worked with DPU on the Quiktown project."

Parks and Recreation Director Taylor appeared before Council to announce the CIAA Softball Championship Tournament at the Recreation Complex May 1-3, and the Orangeburg Rose Festival May 3-4, 2025.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning authorization to accept winning bid for Railroad Corner Pedestrian Overpass Study. He stated, "We received \$350,000 USDA Raise Grant for the Railroad Corner Pedestrian Overpass Study which would go across Magnolia and the railroad to the universities. This comprises of a study to make sure it is the correct height to go across the rail line and meets all the federal regulations. It is not a bid for the actual drawings or construction. We received two bids on the Request for Proposals and the winning proposal based on the criteria evaluated was AECOM."

A motion was made by Councilmember Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Grevious to accept the winning bid from AECOM for Railroad Corner Pedestrian Overpass Study. The motion was unanimously approved.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning authorization to accept winning bid for City of Orangeburg Department of Public Safety Roof Repair. He stated, "We received the USDA rural Development Grant in the amount of \$193,700 to repair the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety Headquarters roof and the parking area at the Chestnut Street Fire Station. We received

five responses on Request for Proposals. The winning bid based on the highest score on the evaluated criteria was Land Roofing.”

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Councilmember Kalu to accept the winning bid from Land Roofing for City of Orangeburg Department of Public Safety Roof Repair. The motion was unanimously approved.

DPU Manager Harley addressed Council concerning third 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 third 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. Nothing has changed in the ordinance from the second reading.”

A motion was made by Councilmember Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Stroman to approve third 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.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Stroman to approve a resolution recognizing April 18<sup>th</sup> as Lineworkers Appreciation Day. The motion was unanimously approved.

DPU Manager Harley addressed Council concerning John F. Pearson Water Treatment Plant – Partnership for Safe Water’s Presidents Award to Treatment Plant Optimization. He stated, “The John F. Pearson Water Treatment Plant has been awarded the Partnership for Safe Water’s President’s Award. This recognizes our dedication to water quality and innovation and operational excellence. I want Council to know that your dedication and the employees’ dedication are paying off as we continue to make those improvements and be recognized across the state and the country.”

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Councilmember Kalu to go into Executive Session concerning discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege – Project Riverview S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2). The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Stroman to Return from Executive Session. The motion was unanimously approved.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning first reading of an Ordinance authorizing the option to transfer and approval of transfer, of approximately 1.78 acres of real property with improvements, if any, located at 351 Langston Street, TMS #0173-17-31-006.000. He stated, “As we discussed, this is related to Project Riverview. The developer has asked for an option to purchase the property. The option would be for up to two years at six-month intervals.”

A motion was made by Councilmember Kalu, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt, to approve the first reading of an ordinance authorizing the option to transfer and approval of transfer, of approximately 1.78 acres of real property with improvements, if any, located at 351 Langston Street, TMS #0173-17-31-006.000 based on the discussion in Executive Session with proper documentation and evaluation at the end. The motion was approved 4-1-1. Councilmember Stroman voted no, and Councilmember Knotts abstained.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Grevious to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda McDaniel*

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City Clerk







**A Resolution Recognizing April 18<sup>th</sup> as Lineworkers Appreciation Day**

WHEREAS, America is powered by thousands of independently owned and operated electric generating facilities known as power plants that generate electric energy; and

WHEREAS, those power plants are connected to a complex energy system called the electric grid that is comprised of over 5 million line miles of transmission and distribution lines that deliver energy to homes, businesses, churches, hospitals and schools across the country; and

WHEREAS, the electric grid must be maintained in operation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year in rain, cold, hurricanes and tornadoes and must be capable of withstanding any hazards that occur; and

WHEREAS, this system of electric lines is kept in a high state of readiness by 120,376 dedicated and skilled men and women known as electric lineworkers that work for all the independently owned and operated utilities across America; and

WHEREAS, electric lineworkers are a cohesive group that must work as highly effective teams in very hazardous situations under very rigorous conditions that respond to disaster areas to restore power to victims' homes and has been ranked as one of the 10 most dangerous jobs in which 30 – 60 people lose their lives annually; and

WHEREAS, the lineworkers from the Department of Public Utilities are particularly dedicated and hard working men who risk their lives daily working in extremely dangerous situations to ensure that reliable electric energy is delivered to the Department of Public Utilities' homes and businesses.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting and proper that the City of Orangeburg set aside a special day to recognize and honor those dedicated professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Orangeburg, and on behalf of Orangeburg's grateful citizens, do hereby proclaim April 18<sup>th</sup> as Lineworkers Appreciation Day in the City of Orangeburg and call upon the people of Orangeburg to be particularly mindful of the dangerous work done under exacting conditions day in and day out by these dedicated workers and show their appreciation at every opportunity by recognizing lineworkers throughout Orangeburg.

ADOPTED BY the City Council on April 15, 2025.



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Members of Council

Attest: *Linda M. Sencil*  
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City Clerk