

**City Council Minutes
June 3, 2025**

Orangeburg City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers, 933 Middleton Street with Mayor Butler presiding.

PRESENT:

Michael C. Butler, Mayor

Annette Dees Grevious

Jerry Hannah

Dr. Kalu Kalu

L. Zimmerman Keitt, Mayor Pro Tem

Sandra P. Knotts

Richard Stroman

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Councilmember Kalu to approve May 20, 2025, minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Butler recognized Flexibility as the June Orangeburg County Community of Character Trait.

Assistant City Administrator Williams addressed Council concerning third reading of an ordinance for Zoning District Map change from A-3 Residential, General District to B-1 General Business District for property belonging to Edward M. Rast located at 390 Wheeler Street TMS# 0173-18-05-001.000. She stated, "A public hearing was held at the Planning Commission meeting on April 17, 2025, and the Planning Commission recommended approval to Council. Also, a public hearing was held at May 20, 2025, Council meeting prior to the second reading. At both public hearings, a few citizens spoke as well as the property owner."

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Kalu to approve third reading of an ordinance authorizing Zoning District map Change from A-3 Residential, General District to B-1 General Business District for property belonging to Edward M. Rast located at 390 Wheeler Street TMS# 0173-18-05-001.000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Assistant City Administrator Williams addressed Council concerning third reading of an ordinance for Zoning District Map change from B-1 General Business District to B-2 Central Business District for properties belonging to Martin Roache located at 812 Russell Street TMS# 0152-20-07-002.000 and 776 Russell Street TMS# 0152-20-08-001.000. She stated, "This was recommended to Council for approval by the Planning Commission. A public hearing was held at April 17, 2025, Planning Commission meeting as well as the May 20, 2025, City Council meeting. At both public hearings, Mr. Roache spoke on his plans to create student housing in conjunction with South Carolina State University. Several citizens also spoke."

Councilmember Kalu asked, "You stated several citizens spoke at the public hearing. What was the ratio of yes and no?"

Assistant City Administrator Williams stated, "I am not sure if there was a yes or a no. There were citizens that asked questions about property taxes. There was not anyone that was opposed to it."

A motion was made by Councilmember Kalu seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt to approve third reading an ordinance authorizing Zoning District map Change from B-1 General Business District to B-2 Central Business District for properties belonging to Martin Roache located at 812 Russell Street TMS# 0152-20-07-002.000 and 776 Russell Street TMS# 0152-20-08-001.000. The motion was approved 6-1. Councilmember Stroman voted no.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning a resolution establishing and agreeing to participate in the Lower Savannah Regional Home Consortium October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2028. He stated, "This is a consortium including Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, Allendale, Orangeburg, and Calhoun counties and 22 municipalities. There is no charge to be a member. The organization was established to assist cities and counties in obtaining HUD funding for housing. Organizations like Habitat for Humanity have benefited from HUD funding. This resolution would allow the City to remain in the consortium for another three years."

A motion was made by Councilmember Grevious, seconded by Councilmember Knotts to approve a resolution establishing and agreeing to participate in the Lower Savannah Regional Home Consortium October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2028. The motion was unanimously approved.

DPU Administrative Director Josh Nexsen addressed Council concerning DPU Budget Workshop. He stated, "As a reminder, DPU Budget Workshop will be held 10am – 3pm on June 23, 2025, at the DPU Operation Center."

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt to go into Executive Session concerning Receipt of legal advice Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline or release of an employee, a student or a person regulated by a public body, or the appointment of a person to a public body S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1) and S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(a)(2) a) Annexation and b) Real Estate covenants. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda McDaniel
City Clerk





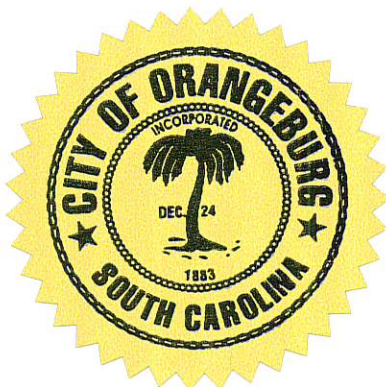
RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOWER SAVANNAH REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM

- WHEREAS,** the Congress of the United States has enacted the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (hereinafter the "Act") which created the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (hereinafter the "HOME Program") to provide funds to states and local governments for affordable housing assistance with the flexibility to decide what kind of housing assistance or mix of housing assistance is most appropriate for local needs; and,
- WHEREAS,** the City of Orangeburg has affordable housing needs; and,
- WHEREAS,** the City of Orangeburg desires to increase affordable housing opportunities for its present and future residents, particularly for very low-income persons; and,
- WHEREAS,** the City of Orangeburg desires to enter into affordable housing development activities which are directed toward the above general purposes, and for those reasons, wishes to seek such Federal funding as may be available to it pursuant to the Act; and,
- WHEREAS,** the City of Orangeburg desires to enter into the affordable housing activities and has determined that joint action with other units of local governments that choose to participate in accordance with the "Inter-Governmental Agreement Establishing the Lower Savannah Regional HOME Consortium" the terms of which are incorporated by reference and such relevant HUD regulations and requirements as may now or hereafter be in effect would benefit the City of Orangeburg.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council, in Council duly assembled, authorize Sidney Evering, II, City Administrator of the City of Orangeburg to sign the "Inter-Governmental Agreement Establishing the Lower Savannah Regional HOME Consortium FY 2025-2028" on behalf of the City of Orangeburg, as well as all other documents necessary to form the Consortium and to carry out and fulfill its purposes for FY 2025-2028.

ADOPTED BY the City Council of the City of Orangeburg, State of South Carolina, this 3rd day of June 2025.



ATTEST:

Linda McDaniel
City Clerk

Michael C. Butler
Mayor

Sydney A. Knott

Liz Zimmerman

Richard A. Stone
Members of Council