

**City Council Minutes**  
**August 19, 2025**

Orangeburg City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 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**

**Richard Stroman**

**PRESENT VIRTUALLY:**

**Sandra P. Knotts**

Mayor Butler opened Public Hearing 1 Consideration of an ordinance to adopt a budget for the City of Orangeburg for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, and Public Hearing 2 Consideration of an Ordinance to adopt a budget for the operation of the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Orangeburg, SC for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, (2) adopt amended Electric rates effective October 1, 2025, (3) adopt amended Natural Gas rates effective October 1, 2025, (4) adopt amended Water rates effective October 1, 2025, and (5) adopt amended Wastewater rates effective October 1, 2025. He stated, "If you want to speak at the public hearings, please come forward and state your name and address."

Ms. Linda Keith Stroman stated, "I am the widow of a Orangeburg fireman/police officer. My husband risked his life for the City of Orangeburg, and he loved his job. I heard you have a budget hearing about the police officers getting more money and I think they need more money."

Mr. Jordan Hawkins, 394 Nansbrook Drive, stated, "I want the City of Orangeburg know there are one or two fire trucks that are currently operational in the City. We have been borrowing trucks from the County for over a year and half. There are firemen in bunker gear that is expired. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) states you have ten years to replace your bunker gear. God forbid somebody gets hurt, and we will have a problem. We have got to look after public safety as this is who protect us. We need to cut some of this spending. How long have you known about the DPU increase? What can we do to reduce this increase from the \$6.1 million that the City was receiving from DPU to now \$9.1 million? I think a lot of people are starting to wake up and see there is a lot going on in this City."

Mr. Darnell Johnson, 3127 Broughton Street and I also own Valley Coach and Logistics Commercial Driver Training School, 680 John C. Calhoun Drive, stated, "I stand in support of the budget however I do have questions. We lack a lot of support for the fire services for the City of Orangeburg. I would ask Council to consider increasing the pay to \$65,000 per officer which makes you the leader in the state of South Carolina. Many citizens use OCAB and CCMO to help pay their utility bills. I am appalled at the lack of due diligence of DPU to make sure we are doing the best we can with what we have to adjust the bills of all residents. This is not only affecting City of Orangeburg residents but also DPU customers in the County. We have salaries that are questionable as they exceed the federal government pay scale. The highest pay scale for the federal government is GS-15 step 10 with the maximum annual salary of \$162,672. However, we have officials in the City that make \$242,340. How did we arrive at that number to exceed the federal guidelines? We also have the City Administrator's salary of \$191,200, DPU Directors Wastewater, Electrical and Administration Divisions all exceeding \$170,000 thus exceeding the Federal pay scale. This information was provided to me via the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. How do you arrive at these salaries as it seems a bit egregious because we are steadily increasing utility rates and DPU reports somewhere in the range of \$19.1 million in net profit. How much of that net profit is being reinvested back into the system for DPU and has DPU outpaced itself on the electrical division to any other competitors in our neighboring jurisdictions?"

Mayor Butler stated, "We have heard everyone and now I need to speak the truth. There is a lot of negative rhetoric out there. There are a lot of lies and a lot of things that have been said about how we got to this point. I am going to tell the truth before we go into the regular agenda. In

2018, City Council called Human Affairs to ask them to do a study of our City. Human Affairs recommended us to the Archer Group. The Archer Group recommended putting City employee positions on a pay grade. When this process was completed, the City had to pay \$500,000 to get City employees' salaries in line. DPU employees' salaries were competitive, and they only had to pay \$15,000 to get employees' salaries in line. The Archer Study also recommended that we do an upgrade every five years. All this money was coming out of fund balance. The Archer Pay Plan was updated in 2022 and implemented in 2023. We created a separate Fire Division, a Battalion Chief was named, increased pay to existing police to retain officers and recruit new personnel, hired 21 new full-time police and fire personnel, two new fire engines at the cost of \$2 million. Now a non-certified officer starts at \$47,000 and after certification, they make \$50,000. We spent over half of the budget on police. In 2024 Hillcrest Golf Course rolled over into the City budget at the recommendation of auditors. Most of the current projects have used grant funds, not City funds. We borrowed \$7 million to renovate City Hall and when we receive the Capital Penny Tax money, that debt will be liquidated. We plan to move forward with growth and annexation being our priority. This budget does not include a tax increase. It does not include using money out of the reserve funds. DPU has given the City a temporary increase in the DPU transfer. DPU is not increasing their rate because they increased the transfer to the City. Five years ago, DPU had a plan, and this increase was included in the five-year plan. We are working on annexing North Road which will increase revenue in business licenses and taxes. We plan to replenish any previous cash reserves and tighten financial controls and policies. The long-term plan will include a multi-year plan, increase City reserve funds, improve efficiency with process standardization, and work on alternative funding for capital improvements. On our wins, Railroad Corner was an eyesore for development, so we had to do something to improve it. Congressman Clyburn awarded the City \$22 million for a pedestrian bridge and to finish the project. Railroad Corner will have a museum, a dormitory, and retail space. The Diamond Youth Baseball World Series attracted 20,000 visitors. In the downtown area, a building was recently sold to be repurposed for housing and retail and two additional City owned buildings are in the works to be repurposed for housing and retail. According to the recent study, people living downtown will increase development. We have the new City Hall and that cost will not be passed on to the citizens. We plan to put new apartments on Summers Avenue to attract teachers and other professionals. We also have the bowling alley renovation. Orangeburg is a certified work ready City and is why a lot of industries are looking at Orangeburg. We appreciate the new restaurants that have recently opened. Zeus and Husqvarna have expansions planned. The City of Orangeburg is moving forward. This is how we got here and where we plan to go."

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Kalu to amend the agenda to add item a resolution approving a USDA Community Facility Grant after approval of minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Grevious to approve July 8, 2025, City Budget Workshop minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kalu, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt to approve August 5, 2025, minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Nickie Toomes, Acting Community Programs Director for USDA Rural Development. She stated, "We are glad to be presenting this Community Facilities Grant in the amount of \$50,000 for the purchase of furniture and technology equipment for the new City Hall. The letter of conditions has been provided. The total project cost for this grant was \$398,805 and the City is contributing \$348,805 and the USDA Rural Development Grant will be for \$50,000."

Councilmember Grevious asked, "Are these funds guaranteed to be received by the City of Orangeburg?"

Ms. Toomes stated, "Yes, the funds are set aside for you, and we like to close out these grants within nine months. There are steps before you can receive the funds such as documents that have to be completed. Our staff will work with the City staff to complete all necessary steps to issue the grant closing certification and the grant closing instructions and then the funds can be dispersed."

A motion was made by Councilmember Grevious, seconded by Councilmember Knotts to approve a resolution accepting a USDA Community Facility Grant in the amount of \$50,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Shaun Owens, Professor, University of South Carolina appeared before Council concerning a grant to refine and test a remote monitoring system for rural-dwelling African Americans with early-stage Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) and their care partners. He stated, "My goal is to make Council and local citizens aware of some important federally funded research. There was a 2023 study by the Rush Medical University that showed Orangeburg County ranks eighth in the nation for the prevalence of Alzheimer's and related dementias. I want to do something about it. My grant will not treat it, but I want to be able to help manage care for individuals with dementia. Out of this large number of people who are living with dementia, about twice as many people are African American. What I am doing in my study is to see if we can use some off-the-shelf remote monitoring technologies to keep people in their homes longer because memory care is not affordable. I need to find out more information from you about what your challenges are either living with dementia or caring for someone with dementia, and what is your openness to using the remote monitoring technology such as smart watches, smart pill boxes, smart scales, sensors in your home just like those in your security system that are very passive but can help monitor your loved one. For my study, I am looking for individuals with dementia who are African American, live in a rural area, who also has someone in their family or a close friend who wants to participate in a 45-minute interview with me. In exchange for your time, as a thank you gift from this grant, I will pay both individuals that participate in the interview \$100 in a grocery store gift card just in exchange for your time. I am looking for about 10-15 pairs of people. Please contact me, Dr. Shaun Owens, University of South Carolina 803-777-0384."

Mr. Darnell Johnson appeared before Council concerning Community Concerns. He stated, "I noticed one thing in this meeting that the administration spoke about how much money has been spent. As an owner of a business, I want to know how much money has been made off the money that was spent. I think the taxpayers deserve that answer as well. I think the City should be able to generate some type of revenue to offset that taxable base because that is another concern for the citizens of Orangeburg. The second concern is I heard this impressive budget. I have not heard of anything allocated to children, our youth in the community. Just recently it was noted that the City of Orangeburg was investing \$2.5 million into Hillcrest Golf Course that it does not own. When is the last time the City of Orangeburg had a summer camp that is sizable. Not with the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety. Delores Felder and other officers of DPS take it upon themselves to generate this youth-based program for 20-30 students. But we know there are more youth in our city limits. My request to Council is that we include our children in our budget not just for summer programs which we know during the months of June and July they are out of school but also, for after school activities to the potential of extending hours for the City facilities. Next concern is I am not sure the public was aware that they can make comments concerning the DPU budget. You mentioned the DPS \$50,000 salary for certified officers. I request you consider approving \$65,000 per officer. You also mentioned the Railroad project on Boulevard. As a young adult, I visited many businesses on Boulevard Street at Railroad Corner. I am concerned because for many years, these black-owned businesses flooded. Again, I believe we are rushing the budget without just consideration because again, I believe the public was not made aware. Looking at the City of Orangeburg's social media page, there was no post that said the public can come forth and address this in open public comments."

Councilmember Kalu asked, "How long have you known about these problems? When you knew about a problem in the community, did you reach out to anyone?"

Mr. Johnson stated, "The majority of the problems were brought to my attention when I requested information via Freedom of Information Act request. Before disseminating false and inaccurate information, I had to wait for the City to produce the answers. I do not just talk about problems; I go to work myself. One thing about community concerns such as flooding and road concerns, I take the matters straight to the South Carolina Department of Transportation, file a formal complaint which is documented on file. I have already taken initiative to take on those problems. I do have one last question, since this is a matter of public concern, can I get reimbursed the \$641.25 I had to pay to obtain this information?"

Mayor Butler stated, "You will need to speak to City Administrator Evering as he handles the day-to-day operations of the City."

Parks & Recreation Director Shawn Taylor presented Council with tournament announcement. He stated, "I am excited and proud to announce that the City of Orangeburg has been awarded the Diamond Youth Baseball World Series for 2027. The tournament this year will be 72 teams competing over two weeks. We competed against three other municipalities and won to bring this premium sporting event here."

Councilmember Grevious asked, "How many Parks and Recreational teams do we have in the City? Are programs offered year-round?"

P&R Director Taylor stated, "We have 34 teams and seven leagues with over 330 participants playing baseball and softball. We also have basketball, football, soccer and cheerleading. Currently we have football, soccer and cheerleading going on and have about 300 total participants. Our coaches are solely volunteers. We have about 60 volunteer coaches giving their time to engage our youth."

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning third reading of an ordinance authorizing the transfer of approximately 0.053 acres of real property with improvements if any, located at 1188 Russell Street, TMS #0173-13-35-008. He stated, "As you may recall, this ordinance will allow a transfer of property to Paragon Development of SC to renovate the building to provide housing and retail space. It is an excellent opportunity as we continue the revitalization of downtown and I would recommend your approval."

A motion was made by Councilmember Hannah, seconded by Councilmember Kalu to approve the third reading of an ordinance authorizing the transfer of approximately 0.053 acres of real property with improvements, if any, located at 1188 Russell Street, TMS #0173-13-35-008. The motion was unanimously approved.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning third reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 5 (Police Regulations) of the City Code, by adding Section 5-10.5 (Loitering). He stated, "As you recall, about five years ago, the City repealed the loitering ordinance. Based on information and requests that we received from local businesses and others about the increase of loiters, we are asking you to consider adopting this ordinance that would reinstate the loitering ordinance and basically give our law enforcement officers the authority to either arrest or remove the loiterers that are in public restrooms, schools, parks, public grounds, buildings, restaurants, taverns, parking lots, etc."

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Grevious to approve third reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 5 (Police Regulations) of the City Code, by adding Section 5-10.5 (Loitering). The motion was unanimously approved.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning second reading of an ordinance amending the budget for the City of Orangeburg for the fiscal year October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. He stated, "This is the annual amendment to the budget. For your recollection and that of the public, we are asking that the current budget be amended to \$32,599,470, which is about a \$3 million increase. I wanted to talk about what this money will be used for. About 80% of the budget is salaries. We separated public safety into police and fire and hired additional firefighters. We increased salaries throughout public safety and that led to about \$2.7 million increase."

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Kalu to approve second reading of an ordinance amending the budget for the City of Orangeburg for the fiscal year October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. The motion was unanimously approved.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning second reading of an ordinance to adopt a budget for the City of Orangeburg for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. He stated, "New City Hall just opened. We borrowed \$7 million that we are planning to pay off with the capital project sales tax, saving taxpayers thousands of dollars in terms of interest payments. We received \$2.5 million in state grant funding and received \$50,000 grant this evening. We are making progress on Railroad Corner. The Civil Rights Museum is scheduled to open by the end of the year. As a reminder about the operational challenges for the City. We have deferred maintenance and aging infrastructure, and capital needs. Inflation puts considerable pressure on

everything we do in terms of goods and services and staffing, recruitment, and retention. We also must be ready for emergency preparation. Priorities include making sure we have a structurally balanced budget, so that we stabilize our reserve funds. We are not recommending any increase in taxes. We talked about continuing the hiring freeze. We are eliminating funding for ten full-time positions that are currently not occupied, and we will not fund those. We have no use of reserve funds planned. We are not recommending any additional debt for additional projects currently. In conclusion, we are presenting a budget in the amount of \$29,770,080."

Councilmember Kalu asked, "Going back to Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Johnson statements earlier recommending increasing the salaries of our police officers to \$65,000, and Mr. Hawkins talked about getting two more fire trucks. There is a hiring freeze and elimination of 10 full-time positions. Looking at budget for the next fiscal year, will there be room to increase police salaries?"

City Administrator Evering stated, "That is something we can look at, but I would not recommend doing that until we get further into the fiscal year to see how things are going. Public Safety is a high priority as it relates to the services that the City provides. It is obviously very competitive to retain and recruit officers. If we increase salaries on the Public Safety side, we will have to find how to make up that money in either increased revenues or decrease expenses."

Councilmember Kalu asked, "In the elimination of the ten full-time positions, will that have a negative impact on running the City?"

City Administrator Evering stated, "No, currently those positions are not occupied. They are funded but not occupied. We will not be losing anything by eliminating those."

City Administrator Evering stated, "I want to go over the master fee schedule. It is prudent to have increases from time to time to keep up with the cost of inflation. DPS is recommending the background check go from \$10 to \$25. Accident reports that are primarily requested by attorneys range from \$5 to \$25. Fingerprinting for a resident from \$10 to \$25 and for non-resident from \$20 to \$35. Under tickets and fines, blocking a fire hydrant from \$50 to \$100. Parking in a fire lane from \$50 to \$100. No parking zone \$20 to \$50. Blocking sidewalk from \$20 to \$50. Parked on a yellow curb \$20 to \$50. Blocking a driveway from \$15 to \$50. Parking in a loading zone from \$15 to \$50. Many of these fees and fines have not been increased for years so again this is about bringing up the current cost of living and inflation. Parks and Recreation registration per sport, residents from \$30 to \$35 and non-residents from \$55 to \$60. Usage charge for sound equipment, bleachers, golf carts, etc. we currently do not charge, and we are recommending a charge of \$75."

Councilmember Kalu asked, "How do we compare with private companies on the commercial trash collection?"

City Administrator Evering stated, "We are lower across the board. I do not have those numbers in front of me, but we have always been considerably lower especially on the residential side, but on the commercial side, we are not as low, but still lower than the private sector."

Councilmember Grevious asked, "What is the percentage of salaries that is devoted to Public Safety?"

City Administrator Evering stated, "I would estimate over 50 percent."

Councilmember Grevious asked, "That is not to say the salaries are ideal but a large portion of the budget in terms of salaries is devoted to Public Safety. In terms of the fee schedule, was there any comparison done to other municipalities for these services and fees that are charged?"

City Administrator Evering stated, "I do not know if our directors did when I asked for recommendations, but I can find out for you."

A motion was made by Councilmember Kalu, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt to approve the second reading of an ordinance to adopt a budget for the City of Orangeburg for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. The motion was unanimously approved.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 5 (Police Regulations) of the City Code by adding Section 5-31 (Hate Intimidation). He stated, "You may be aware that Orangeburg County passed their hate crimes ordinance last night becoming the second county in the state of South Carolina to pass such legislation after Richland County. This ordinance would follow suit and provide a hate crime ordinance for the City of Orangeburg."

City Attorney Kozlarek stated, "This ordinance models the Richland County ordinance. We will get a copy of the Orangeburg County ordinance to see if there are any potential changes that Council would like to make between first and second readings. The offense itself is an additional offense on top of whatever the underlying offense is. Any violation of Title 16 which is criminal code of South Carolina or any criminal offense under the City code. Any offense that is perpetrated under one of those that is intended to cause fear of harm, injury, damage to the person or to their property because of their race, ethnicity, national origin, color, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, physical or mental disability would be the hate intimidation and would be an additional crime. It is a separate crime from whatever the underlying crime would be. As the ordinance is currently drafted, if a person was convicted, the judge would have the ability to sentence them for up to a maximum of \$500 or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days or both which is the maximum penalty that is currently provided under the City code. That is not mandatory, but it is discretionary up to either or both of those maximums."

Councilmember Kalu asked, "For clarification, since the state of South Carolina has no law on hate crime, where does the City ordinance come in?"

City Attorney Kozlarek stated, "The question is really about preemption. Unless the state intends to foreclose a city or a county from acting on a particular issue, typically home rule permits local governments to govern themselves, including health and safety type issues, public welfare. There have been several bills introduced over the last several years at the state house. I expect at some point the state will act either to create hate crimes legislation or potentially to indicate that local governments are no longer allowed to create hate crimes legislation. In the interim it does appear that it is something that local governments are permitted to do."

A motion was made by Councilmember Grevious, seconded by Councilmember Kalu to approve first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 5 (Police Regulations) of the City code, by adding Section 5-31 (Hate Intimidation). The motion was approved 6-0. Mayor Butler was absent for the vote.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning a resolution providing for the imposition, levy, and collection of all costs related to the enforcement of the City code; confirming the lien on real property related to such assessed costs; authorizing the City to enter into a contract for services with Publiq, LLC. He stated, "The City has had code enforcement challenges. I have committed to Council to streamline the process and make it easier to bring violators to take care of their property. One challenge that we have had is when we issue citations, fines, or fees, especially to absentee property owners, they often go unpaid. Essentially folks are ignoring us. When the City must clean a weedy lot or remediate the issue, the City incurs that cost and has no way of recouping it in an efficient manner. This resolution would allow us to enter a contract with the same company that the county uses to issue their property taxes. If there are any outstanding fines or fees, we would add that as a lien to the property tax bill. Essentially a violator would have to pay those violations in conjunction with their property taxes. It will cost the City \$4,000 to enter this agreement. I feel it is well worth the investment."

A motion was made by Councilmember Grevious, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt to approve a resolution providing for the imposition, levy, and collection of all costs related to the enforcement of the City code; confirming the lien on real property related to such assessed costs; authorizing the City to enter into a contract for services with Publiq, LLC. The motion was unanimously approved.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning a resolution confirming, ratifying, and authorizing the City to enter into an operating agreement with South Carolina State University related to Hillcrest sports complex. He stated, "We have been negotiating with South Carolina State University (SCSU) for some time. Some of the highlights of the agreement are that the City would spend \$2,250,000 on renovations from the Capital Project Sale Tax that was approved by

voters last November to renovate Hillcrest. The facility has a lot of maintenance and operation needs that have been neglected over time. We feel making this type of investment will bring the facility back to where it should be in terms of attracting more players and being a recreational outlet for our residents and visitors. SCSU would spend \$1,350,000 as well to provide those renovations and updates. If there is an operational loss for two fiscal years, within a five-year period, the City reserves the right to pull out of the agreement as we do not want to continue to incur operational losses at Hillcrest. SCSU will also share in any operational losses of 50% up to \$100,000. SCSU must get final approval from the Board of Trustees, which I was told they are going to call a special-called meeting and hopefully get that done here shortly. If that is done, they have committed to providing \$700,000 upfront so we can begin the renovations this year."

Councilmember Kalu asked, "Is the Hillcrest Commission still made up of City and SCSU appointments?"

City Administrator Evering stated, "Yes."

Councilmember Hannah asked, "How long will the renovations take start to finish?"

City Administrator Evering stated, "I do not know when renovations will be completed. I cannot say for 100% certainty because the money that the City will provide is capital project sales tax funds. Until we get the money from the County, we will not be able to provide funds to complete the renovations. Hopefully it will be two-to-three-year period at the most."

Councilmember Grevious asked, "Does the agreement include SCSU helping to run the facility? And is any of this money being used for that purpose?"

City Administrator Evering stated, "SCSU and the City will equally hire a golf pro to run the facility. They will also provide student workers to assist with the employment. But in terms of the day-to-day operations, the City would still be responsible."

A motion was made by Councilmember Hannah, seconded by Councilmember Kalu to approve a resolution to enter into an operating agreement with South Carolina State University related to Hillcrest sports complex. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Butler stated, "Earlier we talked about the police officers but did not talk about fire fighters. I want to ask Chief Austin to come to the podium."

Chief Austin stated, "In your description of rebuilding DPS into separate divisions, most of the mention was about the police division. The fire fighter division wants to remind us that they are a critical part of the operation, and they appreciate all that has been done for them and as we go forward."

DPU Manager Harley addressed Council concerning second reading of an ordinance to amend the budget for the Operation of the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Orangeburg for the fiscal year October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. He stated, "This is second reading of the amended ordinance. As Council knows, as the numbers change, we want to give a more accurate reflection, so any adjustment on this amendment will be done on third reading."

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Hannah to approve second reading of an ordinance to amend the budget for the Operation of the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Orangeburg for the fiscal year October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. The motion was unanimously approved.

DPU Manager Harley addressed Council concerning second reading of an ordinance to adopt a budget for the operation of the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Orangeburg for the fiscal year October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, (2) adopt amended Electric rates effective October 1, 2025, (3) adopt amended Natural Gas rates effective October 1, 2025, (4) adopt amended Water rates effective October 1, 2025, and (5) adopt amended Wastewater rates effective October 1, 2025. He stated, "I want to give you a few highlights. This budget maintains our current operational service levels. We focus on modernization of our equipment and services that we provide to our community. Investing in our capital improvement plan, our infrastructure, improving our resiliency and our ability to stay on as much as possible when there are severe



weather events. We continue to move forward with our five-year rate plan that we present to you every year on capital investments. We showed you at the last budget workshop that we are projecting an investment over the next five years of over \$190 million. This is the kind of work that we are doing to maintain the City of Orangeburg services for water, sewer, electric and gas. That investment requires matching revenue. To plan appropriately, we do that in five-year increments. We give you an idea of what the rate may need to look like over that period. The projects and improvements are necessary. We include what other funding sources may look like such as grants, we use cash, and we seek other opportunities like low interest loans from the state or federal government that might be beneficial to us. We are currently using approximately \$20 million in grants to do some of this work over the next several years. We are continuing to fight against inflationary pressures. We are continuing to work to retain and recruit top-notch employees. We gave you three options, and this budget was built on Option 1A. That Option generates \$133 million in revenue, and we project \$130 million in expenses. With Option 1A, the average cost for inside City residents is \$277.28, which is 3.7% increase or \$9.84 on their current bill. Next, the average cost for outside City residents is \$327.50, which is 4.1% increase or \$12.86 on their current bill. Outside City customers pay higher water and wastewater costs. In comparison with other utility providers for inside City customers, we move from second lowest to third lowest. For outside City customers, we are currently the second lowest, and with Option 1A, we stay in that position. The biggest expenditure will be in our electric and water divisions. We are focusing on the over 100-year-old water plant with investments in the water division. We must invest in upgrading the system and the plant and all the things it needs to run but also the technology that goes along with it. Over the last several years we have invested heavily in our electrical system. We started with 24 substations, a lot of them 63 years or older. Wade and his team have done a great job of reinvesting in those and bringing us up to speed not just in technology but also quality of service they provide our customers. We have four substations left to invest, and the average age of those four substations is 55 years old. The projected life is 35 – 40 years. As we told you in the budget workshop, we are consolidating some and will end up with 20 substations.”

Councilmember Kalu asked, “For the sake of transparency, do you have a list of salary ranges for positions?”

DPU Manager stated, “Yes, and we will provide that information to anyone that asks.”

Councilmember Kalu asked, “Does DPU have anyway to help indigent citizens having trouble paying their DPU bill?”

DPU Manager stated, “In many cases our Customer Service representatives operate as case managers because on many occasions they will reach out to our community connections whether it is Orangeburg-Calhoun-Allendale-Bamberg Community Action Agency, Inc. (OCAB), Cooperative Church Ministries of Orangeburg (CCMO) and local churches to help our customers when possible. Also, on a regular basis we work out payment arrangements for customers. We make sure our customers understand our rules and how Council has set for us to work.”

Councilmember Kalu asked, “Is it possible to have a line item for funding to help these people?”

DPU Manager stated, “That would be a Council decision. We can look at what that would look like. Keep in mind we have a partnership with CCMO where we collect funding for people who are having a difficult time paying their bills, and we have partnerships with agencies like OCAB.”

Councilmember Hannah asked, “As a City Councilmember I contribute monthly to the Good Neighbor Fund that is used to help indigent citizens pay their DPU bill. What good does this budget bring citizens?”

DPU Manager Harley stated, “The budget that I have presented maintains the quality of service that we have promised and committed to provide to our citizens. It invests in our system. We are not a for-profit operation. Everything we earn, we invest in the DPU system to make sure that it continues to run and can serve the citizens of this community. We are the engine that powers this community. We cannot afford to not have a strong utility. It is essential that we operate. Everybody depends on the strength of your utility.”



Councilmember Grevious asked, “Do we see us catching up at some point with our maintenance plan?”

DPU Manager stated, “Yes, I think we will. It is a slow process. We got behind during COVID and were behind before that. We took several years off with increasing rates as we knew it was a heavy burden for folks. We do see the opportunity to get ahead of some of these things. Our service territory is vast. Our costs per customer will be higher because of the area we cover. We provide utilities for about 60,000 customers, which is must larger than the City of Orangeburg itself.

Councilmember Grevious asked, “Does the DPU rates we are charging customers, for example water rates, cover the cost of that service?”

DPU Manager Harley stated, “No, not for water and wastewater. As Council has heard me say many times, we need to have our water and wastewater rates cover their costs of the service we provide. We have traditionally run those two services at a loss. I want to stress at some point we need to try to cover those costs in those two divisions.”

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Kalu to approve second reading of an ordinance to adopt a budget for the operation of the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Orangeburg for the fiscal year October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, (2) adopt amended Electric rates effective October 1, 2025, (3) adopt amended Natural Gas rates effective October 1, 2025, (4) adopt amended Water rates effective October 1, 2025, and (5) adopt amended Wastewater rates effective October 1, 2025. The motion was approved 5-0-2. Councilmembers Grevious and Hannah abstained.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Councilmember Grevious 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 S.C. Code 30-4-70(a)(2) – Sale property. 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  
City Clerk





RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING, RATIFYING, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY RELATED TO HILLCREST SPORTS COMPLEX; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the City is a body politic and corporate and a municipal corporation and possesses all powers granted to municipal corporations by the Constitution and general laws of South Carolina;

WHEREAS, the City and South Carolina State University ("SCSU") desire to enter into a cooperative arrangement for the joint operation and improvement of the Hillcrest Sports Complex, including the Hillcrest Golf Course and Clubhouse, along with all other athletic fields and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City and SCSU intend that the use of innovative golf technology, capital improvements, and effective operational strategies will enhance the value and accessibility of the Hillcrest Sports Complex to the general public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, as the governing body of the City of Orangeburg, South Carolina ("City"):

*Section 1. Confirmation and Ratification of Acts.* The City Council confirms, ratifies, and authorizes any action heretofore and/or hereafter taken by the Mayor, the Administrator, the City Attorney, and each respective designee(s), regarding the matters described in, or contemplated by, this Resolution.

*Section 2. General Authorization.* The City Council authorizes the Mayor and the Administrator, each acting individually or jointly, and City Clerk to execute and/or attest the Operating Agreement, an executed copy of which is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, and whatever other and further documents, and/or take whatever other and further actions, as may be necessary or appropriate to effect the intent of this Resolution.

*Section 3. General Repealer.* All resolutions, orders, policies, and parts thereof in conflict with this Resolution are, to the extent of that conflict, repealed.

*Section 4. Effective Date.* This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force upon adoption by the Council.

ADOPTED BY the City Council on August 19, 2025.

Mayor

Michael C. Butler

Members of Council

ATCS

John Doe

Richie F. Starn

Erin Lee

Chapman

Danika P. Knott



Attest:

Linda McDaniel

City Clerk

**OPERATING AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE CITY OF ORANGEBURG**  
**REGARDING THE OPERATION OF THE HILLCREST SPORTS COMPLEX**

This Operating Agreement ("Agreement") is entered, effective as of January 1, 2025, by and between **South Carolina State University** ("SCSU" or "Lessor"), a public institution of higher education organized under the laws of the State of South Carolina, and the **City of Orangeburg** ("City" or "Lessee"), a municipal corporation of the State of South Carolina. The parties may be collectively referred to as the "Parties."

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into a cooperative arrangement for the joint operation and improvement of the Hillcrest Sports Complex, including the Hillcrest Golf Course and Clubhouse, along with all other athletic fields and equipment (collectively, "Premises"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that the use of innovative golf technology, capital improvements, and effective operational strategies will enhance the value and accessibility of the Hillcrest Sports Complex to both university affiliates and the general public;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I: PURPOSE AND FUNDING**

**1. Capital Project Sales Tax Funds for Improvements**

On or before 11:59:59 p.m. on December 31, 2026, the City shall expend no less than Two Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,250,000.00), if and to the extent such funds are available, from the 2024 Capital Project Sales Tax allocated to Leased Premises, for the purpose of making capital improvements and operational improvements to the Hillcrest Sports Complex. Such improvements shall be consistent with the types of improvements and expenditures described in Exhibit A to this Agreement, which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Agreement.

**2. Lessor Infrastructure Investment**

On or before 11:59:59 p.m. on December 31, 2026, the Lessor shall expend no less than One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,350,000.00) as an infrastructure investment to supplement capital improvements and operational improvements to Leased Premises, as outlined in Exhibit A to this Agreement. All contributions by Lessor shall be in addition to those of Lessee and shall not constitute reimbursements for any expenditures made or fees paid by Lessee.

**3. Use of Funds for Golf Range Technology**

As a portion of those amounts described in paragraph 2, above, on or before September 1, 2025, SCSU shall provide Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000) in funds to the City. The City shall utilize these funds to upgrade the driving range and purchase and install golf range technology and ancillary, but related, equipment at the Hillcrest Sports Complex.

**4. Ownership of Equipment**

All golf range technology and ancillary equipment shall be considered fixtures and shall be retained as the property of SCSU.

**5. Use of Remaining Funds**

Any remaining funds provided by SCSU after the installation of golf range technology and ancillary equipment shall be utilized by the City for other capital and operational improvements to the Hillcrest Golf

Course and Clubhouse. Prior to the utilization of any remaining funds, the City shall provide a list of one or more proposed use(s) with an estimated cost for each use to SCSU for review. SCSU has 10 business days within which to (a) review and provide written (b)(i) approval or (ii) denial of the entire list of the City's proposed use of the remaining funds. SCSU shall not unreasonably withhold approval. If SCSU fails to provide a written response within the 10-business day period, then the entire list is deemed approved. If SCSU provides a denial of the list, then the City is entitled to terminate this Agreement effective no less than 30 days from the date of SCSU's written denial. Further, Lessee and Lessor shall work together to implement other capital improvements as outlined in Exhibit A.

#### **6. Branding and Naming of Property**

The Parties agree to incorporate Lessor-approved South Carolina State University (SCSU) branding throughout the renovation of the Leased Premises, including but not limited to interior and exterior signage, hole markers, flags, and similar features. Lessee further agrees to change the name of the Leased Premises to reflect South Carolina State University branding. The Lessor shall have the right to review and approve all proposed names for the Leased Premises prior to implementation.

### **ARTICLE II: OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **7. Initial Operating Funds**

SCSU shall provide an upfront payment of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to the City for operating expenses associated with the Premises.

#### **8. Golf Professional / Facility Manager**

The Parties shall jointly select the Hillcrest Golf Professional and/or Manager responsible for daily operations.

#### **9. Hillcrest Golf Commission (HGC)**

The City agrees to collaborate with SCSU to revise the bylaws of the Hillcrest Golf Commission to ensure it holds a true advisory role. The HGC shall consist of appointees by both Lessee and Lessor, as outlined in the revised bylaws.

### **ARTICLE III: FINANCIAL OPERATIONS**

#### **10. Revenue and Expenses**

All revenue generated by the Hillcrest Sports Complex shall be used first for operational costs, including mutually agreed upon upgrades and repairs.

#### **11. Revenue Sharing**

All revenue exceeding operating costs shall be split equally:

- 50% to Lessee
- 50% to Lessor

#### **12. Loss Sharing Cap**

In each City fiscal year in which the operating costs exceed the operating revenues, then SCSU shall remit to the City fifty percent (50%) of the total amount of the difference between operating costs and operating revenues in the amount of up to \$100,000. Any such payments shall be made within 60 days of the end of the City's fiscal year.



## **ARTICLE IV: ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **13. Golf Tournament**

Once per fiscal year, SCSU may host the President's Cup Golf Tournament or other similar University sponsored event at the Hillcrest Sports Complex. The City will waive golf cart rental fees at the event.

### **14. Student Employment**

At SCSU's sole expense, SCSU shall annually provide the City with a pool of student workers for potential employment at the Complex. The list shall be delivered by January 15th of each year.

## **ARTICLE V: REPORTING AND REVIEW**

### **15. Financial Reporting**

The City shall provide SCSU with monthly financial statements reflecting all revenue and expenditures of the Complex. Statements are due by the 10th of each month and shall be delivered via email.

### **16. Quarterly Meetings**

The Parties agree to meet quarterly, within 20 days after each fiscal quarter, to review financial statements and discuss operations.

### **17. Annual and Long-Term Review**

The Parties shall review the three-year financials on December 31, 2028, and annually thereafter.

### **18. Right to Withdraw**

If the Hillcrest Sports Complex fails to generate operating revenue in excess of operating costs for any two, 12-month periods during 60-month period, then either Party may withdraw from this Agreement by providing 90 days' written notice.

## **ARTICLE VI: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **19. Mediation**

In the event of any dispute, claim, or controversy arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or the breach, termination, enforcement, interpretation, or validity thereof (each, "Dispute"), prior to commencing litigation to adjudicate such Dispute, the parties agree to first attempt to resolve the Dispute through private, good faith negotiations. If the Dispute cannot be resolved informally within 30 days after written notice by either party of the existence of such Dispute, then the parties agree to submit the Dispute to non-binding mediation in Orangeburg, South Carolina, using a qualified mediator.

The mediation shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the South Carolina Bar's Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, unless the parties agree otherwise in writing. The costs of mediation shall be borne equally by the parties, and each party shall be responsible for its own attorneys' fees and related expenses.

If mediation is unsuccessful in resolving the Dispute, then either party may terminate this Agreement with 90 days' written notice. Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit either party from commencing litigation against the other party regarding any Dispute prior to the expiration of any period described in this paragraph, provided, however, the commencement of such litigation shall not relieve either party from fulfilling the dispute resolution process described in this paragraph.

**20. Expiration**

This Agreement expires at 11:59:59 p.m. on December 31, 2040.

**21. Entire Agreement**

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the Parties and supersedes all prior agreements, whether written or oral.

**22. Amendments**

This Agreement may only be amended by a written instrument signed by both Parties.

**23. Governing Law**

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of South Carolina.

**24. Counterparts**


This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original.

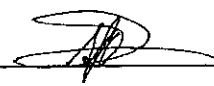
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

CITY OF ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: 

By: 

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Sidney Evering, II

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

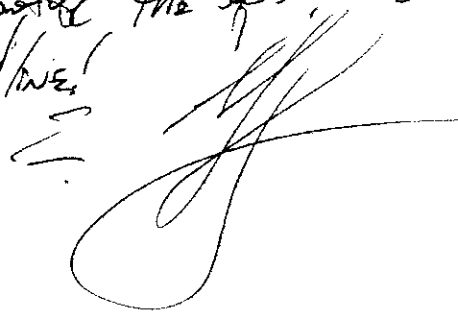
Title: Orangeburg City Administrator

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: August 1, 2025

*Pending final approval  
of the Board of Trustees.*

*Funds ARE being moved to  
accommodate the Sept. 1, 2025  
deadline!*





**EXHIBIT A**

**ELIGIBLE OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS**

**[to be completed prior to execution]**



## RESOLUTION

**PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION, LEVY, AND COLLECTION OF ALL COSTS RELATED TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE CITY CODE; CONFIRMING THE LIEN ON REAL PROPERTY RELATED TO SUCH ASSESSED COSTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH PUBLIQ, LLC RELATED TO THE SAME; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.**

**WHEREAS**, by and according to the Constitution of the State of South Carolina and the general laws of the State, including, for example, South Carolina Code Annotated section 5-7-80, section 5-7-300, and section 6-9-5, and section 6-9-10, (a) the City has previously enacted various building and maintenance codes to provide for public health, safety, security, public order, economic stability, and the general well-being of the City's citizens, (b) the City is entitled to provide for, and has provided for, the enforcement of its building and maintenance codes, (c) the City is entitled to charge impose, levy, and collect, all costs related to the City's code enforcement against real property by assessing the same as a charge on the tax invoice(s) related to the real property against which the code enforcement is imposed; and (d) the costs so imposed constitute a lien against the real property against which such costs are assessed;

**WHEREAS**, any amount(s) so assessed are collectible in the same manner as municipal taxes;

**WHEREAS**, Orangeburg County provides fiscal agent services to the City with respect to the City's imposition, levy, and collection, of City taxes;

**WHEREAS**, Orangeburg County contracts with Publiq, LLC, or a related or affiliated entity (collectively, "Publiq") to provide tax invoice creation, printing, and mailing services, and other such services related to the Orangeburg County's imposition, levy, and collection of taxes;

**WHEREAS**, as part of the ongoing fiscal agent relationship between the City and Orangeburg County, Orangeburg County has agreed to permit the City to contract directly with Publiq to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of all costs related to the the City's code enforcement activities against real property by assessing the real property as a charge on the Orangeburg County tax invoice(s) related to the real property against which the code enforcement is effected;

**WHEREAS**, the City, by and through its appropriate agents, intends to take all otherwise necessary or appropriate actions to engage with Publiq and Orangeburg County to effect the intent of this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the substantially final form of the purchase order materials are attached to, and incorporated by reference in, this Resolution as Exhibit A ("Contract");

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council, as the governing body of the City of Orangeburg, South Carolina ("City"):

***Section 1. Approval of Code Enforcement Fee Imposition, Levy, and Collection, and Use of Publiq Software.***

- (a) The City approves the imposition, levy, and collection, of all costs related to the City's code enforcement activities against real property by assessing the real property as a charge on the tax invoice(s) related to the real property against which the code enforcement is effected. Further, any amount(s) so assessed constitute a lien against the real property and shall be collected in the same manner as municipal taxes.
- (b) The City approves the Contract, as attached to this Resolution, with such changes made prior to execution of the Contract as are not materially adverse to the City and which have been approved by the official executing the same.

- (B) The Mayor of the City Council ("Mayor") and the Administrator of the City of Orangeburg ("Administrator"), each acting individually or jointly, on behalf of and for the benefit of the City, is authorized to provide for a contract for services between the City and Publiq related to the imposition, levy, and collection of the same.
- (c) The City and its appropriate officials shall take all otherwise necessary or appropriate actions to engage with Publiq and Orangeburg County to effect the intent of this Resolution.

**Section 2. Authorization to Execute.** The City Council authorizes the Mayor and the Administrator, each acting individually or jointly, and City Clerk to execute and/or attest whatever other and further documents, and/or take whatever other and further actions, as may be necessary or appropriate to effect the intent of this Resolution.

**Section 3. Ratification of Acts.** The City Council confirms, ratifies, and approves any action heretofore and/or hereafter taken by the Mayor, the Administrator, the City Attorney, and each respective designee(s), regarding the matters described in, or contemplated by, this Resolution.

**Section 4. General Repealer.** All resolutions, orders, policies, and parts thereof in conflict with this Resolution are, to the extent of that conflict, repealed.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force upon adoption by the Council.

ADOPTED BY the City Council on August 19, 2025.



Mayor

Michael C. Butler

Members of Council

[Signature]  
[Signature]  
Richard A. Stum-  
[Signature]  
[Signature]  
Sandra P. [Signature]

Attest:

Linda M. Daniel

City Clerk

**EXHIBIT A**  
**SUBSTANTIALLY FINAL FORM OF PURCHASE ORDER MATERIALS**  
[SEE [ ] PAGES, ATTACHED]

**Order Form:** Q-10390-1  
**Creation Date:** 1/10/2023, 8:30 AM  
**Expires On:** 7/31/2025



**Phone:** (833) 278-2547  
**Email:** info@publiqsoftware.com

**Ship To:**  
Sidney Evering  
979 State Road S-38-211  
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115  
sidney.evering@orangeburg.sc.us

**Bill To:**  
Joshua Nexsen  
979 State Road S-38-211  
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115  
jnexsen@orbgdpu.com

Account Manager	E-mail	Phone Number	Payment Terms
Perry Burnett	perry.burnett@sprbrk.com	(864) 594-5730	Net 30

Fixed Fee Professional Services					
PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION	RATE	QTY	DISC %	NET PRICE
Fixed Fee Professional Services	Programming Services to add Lot Clean Up Fee.	USD 4,000.00	1	0.000	USD 4,000.00
Fixed Fee Professional Services Total:					USD 4,000.00

**Grand Total: USD 4,000.00**

\* excludes applicable sales tax and freight

## Order Details

Customer Name:

Customer Contact:

Sidney Evering

Governing Agreement(s):

This Order Form is governed by the applicable terms found at:  
Professional Services: <https://sprbrk.app.box.com/v/sprbrk-svcs-terms>

## Order Terms

In the event of an inconsistency between this Order Form, any governing agreement, purchase order, or invoice, the Order Form shall govern as it pertains to this transaction.

This Order Form shall become effective as of the last date of signature (the "Effective Date").

## Invoice Timing and Delivery

Invoices are delivered electronically via e-mail to the billing contact on file for the Customer. Customer invoices are issued for the full amount of software and services purchased as follows:

### Products Ordered

### Invoice Timing

Estimated Professional Services,  
On-Site Professional Services, and  
Travel Expenses\*:

Monthly, in arrears for services in the prior month unless specified in Special Terms.

Implementation Fixed Fee Professional  
Services:

Upon the Effective Date of this Order Form unless specified in Special Terms.

Hardware:

Upon the Effective Date of this Order Form and is non-refundable.

## Professional Service Key Terms and Conditions:

- **Time and Material Pricing:** Professional Services time and material pricing is based on expected hours using Springbrook's standard implementation approach. While our goal is to provide accurate hour estimates, there may be variations in actual hours and charges. If project costs surpass the estimated hours within this order form by the greater of \$15,000 or 20%, a signed change order is necessary to proceed. Adjustments below this threshold will be implemented and invoiced as incurred.
- **\*On-Site Professional Services:** On-Site professional services are billed at a daily minimum rate, regardless of time spent on-site. Travel expenses related to on-site travel will be invoiced as a separate line item as they are incurred.
- **Cancellation or Postponement:** Customer agrees to participate in all scheduled meetings and minimize repeated cancellations. Customer shall provide no less than two (2) business days' written notice should any scheduled meeting, training session or other activity need to be cancelled or postponed. If Customer fails to provide such notice, Springbrook shall invoice the Customer for the lost or delayed scheduled time, with a minimum charge of two (2) hours. Additional charges may apply based on the resources and preparation required for the meeting.

- **Engagement Scope:** All Professional Services engagements will be conducted remotely unless otherwise stated in this order form.
- **Customer Responsibilities:** The customer will provide adequate internal resources and ensure the accuracy of all information provided to Springbrook. Customers are responsible for extracting data from any legacy systems and transferring the data into Springbrook's import templates.

## Special Order Terms

Special Order Terms (if any):

Programming Services to add new Lot Clean Up Fee for the City of Orangeburg to Notices, Receipts and Apportionment Report.

**By signing, both parties agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement.**

If the Customer requires a PO number on invoices, the Customer must provide Springbrook with the PO number and a copy of the PO prior to invoice issuance. If a PO number is not provided prior to the invoice issuance date, invoices issued on this Order Form will be valid without a PO reference.

**PUBLIQ, LLC,**  
a subsidiary of Springbrook Holding Company, LLC

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Order # (if required) \_\_\_\_\_





**RESOLUTION APPROVING A USDA COMMUNITY FACILITY  
GRANT; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS**

**WHEREAS**, the City is a body politic and corporate and a municipal corporation and possesses all powers granted to municipal corporations by the Constitution and general laws of South Carolina;

**WHEREAS**, the City has constructed a new City Hall;

**WHEREAS**, as part of equipping the new City Hall, and to provide for funding of the purchase of furniture and technology equipment for the City Hall, the City applied to USDA, Rural Development, for a "Community Facilities Grant" in the amount of \$50,000 ("Grant");

**WHEREAS**, subject to certain conditions, as described in this Resolution, the USDA, Rural Development, has agreed to provide the Grant to the City;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council, as the governing body of the City of Orangeburg, South Carolina ("City"), in meeting duly called, with a quorum present:

**Section 1. Approval of Grant; Authorization to Execute Documents.** For funding the purchase of furniture and technology equipment for the City Hall, the City hereby accepts the Grant and agrees to the responsibilities and requirements of Form RD 1940-1, "Request for Obligation of Funds," with attachments, and authorizes the City Administrator and the Clerk to execute Form RD 1940-1, Form RD 400-1 "Equal Opportunity Agreement," Form RD 400-4 "Assurance Agreement," Form RD 442-7 "Operating Budget," Form RD 1942-46 "Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions," Form RD 3570-3 "Agreement for Administrative Requirements for Community Facilities Grants," and Exhibit A-1 of RD Instruction 1940-Q "Certification for Contracts, Grants, and Loans" and such other forms and documents as are necessary or prudent to facilitate the acceptance and administration of the Grant.

**Section 2. General Repealer.** All resolutions, orders, policies, and parts thereof in conflict with this Resolution are, to the extent of that conflict, repealed.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force upon adoption by the Council.

ADOPTED BY the City Council on August 19, 2025.

Mayor,

Michael C. Butler

Members of Council

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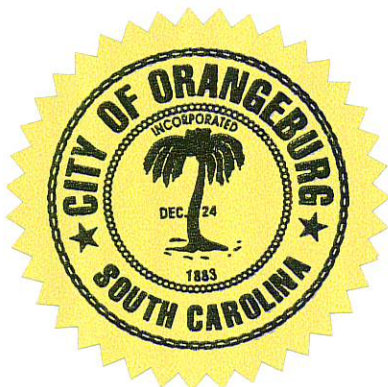
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Attest:

Linda McDaniel

City Clerk