

**City Council Special Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2026**

Orangeburg City Council held a special meeting on Friday, January 9, 2026, at 11:00 am in Council Chambers, 933 Middleton Street with Mayor Michael C. Butler presiding.

PRESENT:

Michael C. Butler
Annette Dees Grevious
Jerry Hannah
Dr. Kalu Kalu, Mayor Pro Tem
L. Zimmerman Keitt
Sandra P. Knotts

PRESENT VIRTUALLY

Jordan E. Hawkins

A motion was made by Councilmember Grevious, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to go into Executive Session concerning discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property and the receipt of legal advice. Section 30-4-70(a)(2) and Section 30-4-70(a)(5) – Project Panther. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Keitt, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to Return to Open Session. The motion was unanimously approved.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning second reading of an ordinance approving the City Administrator to negotiate and enter a contract to finance and acquire certain fire protection motor vehicles, and related equipment in an amount not to exceed \$945,630; authorizing the execution and delivery of documents necessary to carry out the financing and acquisition. He stated, “As you may recall, during our City Council meeting this past Tuesday, Battalion Chief Winningham and I provided a brief update on the needs of our Fire Department as it relates to fire trucks and other equipment. A Request For Proposal (RFP) was issued, and we received two bids thus far for potential fire trucks that could meet our needs. This ordinance would allow me to begin negotiating a contract should we find an appropriate vehicle to meet our Fire Department needs. Public Safety is an extreme priority, and we would like to begin this process. As a reminder, we have done a financial analysis, and we are sure that we could afford this within our budget.”

A motion was made by Councilmember Grevious, seconded by Councilmember Knotts to approve second reading of an ordinance approving the City Administrator to negotiate and enter a contract to finance and acquire certain fire protection motor vehicles, and related equipment in an amount not to exceed \$945,630; authorizing the execution and delivery of documents necessary to carry out the financing and acquisition. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Keitt, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to approve first reading of an ordinance authorizing the transfer of approximately 11.18 acres of real property with improvements, if any, located on Methodist Oaks Drive, TMS #0171-00-07-002.000 (portion of) as part of economic development Project Panther. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McDaniel

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City Clerk

