

City Council Minutes
April 6, 2021

Orangeburg City Council held two Public Hearings and its regularly scheduled meeting on Facebook Live via Zoom on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Michael C. Butler presiding.

PRESENT:

Michael C. Butler, Mayor
Dr. Kalu Kalu

PRESENT BY TELEPHONE:

Bernard Haire
Jerry Hannah
L. Zimmerman Keitt
Sandra P. Knotts
Richard F. Stroman

Mayor Butler opened Public Hearing #1. He stated, "We will open the Public Hearing #1 to review the City of Orangeburg 2016-2026 Comprehensive Plan for the purpose of considering the amendment and change of the Future Land Use map and plan as follows: The Pecanway Terrace area currently depicted as Suburban Residential land use on "Map 7.4: Future Land Use map" (page 7.45), be amended to identify the land use as Urban Residential on the Future Land Use map and add "B-1" and "B-3" zoning categories to the Urban Residential Land Use Classification under the Alternative Zoning column of Table 7.6; Plan Compliance Index (page 7.49). The Pecanway Terrace area is defined as an area bounded by Saint Matthews Road to the west, Chestnut Street to the north, the rear boundary of non-residential lots facing the northeastern side of Boulevard Street, and Fairfield Street to the east. There is one individual who requested to speak at the Public Hearing, Ms. Sandra Miller."

Ms. Sandra Miller, property owner of 1213 Chestnut Street, currently residing in St. Matthews, South Carolina, addressed City Council, she stated, "The property I wish to speak about is on the corner of Chestnut Street and Dantzler Street. Tonight, I want to re-emphasize the facts made by Ms. Phyllis Pelzer during the last City Council meeting. I am asking the City Council to approve the ordinance changing the Future Land Use Plan and the Plan Compliance Index of the City's Comprehensive Plan from Suburban Residential to Urban Residential and add B-1 and B-3 to the zoning categories at some point. Right now, my family's property is an empty lot which is used by people to turn around and to litter. I would like very much for it not to be an eyesore but a viable, useful, and beautiful part of the City of Orangeburg. The only way this can happen is for you to help us and vote yes on this ordinance. Thank you for your attention and time tonight. Thank you to the Council members who voted yes at the last Council meeting."

Assistant City Administrator Singh addressed City Council, he stated, "I come before you at the Public Hearing today because six members of the community reached out to us since the notices and signage were put out. Three of those are residents that live in the community. Some of the individuals were advocating for other members of the community also and I wanted to let Council know what they had to say and get their message across. The biggest concern was taxes going up in the neighborhood in terms of if the properties change to Commercial. Some other concerns were the buffering and making sure the interior of the community is protected. Many people really like their community in Pecanway Terrace explaining it is a very quaint area. One resident explained there are a lot of kids in the area. Two of the folks that talked to me were from Mobile Street and they are worried about making sure the kids are safe. They were saying that many of the retired and older individuals go out in the afternoons and walk and concerns were raised about safety. Many of the residents that talked to me have moved in recently meaning a year or less. The bottom line for them is they want to keep their taxes low, to make sure their property values are not affected, and that it is a safe neighborhood. One thing that came out of this was a discussion about some traffic issues on Dantzler Street in terms of high speed. Out of those three, when I asked them outright if they were opposed or in favor of this, they said they were opposed in the sense that they just were not comfortable. I did explain what is going on tonight is a land use change and it does not change their zoning. They certainly all understand, but I think the consensus from the group is that they had some concerns about taxes and fixed incomes. Buffering is a big

deal to them. The other three were basically in support. They did not have a problem with it as long as there is good buffering that would not affect the inner neighborhood."

Mayor Butler stated, "We will now close Public Hearing #1 and open Public Hearing #2 To consider the adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code, 2018 Edition by amending Sec. 13-1 of the Orangeburg City Code of Ordinances by substituting the 2018 Edition and the adoption for the International Existing Building Code, 2018 Edition by amending Sec. 13-11 of the Orangeburg City Code of ordinances by substituting the 2018 Edition for the 2012 Edition."

City Administrator Evering addressed Council, he stated, "This is a Public Hearing regarding the update of Building Codes. Every three years South Carolina Building Codes Council promulgates our building codes. As indicated in the packet, local governments typically adopt the codes to maintain uniformity across the state. We invite anyone who wants to speak regarding the update, and we did not have anyone sign up to speak."

Mayor Butler closed Public Hearing #2 and called the regular meeting to order by roll call of Councilmembers.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman and seconded by Councilmember Keitt to approve the March 16, 2021 City Council minutes. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mayor Butler recognized "Perseverance" as the April 2021 Orangeburg County Community of Character trait. Perseverance is the continued effort to do or achieve; determination; persistence.

Mayor Butler recognized the retirement of Walter Smoak with a Resolution for his service to the City of Orangeburg Department of Public Safety with twenty-eight years, eight months and twenty-three days of service with a retirement date of March 19, 2021.

Mayor Butler recognized the retirement of Linda M. Argoe with a Resolution for her service to the Department of Public Utilities for twenty-nine years and ten days of service with a retirement date of March 26, 2021.

Ms. Ellen Zisholtz addressed Council virtually concerning the Spring 2021 Social Justice Community Cinema Project. She stated, "Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College and Center for Creative Partnerships will present the Social Justice Community Cinema for the first time on Zoom. The two-part series is dedicated to John Hope Franklin. The first program is From Swastika to Jim Crow on Monday, April 26 and Tuesday, April 27 at 12:00 PM and at 7:00 PM. Then on Thursday, April 29 at 7:00 PM there will be a community conversation with special guest John Whittington Franklin, son of John Hope Franklin, who is featured in the film. A second Spring 2021 Community Cinema program will be announced in May. In addition to this Social Justice Cinema, the Center for Creative Partnerships is developing the All-Star Justice Center. It will preserve the historic significance of the All-Star Bowling Lanes creating community space for recreation, exhibitions and ongoing dialogue, developing opportunities for education, reconciliation, and healing. The Social Justice Community Cinema is made possible through funding from Otech, South Carolina Humanities and South Carolina AARP. All Star Center is funded partially by the community."

Assistant City Administrator Singh addressed Council, he stated, "I come before you with the second reading of Ordinance 2021-05 to amend the Future Land Use Plan of the City of Orangeburg Plan, Compliance Index of the City Comprehensive Plan of 2016-2026. This is not a change in zoning, but it is a change from Suburban land use to Urban land use which does open the door up for residents to request B-1 or B-3 zoning. It will have to go through the Planning Commission and then it must come to City Council and there are public hearings required at both points. There is a public hearing that occurs at the Planning Commission as well as a public hearing that occurs at City Council. Attorney Walsh and Administrator Evering and I are working on the buffering. The one thing that we are all in concurrence about is the buffering. If we are looking at St. Matthews Road or Chestnut Street properties is that proper buffering be a major part if Council is considering making this adjustment. We have had almost thirty plus people attend hearings, comment, and call and the other six recently who responded. We have had almost forty people that have responded through some form of public input during this process. The important thing is the City of Orangeburg is trying to look at things in a thoughtful fashion regarding

buffering and protecting neighborhoods. This addition for the buffering to be included could be in other areas where we have transitional situations as we do at St. Matthews Road and Chestnut Street. With that said, I will answer any questions you may have."

Mayor Pro Tem Kalu stated, "There seems to be some confusion on this concept of zoning and the ordinance amending the future land use. There is a problem within the community in that area in terms of buffering which is very essential because you do not want to impose something on everyone. Is there any way to encourage them or send letters for them to come attend the next public hearing?"

Assistant City Administrator Singh responded, "That is a good question. The notices we would base off in a situation like that would be from tax records. So, when you are working off the tax records, you are going to have some cases where individuals may or may not get the notice. Therefore, in a large-scale situation you put it out like we did with the signs. The purpose of the zoning signs is to get people's attention and for them to realize they need to stop and look at it. That appears to have happened, but in terms of notices, if you are dealing with adjacent properties in a planning or zoning change you do send notices to those properties. On a large scale, that becomes complicated. We could send it based on the tax records. If we really wanted to cover it, if DPU would be kind enough, we could also send it that way with addresses for folks that reside in the property. I want to be clear that is something that would not be a requirement. It is something we would not normally do unless Council asks. We can do anything Council would like."

Mayor Butler stated, "I want to approve this as it is an important matter. Staff has done what was expected of them to get the notices out because we have had public hearings here before and the room was packed. With all due respect to Councilmember Hannah as that is his area, he would help us talk to them. He would know more of them. I had a meeting in the yard with them. A lot of times they will not come to you, but we must go to them. They have called with their concerns. We answered them and I have found that once you explain it to them, they say they understand. It was not like we were forcing it. I was so concerned that I went in the yards and met with several of them. Their concern is if the workings of their inner neighborhood is going to be affected. I feel like they are satisfied."

Assistant City Administrator Singh responded, "Mayor, if I could point out one thing again. The Planning Commission and Council are going to determine what happens in a neighborhood with this. Dr. Kalu, I am not a super fan of the Zoning and Planning Act of the State. It is confusing. It is confusing to people who deal with it. Many of the calls I received thought we were re-zoning this and that is not what we are doing."

Mayor Butler stated, "We are just making provisions for something to happen. We said if something does happen there, we will ask for a buffer."

Councilmember Haire stated, "Mayor, when you talk about buffers, they are more than just the wood-type barriers. There are people whose homes are being inundated by lights from businesses and that sort of thing. You cannot ask people to have lights shining in their homes at night because of the lights that are installed at the various establishments. Buffering, wood fences, that sort of thing is one type of buffer, but you also have a problem as it relates to lights."

Councilmember Knotts asked, "Mr. Singh, during the public hearing you stated several persons asked about their taxes going up. Were you able to get that information?"

Assistant City Administrator Singh responded, "Well, I was as honest as I could be because there are a lot of factors that go into taxes. In theory, there should not be a change in their value there, but because there are other factors, I want to be clear that if millage went up or if there was a change in assessment that could raise their tax but not as a direct cause of the commercial property. I also explained that the only way a person would experience a tax increase of that nature on a commercial property would be if they did a land lease with an individual where they retained ownership of the property and that property is now commercial, their taxes would go up in that case. I did walk through with each of the individuals concerned about that in terms of how it would work. Based on if that change occurred it should not affect the inner areas tax value. If it came in a B-3, community markets and things like that and everybody was busting the doors down to move into Pecanway Terrace and value goes up that would be a way it would go up. That would mean

you have a vibrant community and community businesses catering to the residents in the community."

Councilmember Keitt asked, "Wouldn't it make their property have more value to it?"

Assistant City Administrator Singh responded, "It could. One thing we are looking at is we are not stuck with wooden fences. It may be after we review further to get the buffering regulations in there that it is going to have to be a more solid fence than that. One of the problems you have is the maintaining of a fence. Your code enforcement should maintain to make sure that those businesses are maintaining that break. If you do not do that it could knock your value down. Certainly, if it were a positive there could be a value increase. You do hit on a point that was brought up and that is there are retirees in the neighborhood on a fixed income. They are concerned about the taxes and utility bills going up. Overall, I would think, but cannot promise, that those taxes would stay in line and not decline."

Councilmember Hannah stated, "I thank everybody for their kind comments. They are very candid, but this is a precarious situation. I am all for advancing Orangeburg and getting as much business as we possibly can, but it is a bell-shaped situation where some persons will profit more than others if their land goes up. My concern is those persons who are not quite as knowledgeable as others and do not know how to use Facebook or even a cell phone. Some have challenges doing that. Because of the situation the whole country is in, the pandemic, is one reason why the participation has been limited. If it was two years ago, then you would have more participation, so you do not know what is going on in the minds of the persons. I applaud those persons who went out and spoke with the people. Lastly, when I talk to people and they said if their land goes up, house goes up instead of getting \$75,000 they can get \$100,000. They are probably right. If they go purchase the same accommodations they are living in right now, where would they go? The price would be more for them to purchase a new house. That is not the only issue. We have to look at this closely and take care of the persons who need the help the most."

Councilmember Keitt stated, "Let us remember that four or five years ago those same people signed petitions to have the changes done. We have those petitions that were completed by an attorney. It is probably more than 40 or 50 signatures. This is not something new to us. This has been going on for more than five years. They want it done and I cannot understand us holding them up and not letting them have what they would like to have done in their area."

Councilmember Haire stated, "This is my last comment on this issue. Councilmember Keitt just mentioned an attorney doing those petitions. I was told by some of the residents that they were kind of threatened that they had to sign those petitions. It was kind of done in a threatening manner, so it is not what it looks like."

Mayor Pro Tem Kalu stated, "I do not know how many live around that community, but I think one thing we need to avoid is gentrification because that is the most important thing. When you have the commercial buildings erected in those areas they can be pushed out. We need to do our homework."

Mayor Butler responded, "You move to that when you identify what is going on the property. They just ask for now that the plan be changed. I think we should open the door and give them the opportunity. This is something they do not have to do but if they would like to do it, they could re-zone. We do not want to push it down their throat. That was our second study, and the Planning Commission came back with that recommendation. I think we should move forward if it pleases everybody so we can agree to uphold what the Planning Commission has presented to us."

A motion was made by Councilmember Haire, seconded by Councilmember Hannah to deny the Ordinance to amend the Future Land Use Plan and City of Orangeburg Plan Compliance Index of the City Comprehensive Plan 2016-2026. The motion did not pass. The vote was 3-4. Mayor Butler, Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, Councilmembers Keitt and Stroman voted against the motion.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to support the Ordinance to amend the Future Land Use Plan and City of Orangeburg Plan Compliance Index of the City Comprehensive Plan 2016-2026. The motion was approved 4-3. Councilmembers Haire, Hannah, and Knotts voted against the motion.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning the second reading of an Ordinance adopting 2017 and 2018 Building Codes and Standards. He stated, "As in the past, the City of Orangeburg adopts the International Building Code and Property Maintenance promulgated by the state of South Carolina and the South Carolina Building Codes Council. Adoption ensures uniform building codes and consistent building standards."

A motion was made by Councilmember Keitt, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to approve the second reading of an Ordinance adopting 2017 and 2018 Building Codes and Standards. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Assistant City Administrator Singh addressed Council concerning the Resolution for Fair Housing Month. He stated, "This is a Resolution the City of Orangeburg does every year in April for Fair Housing Month. It is important that we recognize how important affordable housing is to communities. Affordable housing is an issue in Orangeburg and Administrator Evering is looking at closely and working on as we continue to grow our City."

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

Ms. Karen Sanders, DPS Victims Advocate addressed Council concerning National Crime Victim's Rights Week. She stated, "The week of April 18-24, 2021 is Victim's Rights Week. This is an annual event we hold through victims' services. This year's theme is Support Victims, Build Trust and Engage Community. I am requesting that you participate with us on April 19th in a proclamation ceremony to all victims of crime to proclaim that we are banding together to support victims. I want to thank Ms. Alexis Kiser, our grant writer, who was able to get a grant to help support us this week. During this week, we will have a series of events that will be hosted by Orangeburg Department of Public Safety. If possible, I would like for our Mayor, Councilmembers and City Administrator to join in and proclaim to the citizens of Orangeburg at 11:00 AM on April 19th in front of City Hall. We will also have a candlelight vigil that will be going on that entire week. I thank all you for your support. We had the opportunity to serve almost 2,000 victims between last year and this year which is monumental. I want to say we have not had anyone say that they were not protected, or they feel as if the community did not take care of them. I would like to personally say thank you for bonding with us as we combat crime together."

Councilmember Keitt stated, "I want to thank you and we will try to help you in any way we can."

A motion was made by Councilmember Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Stroman to adopt the Proclamation in recognition of National Crime Victim's Rights Week April 18-24, 2021. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning the proposed City budget calendar for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. He stated, "I wanted to share with you the budget calendar and point out a few important dates are June 9th the Council Planning Retreat in Council Chambers and July 13th and 14th the Council Budget Workshops with the budget team in Council Chambers."

A motion was made by Councilmember Haire, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to adopt the Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

DPU Manager Harley addressed Council concerning a Resolution establishing criteria for the DPU Economic Development Revolving Fund (EDRF). He stated, "During the past budget process, we presented to Council establishing a fund for economic development for our large industrial and commercial projects and potential projects that might impact the City and downtown. This fund was established with funds of fee in lieu of prior economic development projects we did in partnership with Orangeburg County. One of the goals in establishing this fund was to make sure we are planning because we know many of times these efforts are done every quickly. We wanted to start by establishing a fund that we can have ready at Council's availability to distribute. We wanted to also bring to you the criteria that governs the use of those funds. The fund is set up to be a revolving fund, so the money is due to go out and come back in much like we did with the County on the prior economic development opportunities that we partnered. That will keep the fund hopefully solvent. Council will also be able to appropriate money as it sees fit going forward. We want to focus primarily on the industrial economic development but also on larger commercial

opportunities. I have already talked with Administrator Evering about opportunities for the City. We want to use any opportunities to bolster our downtown so there is a possibility of doing that as well. The goal is to keep the fund solvent. Council can increase what you put in the fund at any time. We modeled this after some other communities that we know that have setup a similar program. It is not a new concept. Any funds dispersed from this fund must be approved by Council.”

Mayor Pro Tem Kalu asked, “Will this be approved by Council to determine the interest rate?”

DPU Manager Harley stated, “Depending on how Council decides to participate in the deal. Council can decide to loan money to the County or do what we did in prior deals that we participate by contributing money directly. For instance, for a building or potential project, we could split the cost. The County and the City would be repaid back from the fee in lieu. If Council decided to give money directly to the County to make a deal happen, or if you decided, you could charge interest on that. It is not something you have to do, but it is an option. It is written to give Council the flexibility they need to make deals happen as it relates to economic development.”

Councilmember Hannah asked, “What is the origin of this fund and do you have a cap on it, so you know when you reach that cap?”

DPU Manager Harley stated, “When we passed this current budget, the money to seed the fund was received back from partnership on the project that brought GKN into Orangeburg, which was the fee in lieu, and we share the fee in lieu with the County 50/50. The City and County both were repaid the amounts contributed to that project. Approximately 1.6 million (\$1,600,000) is the seed money for the project. Going forward, in this upcoming budget process, if Council sees fit, you could increase that amount to some number that makes sense, or some number based on projects that we anticipate working to bring about in Orangeburg and Orangeburg County. The funds can only be used in the DPU’s gas and electric territory.”

Councilmember Hannah asked, “Once it is established, then the fund is there for usage. How do we stand if we do not finish developing this fund? Are there advantages or disadvantages?”

DPU Manager Harley stated, “The fund was already established in this current budget. The only thing we are doing now is setting the criteria guidelines. If Council decides not to appropriate any funds, the money is still there for the next year. Council can decide to grow the fund at its discretion depending on what it has in mind for development going forward. There would be no negative impact, but I would hope we would have the opportunity to use it. We are hoping it will bring economic opportunities in our community.”

Mayor Butler stated, “I want to commend you, Mr. Harley and your staff for opening the door for possible advancement in economic development.”

A motion was made by Councilmember Haire, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to approve the resolution establishing criteria for the DPU Economic Development Revolving Fund (EDRF). The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

DPU Manager Harley addressed Council concerning appointments to the DPU Employee Grievance Committee. He stated, “You have in your packet a memo concerning the Grievance Committee. We have four proposed appointments to serve from April 2021 – March 2024 as follows Mr. Erskine Carter, Jr., Electric Division, Mr. Jerrold Stokes, Water Division, Alternate Mr. Delvin Davis, Water Division and Alternate Ms. Cindy Williams, Administration Division. We have talked with each employee and they have expressed a desire to serve.”

Mayor Pro Tem Kalu asked, “What are the qualifications of the appointees?”

DPU Manager Harley stated, “An employee of DPU in good standing. We try to get representation across all the divisions and to give everyone an opportunity who would like to participate. Recommendations come from the departments and City Council has the final approval.”

A motion was made by Councilmember Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Knotts to approve Mr. Erskine Carter, Jr. Electric Division, Mr. Jerrold Stokes, Water Division, Alternate Mr. Delvin Davis, Water Division and Alternate Ms. Cindy Williams, Administration Division to serve three-

year appointments on the DPU Grievance Committee Members April 2021 – March 2024. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

DPU Manager Harley addressed Council concerning the DPU Budget Calendar. He stated, “The two most important dates for Council as we request your presence are the Budget Workshop on Thursday, June 10th 9AM and the DPU Special Council Meeting for the First Reading of the Budget on Tuesday, August 10th. “

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to approve the DPU Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

DPU Gas Director Dave Durgin addressed Council regarding a Public Awareness Survey. He stated, “This is part of our ongoing requirements with the Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA). This survey will be done in the month of May and it is done every four years and is conducted by a three-minute phone call. The results help us understand how we are reaching our customers on gas safety. Some of the questions they will ask are: Do you know not to light a match near a natural gas flame? Do you know what natural gas smells like? If you smell natural gas, do you know what to do? It is pre-recorded and if the person they are trying to reach does not answer within two tries, they no longer call that number. It is something we are required to do, and it is the fourth time we have conducted this survey.”

Councilmembers Hannah asked, “Are these surveys done like Robocalls or is this someone calling with more of a personality?”

DPU Gas Director Durgin replied, “It is a pre-recorded call, but we have had very good success with these calls in the past and the script is in your package. This helps with the effectiveness of the safety program and most people are helpful with their responses. “

DPU Director Harley stated, “That is why we wanted to get this in front of you so you will be aware of this call.”

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Knotts to go into Executive Session concerning Contractual and Legal Matters A. Synergy Wholesale Wastewater Agreement (Northwood Estates). S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70 (a) (2), Personnel Matter A. Amendment of City’s organizational chart requiring the appointment of Finance Director and City Clerk S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70 (a)(1), and Legal Matter A. Department of Public Safety Investigation. S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70 (a)(2). The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Johnson
City Clerk

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Walter Smoak faithfully served the City of Orangeburg's Department of Public Safety for twenty-eight years, eight months and twenty-three days with a retirement date of March 19, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, he, through his long and faithful service, contributed greatly to the successful operation of the City of Orangeburg's Department of Public Safety; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council, in recognition of the fine contribution rendered the City of Orangeburg, wants to inscribe on the records its appreciation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Members of Council, in Council assembled, do officially recognize the faithful service rendered to the City of Orangeburg, in the capacities in which he served the City and we take pride in commending him for a job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution, in appreciation for his devotion of duty to the City of Orangeburg, be placed in the Minute Book of the City and a copy furnished to Mr. Smoak in recognition of his services.

PASSED BY the City Council of the City of Orangeburg, State of South Carolina, this 6th day of April 2021.



Michael C. Butler

MAYOR

Kelley Paul

Richard A. Stone

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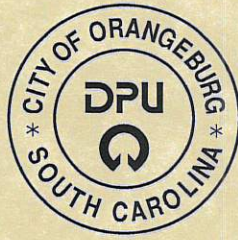
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MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:
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CITY CLERK



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Linda M. Argoe, faithfully served the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Orangeburg for twenty-nine years and ten days with a retirement date of March 26, 2021; and

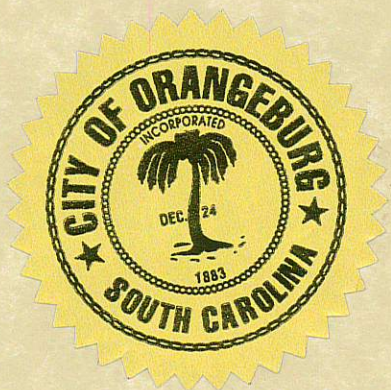
WHEREAS, she, through her long and faithful service contributed greatly to the successful operation of the City of Orangeburg; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, in recognition of the fine contribution rendered to the City of Orangeburg, wants to inscribe on the records its appreciation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Members of Council, in Council assembled, do officially recognize the faithful service rendered to the City of Orangeburg in the capacities in which she served and we take pride in commending her for a job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution, in appreciation for her devotion of duty to the City of Orangeburg, be placed in the Minute Book of the City in recognition of her services.

PASSED BY the City Council of the City of Orangeburg, State of South Carolina, this 6th day of April 2021.



Michael C. Ruth

Mayor

Stacia L. Krotts

Sam Hare

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Richard F. Horn

Members of Council

ATTEST:

Carrie

City Clerk



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,

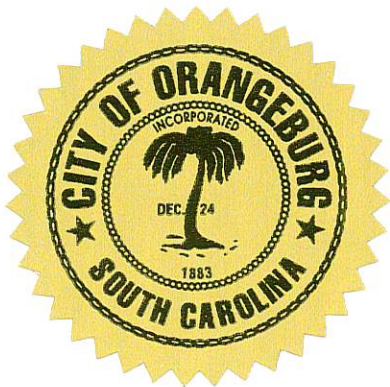
WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina enacted the South Carolina Fair Housing Law in 1989; and,

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 6th day of April 2021.



Michael C. Butch

MAYOR

Kelley Angel

James [unclear]

Edward Haire

Richard T. Sterne

Vanessa P. Knotts

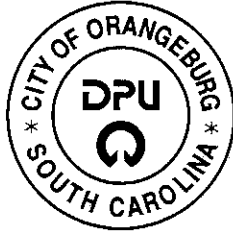
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MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Carole [unclear]

City Clerk



**Resolution Establishing Criteria for the
DPU Economic Development Revolving Fund (EDRF)**

WHEREAS, the City of Orangeburg recognizes the importance of economic development to the citizens of Orangeburg.

WHEREAS, in the 2020-21(FY) budget of the Department of Public Utilities City Council approved the creation of the DPU Economic Development Revolving Fund (EDRF) to enhance the City's economic development efforts.

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to work in partnership with Orangeburg County and other organizations to bring business and industry to the Orangeburg Community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council duly assembled this 6th day of April 2021 the following criteria be established to govern the use of the DPU EDRF.

Economic Development Revolving Fund (EDRF)

There is hereby established a Fund to be known as the Economic Development Revolving Fund (EDRF). The EDRF will receive initial and additional annual funding by appropriations of City Council and a portion of County tax revenues generated by new industrial projects locating in or the expansion of existing industry in DPU's electric or natural gas service areas.

Funds from the EDRF may only be used for projects located within the DPU electric or natural gas service areas. Funds from the EDRF shall be used primarily for industrial and large commercial projects, but expenditures may be made for other economic development projects which create a significant number of jobs and/or increased electric or natural gas loads for DPU or may have a significant economic impact within the corporate limits of the City of Orangeburg.

The EDRF shall be coordinated by the DPU Administrative Division under the direction of the DPU Manager who shall make recommendations to the Orangeburg City Council for use of EDRF monies. The EDRF shall be segregated from other DPU budgetary accounts in order to maintain budget integrity. Additional funding of the EDRF shall be determined annually by the City Council during the budgetary process of the DPU. Disbursements may be planned during the budgetary process, but each project funding request and its terms shall be approved by resolution of City Council prior to disbursement.

Funds may be disbursed from the EDRF to Orangeburg County to assist and support industrial and other economic development projects of mutual benefit to the City and Orangeburg County. All funds disbursed from the EDRF to Orangeburg County shall be reimbursed by the County from tax proceeds generated by real and personal property tax revenues, including any fees paid in accordance with fee-in-lieu agreements; all of which will be shared 50/50 between Orangeburg County and DPU until the EDRF funds disbursed are paid in full. EDRF funds disbursed may accrue interest at a rate to be determined by City Council at the time of the disbursement.

Passed By the City Council of the City of Orangeburg, South Carolina, on this 6th day of April 2021.



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