

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Special Meeting**  
**January 28, 2019**

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Orangeburg City Council held its regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2019, at 12:00 Noon in Council Chambers with Mayor Butler presiding.

**PRESENT:**

**Michael C. Butler, Mayor**

**Bernard Haire**

**Jerry Hannah**

**Charles W. Jernigan**

**Zimmerman Keitt**

**Sandra P. Knotts**

**Richard F. Stroman**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Stroman, to approve the January 15, 2019, City Council Minutes, as distributed. This motion was unanimously approved.

City Administrator Yow overviewed for Council that the City Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2019, has been cancelled due to the Hometown Legislative Action Day being held in Columbia, SC. Also, there will be a SC Department of Transportation meeting on Tuesday, January 29th at Mellichamp School that Council may want to attend. The subject of the meeting is Russell Street/U.S. 301 Intersection and the new bridge construction over the Edisto river.

Senator John Matthews addressed Council, he stated, "I am bringing a check presentation for Downtown Orangeburg Revitalization Association (DORA) for the Open Air Pavilion. Here is the fake check and I have the original check for \$250,000.00. We did a project similar to this in Colleton County and have had great success in bringing people downtown. I have wanted this project for a long time for Orangeburg and I am glad now that DORA is chipping in."

A picture was taken with Senator Matthews presenting the check to the DORA Board and Mayor Butler.

City Administrator Yow overviewed the project of the Downtown Open Air Pavilion. He stated, "In your packet you will see the outline of the process that DORA has provided. This is a one-time grant used for the construction of an Open Air Pavilion Downtown next to the municipal parking lot which is next to First Baptist Church. DORA has provided the project costs and the City's portion will come from the Hospitality Fund. I would recommend to Council that you pass this Resolution for this much needed project."

Councilmember Jernigan stated, "DORA has done a fantastic job with improving Downtown and working on a lot of projects. They bring a lot of activity downtown and I am pleased with their volunteers and this grant is something they need. This will be an attraction and an asset to the City."

City Administrator Yow provided an explanation of how the City funding occurs. He stated, "The City doesn't just write a check to DORA in the amount of \$150,000.00, but once construction starts, DORA will submit the invoices and we will review the work before reimbursements."

Councilmember Stroman stated, "I agree with Mr. Jernigan and I want to thank the Board also."

Mayor Pro Tem Keitt stated, "This is very attractive and will help Downtown."

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Councilmember Hannah asked, "Can I get a copy of the individuals on the DORA Board and their contact information, as I do not know who is on the Board?"

City Administrator Yow stated, "I am sure DORA can get you that information by the end of the week or even by the end of the day."


A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt, to approve a Resolution authorizing a donation of \$150,000.00 to DORA. This motion was unanimously approved.

There were no utility matters brought before Council concerning the Department of Public Utilities.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt, to enter into an Executive Session for a Legal Matter and Discussion of Claim Assertion of Demetrius Jamison. This motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Carrie W. Johnson  
City Clerk

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DONATION OF \$150,000.00 TO THE DOWNTOWN ORANGEBURG REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION**

**WHEREAS,** the Downtown Orangeburg Revitalization Association (DORA) encourages the development, redevelopment and improvement of the downtown area of the City of Orangeburg and promotes downtown merchants and businesses, and

**WHEREAS,** DORA is accredited by the National Main Street Center and is a member of Main Street, South Carolina, a service provided by the Municipal Association of South Carolina, and

**WHEREAS,** DORA'S next physical project will be the construction of an open-air market/pavilion in the downtown area, and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Orangeburg wishes to support DORA in the construction of its open-air market/pavilion which will contribute to the health, education and general welfare of its citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by City Council duly assembled this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019 that the City of Orangeburg will donate the sum of \$150,000.00 to DORA for the construction of an open-air market/pavilion on Russell Street in the downtown area of the City.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that John H. Yow, City Administrator is hereby authorized to make said donation on the condition that upon completion of the above mentioned project an accounting of said funds shall be provided to the City of Orangeburg.

**PASSED BY** the City Council of the City of Orangeburg, South Carolina, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.



Michael C. Butch  
Mayor

Charles Dwyer

David L. Krutts

James Haire

L. Zimmerman Kirtt

John & Thomas

James Powell  
Members of Council

Attest: [Signature]  
City Clerk