

**City Council Special Minutes
September 29, 2021**

Orangeburg City Council held a Special meeting on Facebook Live via Zoom on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 12:00 PM with Mayor Michael C. Butler presiding.

PRESENT:

Michael C. Butler, Mayor

PRESENT - VIRTUAL

Dr. Kalu Kalu, Mayor Pro Tem

Bernard Haire

Jerry Hannah

L. Zimmerman Keitt

Sandra P. Knotts

Richard F. Stroman

Mayor Butler opened the meeting with a roll call of Councilmembers.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to go into Executive Session concerning Contractual Matter a. Discussion of Fire Tax District Contractual Matters S.C. Code 30-4-70 (a) (2) and Personnel Matter a. Discussion of Personnel Matter – Director of Public Safety S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70 (a)(1). The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Haire, seconded by Councilmember Stroman to return to open session. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Haire to table the second reading of an Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fire Service Agreement with Orangeburg County; authorizing the termination of individual Fire Contracts; and other matters related thereto. The motion was unanimously approved.

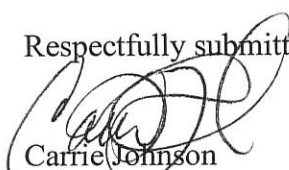
City Administrator Evering stated, “The City of Orangeburg Department of Public Safety Chief Mike Adams will be retiring effective today. We are very fortunate Charles Austin, a former Chief of Police for the City of Columbia, has agreed to step in and serve the citizens of Orangeburg in an interim basis as the Director of the Department of Public Safety. He has an extensive background in law enforcement. He is very familiar with the community of Orangeburg. We are extremely grateful to have him serve the citizens of Orangeburg in this capacity. We cannot think of a better individual to help guide us through this transition process. We know with his servant leadership; the Department of Public Safety and the City of Orangeburg will continue to move forward.”

Mayor Butler stated, “On behalf of City Council, we welcome you aboard and we give you all the rights to take care of the agency moving forward. We have the utmost confidence in your ability. Thank you for accepting the position.”

Dr. Austin stated, “Thank you Mayor Butler, members of Council and Mr. Evering. Colonel Conner, I’m looking forward to working with you and I know we are going to make some good things happen.”

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Haire to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Carrie Johnson
City Clerk

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