

**City Council Minutes**  
**August 16, 2022**

Orangeburg City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 6:00 PM with Mayor Michael C. Butler presiding.

**PRESENT:**

**Michael C. Butler, Mayor**  
**Dr. Kalu Kalu, Mayor Pro Tem**  
**L. Zimmerman Keitt**  
**Sandra P. Knotts**  
**Richard F. Stroman**

**VIRTUAL:**

**Bernard Haire**  
**Jerry Hannah**

A Public Hearing was opened concerning an Ordinance to Raise Revenue and Adopt a Budget for the City of Orangeburg SC for Fiscal Year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. No one spoke at the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to approve the June 16, 2022, DPU Budget Workshop meeting minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Keitt, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to approve the July 19, 2022, City of Orangeburg Budget Workshop Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Knotts, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to approve the August 2, 2022, City Council meeting minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Marc Wood, Sheheen, Hancock & Godwin, LLP, CPAs presented financials. He stated, "May, June and July 2022 financials are in your packet. Highlights of the July report are 70% of revenues received compared to budget and the target was 83%. Expenditures are 85% and in line with the budget. There are several large revenue items from the state and Municipal Association that will be received in the month of September. Also, the lease proceeds will be recognized in August eliminating the gap between the revenue and expenditures of approximately \$2.5 million."

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning nominations for the City of Orangeburg American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Program Committee. He stated, "In March, Council approved the allocation of \$275,000 for non-profit entities. The grant application was posted on social media and our website. We received 14 applications. City Attorney Kozlarek vetted these entities to ensure they were nonprofits as required. Council has submitted nominees to serve on an ad hoc grant committee to determine the award amounts, if any, up to \$50,000. The following nominations are for your consideration: At large – Ms. Nancy Davis, District One – Mr. Rogers Jarvis, District Two – Mr. Henry Ideozu, District Three – Ms. Mary Brown, District Four – Ms. Carolyn Evans, District Five – Ms. Catherine Murray, and District Six – Ms. Georgene Hightower."

A motion was made Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to approve the nominations for the ARPA Grant Program Committee as At large – Ms. Nancy Davis, District One – Mr. Rogers Jarvis, District Two – Mr. Henry Ideozu, District Three – Ms. Mary Brown, District Four – Ms. Carolyn Evans, District Five – Ms. Catherine Murray, and District Six – Ms. Georgene Hightower. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Budget for the City of Orangeburg, SC for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. The motion was approved 6-1. Councilmember Hannah opposed.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning Second Reading of an Ordinance to Raise Revenue and Adopt a Budget for the City of Orangeburg SC for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. He stated, "We are recommending a balanced budget of

\$22,686,401. We are not recommending a millage increase. We are proposing residential sanitation increase per month from \$14 to \$17, commercial sanitation increase of \$5 per month, and Hillcrest cart rentals and green fees increases. We are recommending a 3% cost of living adjustment for all employees. At the request of our auditor, we are recommending Hillcrest Golf Course move under the Parks and Recreation Department. We are recommending the creation of a battalion chief position for fire division representation on the command staff at the Department of Public Safety. We are recommending \$45,000 for playground equipment replacement and \$150,000 for maintenance to be proactive. Lease purchase items are new sanitation truck, tractor, bush hog and a few new vehicles.”

A motion was made by Councilmember Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Knotts to approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance to Raise Revenue and Adopt a Budget for the City of Orangeburg SC for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. The motion was approved 5-2. Councilmember Hannah and Stroman opposed.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Budget for the Operation of the Department of Public Utilities for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. 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 for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, (2) Adopt Amended Water Rates effective October 1, 2022, and (3) Adopt Amended Wastewater Rates effective October 1, 2022. He stated, “There is an increase in this budget for water and wastewater rates. We request to add a Gas Division project item called Project Road which is an economic development venture with a prospective customer. The funds are in the budget, we are requesting approval to add the project to the budget. It would be a significant customer for DPU if we were able to land it. It would be an extension of a gas line at the cost of \$875,000.”

Mayor Pro Tem Kalu asked, “The funds are in the budget you presented but the project was not?”

DPU Manager Harley stated, “Yes, we have excess funds in the budget for the project. We need your permission to spend it on the project as it was not named in the budget at the First Reading.”

Councilmember Hannah asked, “What is the estimated return on this investment?”

DPU Manager Harley stated, “We project \$40,000 - \$50,000 positive revenue per year and hopefully that would grow.”

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to approve the Second Reading of a Ordinance to Adopt a Budget for the Operation of the Department of Public Utilities for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, (2) Adopt Amended Water Rates effective October 1, 2022 and (3) Adopt Amended Wastewater Rates effective October 1, 2022. The motion was approved 6-1. Councilmember Stroman opposed.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council to request Executive Session Item 11 Contractual Matter, UNC/DFI Railroad Corner Development Update S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2) be placed before Item 10 Personnel Matter, Employee Handbook Draft S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2) as UNC/DFI staff have traveled from out of town to present. Council agreed to this change.

A motion was made by Councilmember Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Knotts to go into Executive Session concerning Contractual Matter, (a.) UNC/DFI Railroad Corner Development Update S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2) and Personnel Matter, (a.) Employee Handbook Draft S.C. Code Sec 30-4-70(a)(2). The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda McDaniel*  
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City Clerk

