

City Council Minutes
November 15, 2022

Orangeburg City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 6:00 PM with Mayor Michael C. Butler presiding.

PRESENT:

Michael C. Butler, Mayor

Dr. Kalu Kalu, Mayor Pro Tem

Bernard Haire

Jerry Hannah

L. Zimmerman Keitt

Sandra P. Knotts

Richard F. Stroman

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to approve the November 1, 2022, City Council minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. William Green, 607 Malibu Drive, addressed Council concerning a crosswalk and/or speed bump on Adden Street and historic preservation of buildings at Railroad Corner. He stated, "Cars speed on Adden Street near the park and playground. A painted crosswalk or speedbump and signage is needed on both Adden and Green Streets as children run across the streets to the park. This should be done at all playgrounds and recreation facilities in the City and County. Also, I wanted to address the historical preservation of the buildings on Railroad Corner. I fought for a Black History Museum to be placed there featuring civil rights. The first Black Mayor and Ms. Keitt, the first woman to be Mayor Pro Tem, should be a part of the museum. We have nationally known artists, entertainment figures and professional sports figures from Orangeburg that should be recognized. I think it should be a Black History Museum featuring civil rights, not just a civil rights museum. For the museum to grow and take on another aspect, we need to recognize all accomplishments, not just civil rights which limits us to one phase of life during the fifties and sixties."

Mayor Butler stated, "I know you have spoken with City Administrator Evering concerning the speed bumps. I think this is a legitimate concern."

City Administrator Evering stated, "Mr. Green and I had a conversation regarding a speed bump and/or crosswalk. I have had preliminary conversations with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT). SCDOT has some liability issues with speed bumps but recommended raised pavement and signage notifying drivers to slow down. With your permission, I am happy to contact SCDOT."

Council agreed for City Administrator Evering to contact SCDOT concerning the raised pavement and signage for Adden and Green Streets.

City Council and Department of Public Utilities Manager Warren Harley recognized Mr. Franklin Kimpson with a Retiree Resolution for twenty years, two months and seventeen days and also his service as a contract employee for an additional seven years, eight months and twenty days.

Mr. Marc Wood, Sheheen, Hancock & Godwin, LLP, CPAs presented Council with a Financial Update. He stated, "As a brief overview of the October report, revenues were approximately \$880,000 or 4% of budget and expenses were approximately \$1,600,000 or 8% of budget. Eight percent is where you should be at the first full month of the fiscal year as expenditures will outpace revenue because the largest source of revenue, property taxes, does not start coming in until January. A lot of your revenues are seasonal, not on a monthly basis. This is why you need reserves, which the City has, in order to continue to pay for your expenses until you receive your large sources of revenue."

Assistant City Administrator Singh addressed Council concerning a Resolution adopting the 5-Year Update of the Orangeburg County's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2021. He stated, "The information pertinent to the City of Orangeburg is in your packet. The entire book itself is quite thick. I want to thank Billy Staley with Orangeburg County Emergency Services and

Amanda Sievers with Orangeburg County Planning Department as they completed this for all of 17 municipalities. This is an important guidebook for Public Safety and all departments during ice storms or hurricanes. The plan itself is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). So, when a disaster is declared, we can participate in the FEMA process which is the reason for the five-year update.”

A motion was made by Councilmember Keitt, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to approve a Resolution adopting the 5-Year Update of the Orangeburg County’s Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2021. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to approve Third Reading of an Ordinance Adopting Amended Natural Gas Rates for the Department of Public Utilities effective on December 1, 2022. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Stroman to enter into Executive Session concerning Personnel Matter – Performance Evaluation Discussion, Department of Public Utilities Manager SC Code Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1), Contractual Matters SC Code Sec 30-4-70(a)(2), a. Related to Railroad Corner and b. Stevenson Auditorium roof replacement and Legal Matter a. Receipt of legal advice regarding annexation SC Code Sec 30-4-70(a)(s). The motion was unanimously approved.

Council did not return to open session. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda McDaniel
City Clerk





RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 5-YEAR UPDATE
OF THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY'S NATURAL
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR 2021.

WHEREAS, the City Council ("Council") of the City of Orangeburg ("City") makes the following findings:

1. Natural hazards pose a threat to people and property;
2. Undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur should reduce the potential for harm to people and property and save taxpayer dollars;
3. Adopting a hazard mitigation plan is required as a condition of future federal emergency management agency grant funding for mitigation projects;
4. The City participated jointly in the planning process with the other units of local government in Orangeburg County, with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division and FEMA Region IV to prepare an all-natural-hazard mitigation plan; and
5. The City is aware that revising and updating the hazard mitigation plan is critical for active and effective hazard mitigation, and that Orangeburg County will monitor and record hazard related data and events that can be used to update the all-natural-hazard mitigation plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council, in duly called and held a meeting, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, resolves:

1. The Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan 2021 for Orangeburg County, in its entirety, is adopted as the official plan for the City, and the City will undertake annual recording of hazard events, their impact, duration, and cost.
2. The City authorizes (a) the City Administrator to execute any and all documents and to take any and all further actions, as may be reasonably necessary and prudent to effect this Resolution's intent, and (b) the City Clerk to attest and deliver any such documents.
3. All resolutions, orders, and parts thereof in conflict with this Resolution, are to the extent of that conflict, repealed. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force upon adoption by the Council.

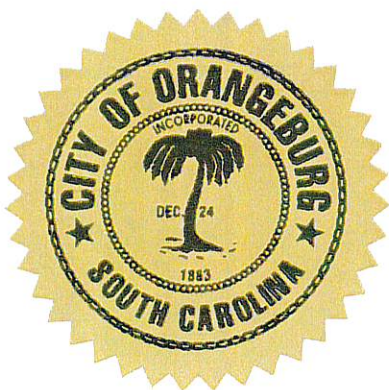
ADOPTED BY the City Council on November 15, 2022.

Mayor

Michael C. Beck

Members of Council

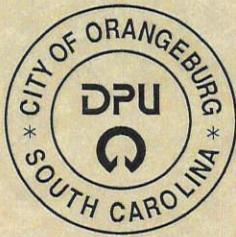
Sam Harris
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L. Zimmerman Keitt
Michael F. Stone
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Attest:

Ruda McDaniel

City Clerk



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Franklin Kimpson, faithfully served the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Orangeburg for twenty years, two months and seventeen days with a retirement date of June 28, 2013; and

WHEREAS, he, also worked as a contract employee for an additional seven years, eight months and twenty days; and

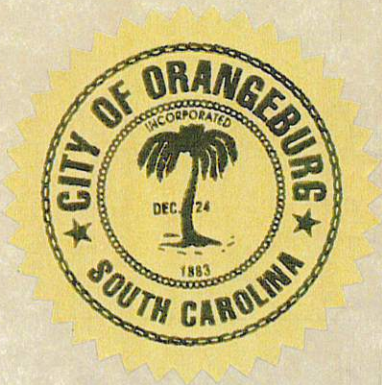
WHEREAS, he, through his long and faithful service contributed greatly to the successful operation of the City of Orangeburg; and

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 he served 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 in recognition of his services.

PASSED BY the City Council of the City of Orangeburg, State of South Carolina, this 15th day of November 2022.



Michael C. Pettit

Mayor

Richard J. Thomas

James Haire

Walter Lee

James Hill

Paula P. Knotts

Ly Zimmerman Keitt

Members of Council

ATTEST:

Linda McDaniel

City Clerk