

City Council Minutes
December 20, 2022

Orangeburg City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 6:00 PM with Mayor Michael C. Butler presiding.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Bernard Haire

Mayor Butler opened Public Hearing 1 to consider a Zoning District Map change from A-1 Residential to Office-Institutional for property belonging to Phyllis Pelzer, 1090 St Matthews Road, TMS# 0173-05-05-001.000, property belonging to Harry Ken Floyd, Jr., 1070 St Matthews Road, TMS# 0173-05-05-015.000, and property belonging to Glenda Zeigler, 1080 St Matthews Road, TMS #0173-05-05-016.000.

Mr. Randy Shuler stated, "My wife, Glenda Zeigler, owns the property located at 1080 St. Matthews Road. We feel the zoning of O-I Office-Institutional is the right direction and we appreciate your support."

Mayor Butler opened Public Hearing 2 to consider an amendment to the City of Orangeburg Zoning Ordinance to modify and expand the definition and requirements of Article 24-4.1a.6.: B-2, Central Business District to provide greater flexibility and more opportunities to develop commercial and mixed uses in the downtown area. There was no one to speak at this Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to approve the December 6, 2022, City Council minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Assistant City Administrator Singh addressed Council concerning second reading of an Ordinance to approve a Zoning District Map change from A-1 Residential to O-I Office-Institutional for properties located at 1090 St Matthews Road, 1070 St Matthews Road, and 1080 St Matthews Road, also known as TMS# 0173-05-05-001.000, TMS# 0173-05-05-015.000, TMS #0173-05-05-016.000. He stated, "These properties are located on St. Matthews Road. The three property owners have requested zoning change from A-1 Residential to O-I Office-Institutional. The Planning Commission recommended to Council this zoning change is appropriate. First Reading was on December 6, 2022."

A motion was made by Councilmember Keitt, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to approve the second reading of an Ordinance to approve a Zoning District Map change from A-1 Residential to O-I Office-Institutional for properties located at 1090 St Matthews Road, 1070 St Matthews Road, and 1080 St Matthews Road, also known as TMS# 0173-05-05-001.000, TMS# 0173-05-05-015.000, TMS #0173-05-05-016.000. The motion was approved 4-2. Councilmembers Hannah and Knotts opposed.

Assistant City Administrator Singh addressed Council concerning second reading of an Ordinance to approve an amendment to the City of Orangeburg Zoning Ordinance proposed to modify and expand the definition and requirements of Article 24-4.1a.6.: B-2, Central Business District. He stated, "The change is to assist the City's future plans for downtown. It will allow us to work with our Railroad Corner section as well as the rest of the downtown for allowing bars and restaurants as well as having residential above those businesses."

Councilmember Hannah asked, "What constitutes downtown? Does it include Amelia and Middleton Streets?"

Assistant City Administrator Singh stated, "Downtown is our Russell Street Corridor from the start point of Boulevard Street going down Russell Street to the gardens. Amelia and Middleton Streets are not included. On Amelia Street there are residential areas along with some light businesses. A definition of the central core business district is typically your main street. Russell Street is our main street, and we included Railroad Corner."

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to approve the second reading of an Ordinance to approve an amendment to the City of Orangeburg Zoning Ordinance proposed to modify and expand the definition and requirements of Article 24-4.1a.6.: B-2, Central Business District. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Keitt, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to cancel the January 3, 2023, City Council meeting due to Holiday schedule. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to cancel the February 7, 2023, City Council meeting due to MASC Hometown Legislative Action Day on February 7, 2023. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to go into Executive Session concerning a Legal Matter, a) Update regarding tax matter. S.C. code Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2). 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

