

**City Council Minutes**  
**April 4, 2023**

Orangeburg City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 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**  
**Richard F. Stroman**

**ABSENT:**

**L. Zimmerman Keitt**  
**Sandra P. Knotts**

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to approve the March 21, 2023, City Council minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Butler recognized "Compassion" as the April 2023 Orangeburg County Community of Character trait.

City Administrator Evering requested Council postpone the retirement resolution recognition for Mr. Edward Miller to a later date so that Mr. Miller and his family can attend.

Mayor Butler and City Council presented a proclamation to Mr. Patrick Milhouse for his service to the City of Orangeburg for litter pickup.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Haire to approve third reading of an ordinance to approve annexation of property located at 3397 Broughton Street, TMS# 0151-15-11-001.000. The motion was approved 4-1. Councilmember Stroman opposed.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Haire to approve third reading of an ordinance to transfer property to Chestnut Ridge HOA, Inc. located at Pinebrook Street TMS# 0151-16-06-013.000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Assistant City Administrator Singh addressed Council concerning a resolution for Fair Housing Month. He stated, "This is a resolution the City makes every year that is a requirement for some grants. More important than a compliance item is the discussion of fair housing and affordable housing during Fair Housing Month. This is a challenge for our community as it is for other communities. We will post information this month concerning fair housing and fair rent at City Hall, on social media and our website."

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Haire to approve a resolution for Fair Housing. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Haire, seconded by Councilmember Hannah to approve the proposed City of Orangeburg Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. The motion was unanimously approved.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning first reading of an ordinance authorizing the lease of 351 Langston Street TMP# 0173-17-31-006-000 and delivery of a lease agreement. He stated, "A formal request was received from United Infrastructure Group. They are a civil contracting firm working with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) on the 301 bridge project. They are requesting use of the City property located at 351 Langston Street as a laydown yard. As per the agreement, they will maintain the property, place a fence around it, put down gravel and pay \$500 monthly lease until May 2026. The ordinance will allow me to enter into this agreement on behalf of the City."

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Haire to approve the first reading of an ordinance authorizing the lease of 351 Langston Street TMP# 0173-17-31-006-000 and delivery of a lease agreement. The motion was unanimously approved.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning first reading of an ordinance to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement relating to South Carolina Local Revenue Services; to participate in one or more Local Revenue Service Programs; to execute and deliver one or more participant program supplements. He stated, "The South Carolina Local Revenue Services is a new division of the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) that replaces their former collection department. This ordinance allows the City to enter into an agreement with South Carolina Local Revenue Services to collect telecommunication, insurance, and broker insurance taxes on behalf of the City."

Councilmember Hannah asked, "Is this cost savings or efficiency, or both? Also, do they charge a fee?"

City Administrator Evering stated, "It is certainly efficient for example instead of telecommunication companies sending taxes to different municipalities, they send it to South Carolina Local Revenue Services, and they redistribute the tax revenues accordingly to the different municipalities based on those collections. I think the fee is 2%."

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Haire to approve the first reading of an ordinance to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement relating to South Carolina Local Revenue Services; to participate in one or more Local Revenue Service Programs; to execute and deliver one or more participant program supplements. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Haire, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to approve the proposed DPU Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to go into Executive Session concerning performance evaluation of Municipal Judge SC Code Sec 30-4-70(a)(1) and personnel matter involving Department of Administration SC Code Sec 30-4-70(a)(1). The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu seconded by Councilmember Hannah to Return to Open Session. The motion was unanimously approved.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning first reading of an ordinance amending the City's Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, and the City's Organizational Chart to provide for the creation of two positions. He stated, "This is an ordinance to amend the current fiscal year budget and also create two new positions and modify the City's organizational chart. The new positions are Special Projects Manager and Risk and Safety Coordinator. The Risk and Safety Coordinator has been provided for in this year's budget. These are two positions that I think will be highly beneficial to the City."

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Haire to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending the City's Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, and the City's Organizational Chart to provide for the creation of two positions. The motion was approved 4-1. Councilmember Stroman opposed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda McDaniel*

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City Clerk







## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** Edward Miller faithfully served the City of Orangeburg for thirty-five years, six months and 28 days with a retirement date of March 31, 2023; 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 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 the City 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 and a copy furnished to Mr. Miller in recognition of his services.

**PASSED BY** the City Council of the City of Orangeburg, State of South Carolina, this 4th day of April 2023.

*Michael C. Butch*  
MAYOR

*Richard F. Stone*

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MEMBERS OF COUNCIL



ATTEST:

*Luida McDaniel*  
CITY CLERK





## RESOLUTION FOR FAIR HOUSING

**WHEREAS,** the City of Orangeburg desires that all its citizens be afforded the opportunity to attain a decent, safe, and sound living environment; and,

**WHEREAS,** the City of Orangeburg rejects discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability and/or familial status in the sale, rental or provision of other housing services; and,

**WHEREAS,** the State of South Carolina enacted the South Carolina Fair Housing Law in 1989; and,

**WHEREAS,** April is recognized nationally as Fair Housing Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Orangeburg, South Carolina, in Council assembled, do officially recognize April as

“Fair Housing Month”

**Passed by** the City Council of the City of Orangeburg, State of South Carolina, this 4th day of April 2023.



*Michael C. Butler*  
MAYOR

*James Haire*

*Richard F. Starn*

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MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

*Ruida McDaniel*  
City Clerk