

**City Council Minutes**  
**August 6, 2020**

Orangeburg City Council held a Special Meeting on Facebook Live via Zoom on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 10:00 AM, with Mayor Michael C. Butler presiding. 2921

**PRESENT:**

**Michael C. Butler, Mayor**  
**Dr. Kalu Kalu**

**PRESENT BY TELEPHONE:**

**Bernard Haire**  
**Jerry Hannah - Joined after Item #2**  
**L. Zimmerman Keitt**  
**Sandra P. Knotts**  
**Richard F. Stroman**

**ABSENT:**

**None**

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman and seconded by Councilmember Keitt to approve the July 27, 2020 Special City Council minutes. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Councilmember Hannah was not present at time of voting.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu and seconded by Councilmember Knotts to approve the July 27, 2020 Budget Workshop Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Councilmember Hannah was not present at time of voting.

Assistant City Administrator Singh addressed Council concerning 2020 Census Update. He stated, "The City is currently working with Orangeburg County and with the United Way of the Midlands of South Carolina to get our census count up. In the City, we are between 30-36% which is not good. We have areas in the City that are higher, but we need to be overall at 50% or above. We have a digital billboard on Highway 601 that we are working with the County on. This billboard is to encourage people to get the word out. We are also posting on social media to remind citizens. Also, DPU is including reminder messages on utility bills. I want to remind Council that word of mouth is one of the biggest things we can do to let our citizens know the importance of the Census count and that it directly effects funding on anything from police cars to EMS. It is so important to get everyone counted. The value of an individual's count in the Census is approximately \$25,000 over the 10-year period. We also have a face mask campaign that we are currently working on. We are close to having it ready and I'm excited to unveil it."

Councilmember Haire asked, "Do you have a breakdown of areas in the City that are not doing well?"

Assistant City Administrator Singh stated, "On the Orangeburg County GIS website there is a Census layer on the map. It is color coded to show you the different areas and the percentages. We are also working with City Departments such as Parks and Recreation and DPS to post messages on their message boards. The DPS mobile board can be moved around the City in low count areas to display reminder messages."

Councilmember Haire asked, "Originally the Census was scheduled to the end in October. Now I hear it is the end of September. Is that right?"

Assistant City Administrator Singh answered, "That is correct September 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline."

Councilmember Haire asked, "Any idea when the notices will be on the DPU bills?"

Assistant City Administrator Singh stated, "DPU Manager, Warren Harley and I are working on that this week. I will get that answer to you. We may also do a small direct mail campaign to certain areas."

Councilmember Keitt asked, "The Census is still advertising for jobs. Some of these jobs are calling individuals from home."

Councilmember Hannah asked, "Is there a plan to get the message out through the area elementary and high schools?"

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Assistant City Administrator Singh answered, "I will reach out to the school district. The County has worked with the district doing Census reminder Robo calls. We can see if the district can do another Robo call for the entire school system"

A motion was made by Councilmember Haire and seconded by Councilmember Keitt to enter Executive Session to discuss Legal Matters, A. Orangeburg Revitalization Coalition, James Glover and Eddie Massey v. City of Orangeburg, B. Treadwell Street Historical District-Property Removal and C. Dissolution of Cable Television Programming Commission, repeal of sales on Sunday and of communist goods prohibitions and repeal of loitering and vagrancy laws and Economic Development, A. Project Top Chef. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

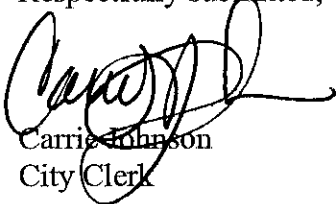
A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu and seconded by Councilmember Haire to Return to Open Session. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

City Attorney Walsh addressed Council. He stated, "We have before you the Ordinance repealing several different sections of the City's Code. One pertains to cable television programming commission. Some members of Council will recall several years ago, the City entertained going into cable television and as the results of that we created this cable television programming commission which we do not need now. One pertains to sales on Sunday which has been preempted by other legislation. There is also an old, outdated ordinance pertaining to the sale of communist goods that is so outdated that it refers to East Germany and the former Soviet Union. Also, a repeal to our statue on loitering and vagrancy which our Director of Public Safety had no objection for Council to repeal. This ordinance will prevent the enforcement of the loitering and vagrancy laws after the second and third readings.

A motion was made by Councilmember Haire and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to approve the first reading of Ordinance repealing Section 2-10.5, titled "Cable Television Programming Commission", Sections 7-1.1, 7-1.2, 7-1.3, and 7-1.4 prohibiting Sunday sales, Section 7-1.10 prohibiting sale of goods produced in communist countries, Section 5-16, titled "Loitering" and Section 5-28, titled "Vagrancy" for the code of Ordinances of the City of Orangeburg." The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman and seconded by Councilmember Keitt to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie Johnson  
City Clerk

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