

**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

February 28, 2017

A meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means was held this date at 4:46 p.m.

**PRESENT (12)**

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember White	District 1	Councilmember Waring	District 7
Councilmember Williams	District 2	Councilmember Seekings	District 8
Councilmember Lewis	District 3	Councilmember Shahid	District 9
Councilmember Mitchell	District 4	Councilmember Riegel -- <i>absent</i>	District 10
Councilmember Wagner	District 5	Councilmember Moody	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie	District 6	Councilmember Wilson	District 12

**1. INVOCATION:**

The meeting was opened with an invocation provided by Councilmember Seekings.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On a motion of Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Waring, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting.

**3. BIDS AND PURCHASES**

On a motion of Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the bids and purchases as follows:

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:    ACCOUNT: 062017-58010    APPROPRIATION: \$118,890**

Approval to purchase five (5) 2017 Dodge Chargers Pursuit Sedan vehicles from Performance CDJR, 605 Warsaw Hwy., Clinton, NC 28328; State Contract #4400014504; 2017 Lease Purchase Funds

**PARKS:        ACCOUNT: 522000-52206    APPROPRIATION: \$21,780**

Approval to amend the existing contract with Lowcountry Greens to include landscape and irrigation areas; Solicitation #13-B003R. This change is to add additional services to the existing location. The new content total is \$120,585 for the West Ashley Lot.

**BFRC: ACCOUNT: 136000-52206 APPROPRIATION: \$250,000**

Approval to establish a contract for Consulting Services for Performance Assessment with The Novak Consulting Group, 1776 Mentor Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45212; Solicitation #16-P027C. The amount depends on the number of hours performed for specific projects but will not exceed \$250,000.

**4. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE 2017 FIREHOUSE SUBS FOUNDATION GRANT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,385 FOR AN EXPLOSIVE DETECTION CANINE. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.**

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to submit the 2017 Firehouse Subs Foundation Grant, in the amount of \$17,385 for an Explosive Detection Canine.

**5. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE 2017 PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCE GRANT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,451 FOR DIGITAL EXAMINER EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES, AND CERTIFICATION FOR THE FORENSIC SERVICES DIVISION. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.**

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to submit the 2017 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science grant, in the amount of \$20,451 for Digital Examiner equipment supplies, and certification for the Forensic Services Division.

**6. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO CHARLESTON COUNTY FOR ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FOR THE 2018 PICCOLO SPOLETO FESTIVAL. NO MATCH IS REQUIRED.**

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to submit a grant application to Charleston County for accommodations tax funding in the amount of \$15,000 for the 2018 Piccolo Spoleto Festival.

**7. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO CHARLESTON COUNTY FOR ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FOR THE 2017 MOJA ARTS FESTIVAL. NO MATCH IS REQUIRED.**

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Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to submit a grant application to Charleston County for accommodations tax funding in the amount of \$15,000 for the 2017 MOJA Arts Festival.

**8. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO CHARLESTON COUNTY FOR ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR THE 2017 HOLIDAY MAGIC IN HISTORIC CHARLESTON. NO MATCH IS REQUIRED.**

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to submit a grant application to Charleston County for accommodations tax funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the 2017 Holiday Magic in Historic Charleston.

**9. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH VSC FIRE & SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,220 OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM AT THE VRTC BUS SHELTER. WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT BUDGET, STAFF IS AUTHORIZED TO AWARD AND/OR AMEND CONTRACTS LESS THAN \$40,000, TO THE EXTENT CONTINGENCY FUNDS EXIST IN THE COUNCIL APPROVED BUDGET. APPROVAL OF THIS ACTION WILL INSTITUTE A \$90,000 PROJECT BUDGET OF WHICH THE \$84,220 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WILL BE FUNDED. THE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THIS PROJECT IS THE FACILITIES MAINTENANCE-GENERAL MAINTENANCE LINE ITEM IN THE 2017 GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET.**

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a Construction Contract with VSC Fire & Security in the amount of \$84,220 of the replacement of the sprinkler system at the VRTC Bus Shelter.

**10. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF A LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY "PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT" BETWEEN THE CITY AND SCDOT FOR THE DESIGN, PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-USE TRAIL PARALLEL TO GLENN MCCONNELL PARKWAY BETWEEN GOODWILL WAY AND WEST ASHLEY CIRCLE, PROVIDING THE FIRST BICYCLE OR PEDESTRIAN LINKAGE ACROSS THE ACTIVE CSX RAILWAY IN WEST ASHLEY. THIS PROJECT ALSO PROVIDES A CRITICAL LINK BETWEEN THE EXISTING MULTI-USE TRAIL SYSTEMS ALONG BEES FERRY ROAD AND MARY ADER AVENUE. THE PROJECT BUDGET OF \$497,554 IS BEING FUNDED BY FEDERAL CHATS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS FROM SCDOT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$398,043.20 WITH 20% REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS BEING PROVIDED BY THE CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,510.80. APPROVAL OF THIS "PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT" WOULD REQUIRE THE CITY TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,510.80 FOR THIS PROJECT. MATCHING FUNDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN IDENTIFIED AND ALLOCATED THROUGH 2014 GENERAL FUND RESERVES.**

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a Local Public Agency "Participation Agreement" between the City and SCDOT for the design, permitting and construction of a multi-use trail parallel to Glenn McConnell Parkway between Goodwill Way and West Ashley Circle, providing the first bicycle or pedestrian linkage across the active CSX railway in West Ashley.

**11. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF A LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY "PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT" BETWEEN THE CITY AND SCDOT FOR THE DESIGN, PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-USE TRAIL PARALLEL TO ST. THOMAS ISLAND DRIVE OVER BERESFORD CREEK, PROVIDING A DEDICATED BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN LINK PARALLEL TO THE EXISTING NARROW ROADWAY AND BRIDGE. THE PROJECT BUDGET OF \$509,467 IS BEING FUNDED BY FEDERAL CHATS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS FROM SCDOT IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$400,000 WITH MATCHING FUNDS BEING PROVIDED BY THE CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,467 AND BERKELEY COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000. APPROVAL OF THIS "PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT" WOULD REQUIRE THE CITY TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,467 FOR THIS PROJECT. MATCHING FUNDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN IDENTIFIED AND ALLOCATED THROUGH 2014 GENERAL FUND RESERVES.**

Councilmember White asked for an update on the project as it had been quite some time. He thought the Participation Agreement was part of what the City was waiting for, but wanted to know how much longer it would be before completion.

Matt Compton of the Parks Department reported that after the Participation Agreement is approved, it will be sent back to SCDOT, which will issue the City a Notice to Proceed so that the City could begin the process of putting a consultant in place. He said that after SCDOT received the agreement, the City would be between 24 to 36 months from completion. Councilmember White asked if this meant they could still be three years out. Mr. Compton confirmed and said it could be up to three years. Unfortunately, this was due to the process. Councilmember White said that the City needed to be careful where it chose funding sources. For this particular project, the grant required a specific number of steps and a significant number of entities to be involved. He said this had been happening for at least three years, possibly longer, and they were still three years out from being completed. He said this was a sidewalk that ran from a neighborhood to connect partially to Daniel Island. He thought it was about \$400,000 in matching funds, with more for a boardwalk. He said that they were looking at ultimately six years for a sidewalk. He said this was the process they needed to go through sometimes, but they would keep pushing.

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a Local Public Agency "Participation Agreement" between the City and SCDOT for the design, permitting and construction of a multi-use trail parallel to St. Thomas Island Drive over Beresford Creek, providing a dedicated

bicycle/pedestrian link parallel to the existing narrow roadway and bridge.

**12. PUBLIC SERVICE: APPROVAL FOR B&C LAND DEVELOPMENT TO PERFORM EMERGENCY REPAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$894,180 AT WHITE CHAPEL CIRCLE DUE TO THE EXTENT AND SEVERITY OF THE PIPE FAILURES THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE WORK WAS PERFORMED AS AN EMERGENCY REPAIR DUE TO THE NEED TO STABILIZE THE SEVERELY DAMAGED PIPE SYSTEM IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.**

Chairman Moody said this seemed like a lot of money for an emergency repair and also asked about how the pipe system had been severely damaged and if there was any recourse.

Laura Cabiness, Director of Public Service, stated that in August of 2016, a citizen reported a sinkhole in their backyard. It took a while for the City to get there due to encroachments, and fences, and other things which needed to be relocated. The City then received three quotes from a contractor for what they thought would be a point repair and a lot smaller. The system was submerged, and it was pumped down. When they started looking at the system with a camera, and they started getting other sinkhole reports around the neighborhood, they thought it was prudent to video the lines, inspect it, and get everything repaired that they needed to. It cost the City \$12,000 just to pump the system down and get it dry, which took it two weeks. The project grew beyond what they thought it would be. The pipe was an aluminized steel pipe that completely corroded after it was installed. The City is going back to the manufacturer and the engineer to see if they did what they were supposed to do when they were specking the item out. In the meantime, they had holes in everyone's yard, and they needed to get it fixed.

Chairman Moody asked if the City would be pursuing something, and Ms. Cabiness confirmed. She said she did not know if the City would be successful, but they were looking into it.

Councilmember Wilson said it had been an ongoing problem, and she was hearing from a lot of people who come out and find part of the yard caved in, and the problem was encroaching all over the neighborhood. Chairman Moody said it was just corroded, and Ms. Cabiness said it was the wrong kind of pipe to be used in this location, and the City did not allow this type of pipe to be used anymore.

Councilmember Gregorie stated that he was not sure if Public Service had been notified, but there was a similar problem at 15 Maranda Holmes Street. They had a sinkhole in their back yard. Councilmember Gregorie said he referred him to Ms. Cabiness' office, so she may have already received the request, but as a reminder, this was a property that had the same issue. Ms. Cabiness said they would look into it.

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve for B&C Land Development to perform emergency repairs in the amount of \$894,180 at White Chapel Circle due to the extent and

severity of the pipe failures throughout the neighborhood. The work was performed as an emergency repair due to the need to stabilize the severely damaged pipe system in the neighborhood.

**13. THE COMMITTEE ON RECREATION: (MEETING WAS HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2017 AT 4:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL, 80 BROAD STREET)**

-- Recreation: Approval of a one-year pilot project between the City of Charleston and Town of James Island authorizing the City to open the James Island Recreation complex on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for use of the gymnasium by the community; City of Charleston will be solely responsible for operating the complex; Town of James Island agrees to pay up to \$15,000 for City's cost to operate complex. This item is not budgeted. The cost is estimated to be approximately \$30,000, with the Town reimbursing up to \$15,000. Recreation is committing their contingency funds to cover the unbudgeted expenses.

Councilmember Gregorie, Chair of the Committee on Recreation, reported that the Committee met on February 21<sup>st</sup> and approved the one-year pilot project with the Town of James Island unanimously.

Mayor Tecklenburg added that the matter of a shared cost between the Town of James Island and the City of Charleston was kind of a ground-breaking cooperation between the City and the Town. He said this would enable the James Island Recreation complex to be open on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and the City would be sharing the cost with the Town.

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember Williams, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to adopt the report of the Committee on Recreation.

**14. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE: (MEETING WAS HELD FEBRUARY 28, 2017 AT 4:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL, 80 BROAD STREET)**

a. Authorize the Mayor to repeal Ordinance 2008-52 as amended by Ordinance No. 2008-66 and execute on behalf of the City a Transfer Agreement conveying 26 Reid Street to Charleston Habitat for Humanity for \$44,000 for development of affordable housing under the City's HOME Investment Partnerships Program guidelines. (TMS: 459-09-04-040; 26 Reid Street) [Two ordinances]

b. Consider the following annexation:

2935 Maybank Highway and adjacent vacant lot (TMS# 313-00-00-091 and 313-00-00-089) 4.60 acres, Johns Island (District 5)

c. Authorize the Mayor to execute a Facility Use Agreement by and between the City of

Charleston and Guy McSweeney for the City of Charleston Fire Department to use approximately 2,000 square feet of land for up to six months for the temporary staging of a mobile home in Cainhoy (TMS: 263-00-01-062) *(This item was added at the Committee on Real Estate meeting by a 2/3 vote.)*

Councilmember White, Chair of the Committee on Real Estate, reported that the Committee had met at 4:00 p.m. and heard three items. Item 'a' authorized the Mayor to execute a Transfer Agreement with regard to 26 Reid Street. Item 'b' was an annexation for 2935 Maybank Highway. The Committee also added a third item regarding the Fire Station Facilities Use Agreement for a temporary station in Cainhoy, and all items were approved unanimously.

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to adopt the report of the Committee on Real Estate.

The Committee on Ways and Means recommended giving first reading to the following bills:

*An ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 2008-52, as amended by Ordinance No. 2008-66 authorizing the transfer of 26 Reid Street to Charleston Area Community Development Corporation.*

*An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City a Transfer Agreement between the City and Habitat for Humanity, Inc. pertaining to property owned by the City at 26 Reid Street, to include any and all deeds, bills of sale or other documents as may be necessary to effectuate the transfer.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 2935 Maybank Highway and adjacent vacant lot (4.60 acres) (TMS# 313-00-00-091 and 313-00-00-089), Johns Island, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 5. The property is owned by James Coyne and Laure Vandermoere.*

Mayor Tecklenburg asked if the agenda could be amended to allow the Committee to go into Executive Session in his office regarding a pending legal matter.

On a motion of Mayor Tecklenburg, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to add an Executive Session to the agenda.

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Mayor Tecklenburg, the Committee on Ways and Means voted to go into Executive Session at 4:58 p.m.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Mayor Tecklenburg, the Committee on Ways and Means voted to come out of Executive Session at 5:05 p.m.

Chairman Moody reported that no action had been taken during Executive Session.

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Jennifer Cook  
Assistant Clerk of Council