

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

January 8, 2019

A meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means was held this date beginning at 4:51 p.m.

PRESENT (13)

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember White	District 1	Councilmember Waring	District 7
Councilmember Shealy	District 2	Councilmember Seekings	District 8
Councilmember Lewis	District 3	Councilmember Shahid	District 9
Councilmember Mitchell	District 4	Councilmember Griffin	District 10
Councilmember Wagner	District 5	Councilmember Moody	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie	District 6	Councilmember Jackson	District 12

1. INVOCATION:

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion of Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2018 Committee on Ways and Means meeting.

The minutes of the December 18, 2018 Committee on Ways and Means meeting were deferred.

3. BIDS AND PURCHASES:

Councilmember Griffin asked where the stormwater cameras would be placed. Gary Cooper explained the cameras were for the vacuum trucks and would be placed on the end of the vacuums.

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

PUBLIC SERVICE: ACCOUNT:19310-58015 APPROPRIATION: \$77,323.84

Approval to purchase five (5) each JetScan HD Video Nozzle Complete Systems from Public Works Equipment and Supply, 3405 Westwood Industrial Dr., Monroe, NC 28110; Sourcewell/NJPA Contract #022014. This will come from the 2018 budget.

4. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE FY18 JUSTICE FOR FAMILIES GRANT APPLICATION FOR A SUPERVISED VISITATION CLINIC, STAFFED PERSONNEL, AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING FOR COURT RELATED VICTIM ADVOCATES. THIS GRANT DOES NOT REQUIRE A CITY MATCH. THE CAP FOR FUNDING WITH THIS GRANT IS \$550,000 TO BE USED OVER AN AWARD PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS. THE APPLICATION FOR THIS GRANT IS DUE JANUARY 8, 2019.

Councilmember Moody said that the City would have to deal with this in 36 months, and they kept approving these items. Ms. Wharton explained that this position would go away when the grant ended.

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to submit the FY18 Justice for Families Grant application for a supervised visitation clinic, staffed personnel, and domestic violence training for court related victim advocates.

5. MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILIES: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR UP TO \$300,000 FOR TWO YEARS TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SERVICES ON ELDER ABUSE, AND TO ENHANCE VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDED BY LOCAL AGENCIES. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to apply for up to \$300,000 for two years to provide training to law enforcement and services on elder abuse, and to enhance victim service provided by local agencies.

6. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CPD AND CCSD REGARDING SRO'S FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR.

Councilmember Shealy said he knew of a couple of charter schools that weren't listed, James Island Charleston High School and Orange Grove Middle School. He asked if they had separate agreements or if the City worked directly with them. Steve Ruemelin explained that James Island Charter High School had a separate agreement which Council had already approved. He said they currently did not cover the middle schools. Councilmember Shealy asked if there were no officers at Orange Grove Middle School. Mr. Ruemelin said not unless one was provided through the school district, the Sheriff's Office, or another agency. There was no City of Charleston officer there.

Mayor Tecklenburg explained that the City had teams of School Resource Officers that responded

to calls as a team to elementary, other private schools, and to middle schools that were not listed. He said the City had additional officers which served that purpose, and they had spoken with many of the principals and leaders of the school. They liked the way the City operated because when they did have a call, they received similar to a SWAT Team response from the City as opposed to one individual person being scattered all over the place where they might not be needed. Councilmember Shealy said he understood that, but he thought this might be the only public middle school, if Orange Grove Middle was in the City of Charleston, that did not have an officer assigned. He said it was more of a question because the school could be in the PSD or County. Mr. Ruemelin said the contracts the City had were with Daniel Island, James Island Charter High School, and Charleston County School District. The middle schools were covered by the team the Mayor mentioned. Councilmember Shealy asked if Orange Grove Middle School was in the City limits because he hated to leave someone out or overlook a school. Mr. Ruemelin said there had been discussion about placing officers in those schools with the Sheriff's Department. The City was a part of that discussion, but currently the team patrolled the middle schools.

Councilmember Shahid said his understanding with respect to charter schools was that they had to operate under a separate agreement from the school district, and they had to deal with the charter schools on an individual basis. Mr. Ruemelin said he believed that was correct and was why they had an agreement with James Island Charleston High School, which was separate from everything else. Councilmember Shahid said they may need to go back and revisit the agreement to see if they wanted their presence there. Councilmember Moody said he thought they should check on this, as he was not sure if it was in the City or County. Councilmember Wagner said it was right on the line because he had a subdivision in his district behind it. Mayor Tecklenburg said the City's intent was to cover CCSD middle schools, which were in the agreement. If they were inadvertently left out, they would add them back. He explained this was a mid-year contract, but they would check.

On a motion of Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve of a Memorandum of Agreement between CPD and CCSD regarding SRO's for the 2018-2019 School Year.

7. PUBLIC SERVICE: APPROVAL OF SPRING-FISHBURNE US 17 PHASE 4 FEE AMENDMENT #17 WITH DAVIS AND FLOYD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$505,688 TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL DESIGN ELEMENTS MOVED FROM DIVISION IV, PROJECT ENHANCEMENTS, DESIGN REVISIONS DUE TO AS-BUILT CONDITIONS AND OTHER ANCILLARY ITEMS, VALUE ENGINEERING, MITIGATION SUPPORT, AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION. FEE AMENDMENT #17 WILL INCREASE THE PHASE 4 PORTION OF THE OVERALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BY \$505,688 (FROM \$879,065 TO \$1,384,753). THE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THIS WORK IS THE STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK (SIB), THE DRAINAGE FUND, AND THE KING STREET GATEWAY TIF. (DEFERRED)

8. PUBLIC SERVICE: APPROVAL OF SPRING-FISHBURNE US 17 PHASE 4 FEE AMENDMENT #18 WITH DAVIS AND FLOYD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,831,772 TO PROVIDE

CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION (CEI) SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PHASE 4 PUMP STATION WET WALL AND OUTFALL. FEE AMENDMENT #18 WILL INCREASE THE PHASE 4 PORTION OF THE OVERALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BY \$6,831,772 (FROM \$1,384,753 TO \$8,722,213). THE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THIS WORK IS THE STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK (SIB), THE DRAINAGE FUND, AND THE KING STREET GATEWAY TIF. (DEFERRED)

9. PUBLIC SERVICE: APPROVAL OF SPRING-FISHBURNE US 17 PHASE 4 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH CONTI CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,933,757 TO CONSTRUCT THE PUMP STATION, WET WALL, AND OUTFALL OF THE SPRING-FISHBURNE DRAINAGE PROJECT. 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. THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WILL OBLIGATE \$51,933,757 OF THE \$65,909,935.70 PROJECT BUDGET. THE FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS WORK ARE THE STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK (SIB) (\$39,000,000), KING STREET GATEWAY TIF (\$8,500,000) AND THE DRAINAGE FUND. (\$18,409,935.70). (DEFERRED)

Items 7-9 were deferred on the agenda.

Councilmember Moody said that since Council deferred the items, he thought they should have a peer review of the contract. He said it was not uncommon for a contract to have a peer review or third party review of what was happening and did not think it should be a firm in the Charleston area. He spoke with a couple of firms, and they confirmed that was something they did, but they needed to be careful in what firm they chose. They needed to have expertise, and they probably should not have any relationship with the firm that would be reviewed. He said he was just gathering information, but going forward, they might want to look into it.

Mayor Tecklenburg said Council received an e-mail from the Clerk's office with additional information provided by Davis & Floyd. He said he met with them prior to Christmas and asked for additional information. He also had a follow-up meeting with them the next day. He asked them to meet with the City's proposed contractor to see which items might provide savings through a different design that the contractor might recommend, and he would be following-up with them tomorrow. He said that if Council had any other comments or suggestions, they should send him an e-mail prior to his meeting, and he'd be happy to follow-up.

Councilmember Waring said he thought they needed transparency because if someone did have a question, they would all benefit from hearing the question as opposed to the Mayor receiving questions one at a time. As Chair of the Public Works and Utilities Committee, he wanted to request a meeting of the Committee as a whole for some of the questions to be addressed similar to the previous workshop.

10. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE: (MEETING WAS HELD ON JANUARY 8, 2019 AT

4:00 P.M., CITY HALL, 80 BROAD STREET, FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM)

- a. Request approval of the Second Amendment to Agreement to Buy and Sell Real Estate whereby amending the closing date to occur on or before January 31, 2019 and authorizing the Mayor to execute further 30-day extension amendments as needed. The property is owned by Edward K. Pritchard. (Nassau Street; TMS: 459-05-03-005)

- b. Request approval for the Mayor to execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement whereby the City transfers a 539 square foot portion of City owned property located on Dills Bluff road to Galphin Lee Jackson III. The property is owned by the City of Charleston. (Dills Bluff Road; TMS: 428-00-00-003) [Ordinance]

Councilmember Moody, Chair of the Real Estate Committee, reported that both items were approved by the Committee. Additionally, they had a discussion regarding the City's lease with the International African American Museum. There was a termination for convenience clause which was in the lease, and the Committee recommended that they remove it. The lease would be up for approval later in City Council.

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the report, and Councilwoman Jackson seconded the motion.

On a motion of Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted to approve the report of the Committee on Real Estate as presented and recommended giving first reading to the following bill:

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Charleston the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Galphin Lee Jackson, III, transferring a 539 square foot portion of city owned property located on Dills Bluff Road, Charleston, South Carolina

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Jennifer Cook
Assistant Clerk of Council