

**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

January 14, 2020

A meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means was held this date beginning at 5:03 p.m.

**PRESENT (13)**

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember Delcioppo	District 1	Councilmember Waring	District 7
Councilmember Shealy	District 2	Councilmember Seekings	District 8
Councilmember Sakran	District 3	Councilmember Shahid	District 9
Councilmember Mitchell	District 4	Councilmember Griffin	District 10
Councilmember Brady	District 5	Councilmember Appel	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 Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2019 Committee on Ways and Means meeting. The minutes of the December 17, 2019 meeting were deferred.

**3. BIDS AND PURCHASES:**

Chairman Gregorie said he wanted to commend the City’s Police Department for making Minority and Women owned businesses a part of the bidding process. He said the renovation of the training center had approximately a 16% MWBE participation. Although their goal was 20%, he thought that internally, they were headed in the right direction.

Mayor Tecklenburg stated that Item 3c was an effort to replace bulbs with energy efficient LED light bulbs. With regards to Item 3f, the County had asked the City to not bring anymore construction debris to the Bees Ferry Landfill. They would have to take it a longer distance to North Charleston, which was increasing the time to pick-up household and construction debris, which is why they were buying more knuckleboom loaders.

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

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT:RECREATION/VARIOUS**  
**APPROPRIATION:\$200,000:**

Approval to establish a contract for Athletic Equipment and Supplies with BSN Sports, 5064 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29406; Solicitation #19-P056S

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT:RECREATION/VARIOUS**  
**APPROPRIATION:\$200,000**

Approval to establish a contract for Athletic Uniforms and Supplies with Charleston Cotton Exchange, 1758 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407; Solicitation #19-P055R

**PARKS DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT:050874-58005** **APPROPRIATION:\$187,189.26**

Approval to purchase LED Stadium Lighting Design from NGU Sports Lighting, 2401 PGA Blvd., Ste. 110, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410; TIPS Contract #181101; This item will be paid with Hospitality Funds.

**PARKS DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT:1701000-52206** **APPROPRIATION:\$70,000**

Approval to establish a contract for Pest & Termite Services with Palmetto Exterminators, 624 Orleans Road, Charleston, SC 29407; Solicitation #19-P062R

**PARKS DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT:1701000-52410** **APPROPRIATION:\$161,192**

Approval to establish a contract for Police Department Training Room Renovations with Satchel Construction, 2133 Dorchester Rd., North Charleston, SC 29405; Solicitation #19-B057R

**PUBLIC SERVICE: ACCOUNT:323000-58010** **APPROPRIATION:\$158,310**

Approval to purchase a 2019 Peterbilt 337 Chassis with Pac-Mac Knuckleboom Loader from Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc., 2750 Hwy. 66 S, Kernersville, NC 27284; Sourcewell Contract #041217-HMC. Funding is from the 2018 General Fund Reserves and will be included in future budget amendment.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: ACCOUNT:200000-52206** **APPROPRIATION:\$79,857**

Approval of additional licenses and support for police mobile data terminal (MDT) software from Charleston County, Sole Source Vendor, for consolidated dispatch mobile CAD operations.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT:200000-52206** **APPROPRIATION:\$107,910**

Approval to purchase software licenses for the new Mobile Data Terminals from Central Square, 1000 Business Center Drive, Lake Mary, FL 32746

**STORMWATER: ACCOUNT:193010-52240** **APPROPRIATION:\$43,200**

Approval to repair storm drain at Rivers Point Row to be done by B&C Land Development, Inc., 3785 Old Charleston Hwy., Johns Island, SC 29455

**POLICE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT:240026-58015** **APPROPRIATION:\$270,360.23**

Approval to purchase a 25' center console boat from Safe Boats International, 8800 SW Barney White Rd., Bremerton, WA 98312; GSA Contract #47QSWA18D005J; Port Security Grant #EMW-2019-PU-00344

**4. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A FEMA FMA GRANT THAT REQUIRES A CITY MATCH OF \$30,754.50. IF AWARDED, THIS GRANT WOULD COVER \$510,336 OF THE TOTAL COSTS TO: ACQUIRE TWO (2) PARCELS OF LAND AND**

**DEMOLISH THE EXISTING FLOOD-PRONE STRUCTURES. THE APPLICATION IS DUE TO FEMA ON JANUARY 31, 2020. THE CITY MATCH OF \$30,754.50 IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE STORMWATER OPERATIONS ACCOUNT.**

On a motion of Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to apply for a FEMA FMA grant that requires a City match of \$30,754.50.

**5. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A FEMA FMA GRANT REQUIRING NO CITY MATCH. IF AWARDED, THIS GRANT WOULD PROVIDE \$845,879.33 FOR THE ELEVATION OF FIVE (5) EXISTING STRUCTURES ON INDIVIDUAL PARCELS. THE APPLICANT HOMEOWNERS HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE THE NON-FEDERAL COST SHARE FOR EACH ELEVATION PROJECT AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE. THE APPLICATION IS DUE TO FEMA ON JANUARY 31, 2020. THERE IS NO CITY MATCH:**

Mayor Tecklenburg said this was a change in policy to offer citizens who would like to have their homes elevated, that if they were willing to pay the local match, the City would sponsor the grant application to allow more people to be able to elevate their homes in flood prone areas. This was not a policy before, and this would be the first time the City had done this. They were very anxious to see if they would approve it for more elevations that were needed in the City.

Chairman Gregorie asked if they had identified the process for determining the properties. Mayor Tecklenburg stated that was discussed also at the committee meeting, and it was a work-in-progress, as there was a formula, but they were working on it.

Councilmember Griffin said he would be supportive of the item, but he wanted to make sure that the City continued to look for grants for those that needed help. With this particular grant, they were targeting a more affluent population and the private residents that could already afford to raise their homes, whereas they also needed to look at how they could help those that needed monetary assistance and reach out to the Federal Government. This was a new approach and something they had not done before. They still needed to find ways to help those in need. He did not want to send a message that just because someone was affluent, they would have a better chance of having their home raised.

Councilmember Mitchell said he was going to allude to the same thing because they had so many people in flood prone areas that would not be able to raise their homes, particularly in the East Side and West Side. Many were elderly and did not have the money to raise their homes. They needed to look at the issue globally and make sure that everyone could use this.

Councilwoman Jackson said she spoke with Stephen Julka at the Public Works and Utilities Committee meeting. Her understanding was the grants were issued because the property did not qualify for flood insurance which also gave the homeowner an elevation allowance if they qualified. She thought they should educate themselves to make sure that they were encouraging people to own flood insurance, and they would be able to combine this grant with the amount of money that they would get from an insurance claim.

Councilmember Mitchell said they needed to look at that very seriously, as well. He said the premiums were high, and his had just gone up quite a bit. People who had their homes for a long time did not have the money to pay that premium. It was going to be rough on those residents. His had gone up twice already. The City could not solve the entire problem, but they needed to do whatever they could to try to help.

Chairman Gregorie said there may be an opportunity with Community Block Grant (CDBG) funds. While they were limited, something like this could be eligible under the program to match what might be needed, especially for lower-income residents. Councilwoman Jackson said she agreed, and while they did not have a very detailed discussion about this, in looking at raising the Freeboard for the base elevation requirements for new construction and any properties that needed to be redeveloped, she would support having an assistance fund to help people keep their flood insurance in effect. They could not afford as a community residents not being insured when they knew flooding claims would only go up into the future. Chairman Gregorie asked if this would fall under Community Development as that was something the committee could look into and make recommendations accordingly. Mayor Tecklenburg stated they had been covering this issue at the Public Works and Utilities Committee meetings through the Floodplain Manager. Chairman Gregorie said they could discuss this at both committees at some point.

Councilmember Waring said Councilmember Griffin brought up the concern of how the City could assist lower income residents raise their homes, and that was an issue they all could be creative on. Chairman Gregorie reiterated that he thought they did need to look at this under CDBG eligibility.

On a motion of Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to apply for a FEMA FMA grant requiring no City match.

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Jennifer Cook  
Assistant Clerk of Council