

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

January 25, 2022

A meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means was held this date beginning at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT (11)

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember Shealy	District 2	Councilmember Seekings	District 8
Councilmember Sakran	District 3	Councilmember Shahid	District 9
Councilmember Mitchell	District 4	Councilmember Bowden	District 10
Councilmember Brady	District 5	Councilmember Appel	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie	District 6	Councilmember Parker	District 12
Councilmember Waring	District 7		

1. INVOCATION:

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means approved the minutes of the January 11, 2022 Committee on Ways and Means meeting.

3. BIDS AND PURCHASES:

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

a. POLICE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 062022-58010 AMOUNT: \$120,111

Approval to purchase three (3) 2022 Ford F- 150 Responder Vehicles in the amount of \$120,111 from VIC Bailey, Ford, 501 E. Daniel Morgan Ave., Spartanburg, SC 29302. SC Contract #4400027151. Due to the order deadline, this is an after the fact approval request. Funding will come from the 2022 Lease Purchase Funds.

b. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: ACCOUNT: 161000-52206 AMOUNT: \$64,306.68

Approval to renew Adobe Software Enterprise Cloud Licensing Agreement for City computers in the amount of \$64,306.68. National IPA Technology Solutions Contract #2018011-01. This agreement is required to renew licensing and support for all Adobe software products used by City staff for document and report development, web content development and presentation material. Includes Acrobat Pro, Creative Cloud, InDesign, PhotoShop, and Illustrator. There is a total of 205 different licenses.

4. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE HUGER STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II – PUMP STATION FEMA HMGP GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PUMP STATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF HUGER AND KING STREET. TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST OF \$9,582,143 (FEDERAL SHARE \$7,186,607.25, CITY MATCH \$2,395,535.75), WITH A COST SHARE OF 75/25. THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 1, 2022. FUNDING FOR THIS GRANT MATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,395,535.75 WILL COME FROM THE DRAINAGE FUND.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve submittal of the Huger Street Drainage Improvements Phase II – Pump Station FEMA HGMP Grant application for the design and construction of Pump Station at the intersection of Huger and King Street.

5. PARKS – CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL FOR AN AFTER THE FACT GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2022 PARK AND RECREATION DEVELOPMENT (PAR) GRANT TO REPLACE THE CURRENT PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND INSTALL NEW STRUCTURES. REQUESTED FUNDING OF \$27,443.37 WITH A 20% CITY MATCH OF \$6,861.09. THE DEADLINE FOR THIS GRANT APPLICATION IS JANUARY 14, 2022. THE CITY MATCH OF \$6,861.09 WILL COME FROM 523000-52435 MAINTENANCE, PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.

Chairman Gregorie recognized Mayor Tecklenburg.

Mayor Tecklenburg said the new equipment installation would be installed on James Island in Councilwoman Parker’s District.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve and after-the-fact grant application for the 2022 Park and Recreation Development (PAR) Grant to replace the current playground equipment and install new structures.

6. PARKS – CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF JPR BALLPARK ELECTRICAL RENOVATION CHANGE ORDER #2 WITH GATCH ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,895.40 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL FIRE ALARM DEVICES IN THE BATTING CAGES. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #2 WILL INCREASE THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BY \$10,895.40 (FROM \$1,722,925.09 TO \$1,733,820.49). APPROVAL OF THIS CHANGE ORDER WILL AMEND THE PROJECT BUDGET, INCREASING THE PROJECT BUDGET FROM \$2,400,822.91 TO \$2,411,718.31. THIS WILL ALSO APPROVE A BUDGET TRANSFER OF \$10,895.40 FROM 170100-52410 (FACILITIES MAINTENANCE, GENERAL MAINTENANCE) TO 170100-90010 (TRANSFER OUT JPR JR., BALLPARK) TO FUND THIS CHANGE ORDER. THE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THIS PROJECT IS THE GENERAL MAINTENANCE LINE-ITEM IN THE JPR JR., BALLPARK BUDGET (023010-52410).

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the JPR Ballpark Electrical

Renovation Change Order #2 with Gatch Electrical Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$10,895.40 for installation of additional fire alarm devices in the batting cages.

7. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF CANNON STREET FIRE STATION #6 RETROFIT FEE AMENDMENT #2 WITH EVANS AND SCHMIDT ARCHITECTS, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,250 FOR THE EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION SERVICE THROUGH JANUARY 2022. THE APPROVAL OF FEE AMENDMENT #2 WILL INCREASE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BY \$26,250 FROM (\$338,955 TO \$365,245). APPROVAL OF THIS FEE AMENDMENT WILL AMEND THE PROJECT BUDGET, INCREASING THE PROJECT BUDGET FROM \$5,554,229 TO \$5,754,229. THIS ADDITIONAL FUNDING OF \$200,000 IS COMING FROM 2019 GENERAL FUND RESERVES. THE FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE PROJECT ARE: FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT (\$3,378,171.75) AND 2015 IPRB BOND (\$1,126,057.25), 2015 GENERAL FUND RESERVES (\$269,000), 2018 GENERAL FUND RESERVES (\$781,000), AND 2019 GENERAL FUND RESERVES (\$200,000).

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the Cannon Street Fire Station #6 Retrofit Fee Amendment with Evans and Schmidt Architects, LLC in the amount of \$26,250 for the extension of construction observation service through January 2022.

8. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL TO CONVERT STONEY FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PURCHASE ORDER P162743 TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH JOHNSON, LASCHOB & ASSOCIATES. THE ORIGINAL PO WAS FOR \$37,250 AND THIS REQUEST WILL ADD AN ADDITIONAL \$24,500 FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, COORDINATION AND CLOSE-OUT SERVICES FOR THE STONEY FIELD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT RELATED TO THE CIVIL SITEWORK CONSTRUCTION. APPROVAL OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WILL CONVERT P162743 TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT AND INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$24,500 (FROM \$37,250 TO \$61,750). FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: 2005 GO BOND (\$399,048.85), 2018 RECREATION GO BOND (\$2,600,000), AND CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION (\$19,432.50).

Chairman Gregorie recognized Councilmember Seekings.

Councilmember Seekings requested that the Councilmembers get an update on what has happened at Stoney Field since to him, it seemed the project has taken a while to complete. He said when he drove by; it was hard to tell what was going on so an update through a committee would be great.

Chairman Gregorie said the Field was scheduled for an opening this coming September.

Mayor Tecklenburg said the City had the landscaping and parking lot improvement contract in place and underway. Furthermore, there was a plumbing issue that needed to be corrected, which would be a separate item, submitted by Parks – Capital Projects Department. Mayor Tecklenburg said the timeline of it was that by the time the parking lot was done, the plumbing

issue would also be addressed. Following the above mentioned work, there were no other contracts to Mayor Tecklenburg's knowledge.

Chairman Gregorie said and when building on a landfill, there was a lot of sediment that was necessary before they could proceed with the next steps. Councilmember Seekings said he understood.

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve converting Stoney Field Improvements Purchase Order P162743 to a Professional Services contract with Johnson, Laschober & Associates.

9. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT APPLICATION – 4492 (COVID-19) – STRUCTURAL RETROFIT OF FS2&3 (CENTRAL STATION). THE APPLICATION WILL REQUEST \$6,506,558 IN FEDERAL FUNDS WITH A CITY MATCH OF \$5,000,013. THIS PROJECT WILL ADDRESS SEISMIC, WIND/HURRICANE AND FLOOD HAZARDS. THIS APPLICATION IS DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2022. FUNDING FOR THE CITY MATCH OF \$5,000,013 WILL COME FROM GENERAL FUND RESERVES.

Chairman Gregorie recognized Councilmember Shealy.

Councilmember Shealy asked if there was a structural issue at Central Station. Mayor Tecklenburg said he believed the primary structural issue was earthquakes. When all of the buildings were built, the developers had not thought of earthquake standards. The fundamental door opening was that the City has to get the FEMA grant which allowed the City to then retrofit the whole station by matching City funds. He said as the work was wrapping up with the Fire Station on Cannon Street, Huger Street would follow, and Central Station so most of the older fire stations would be completely retrofitted by the time the work was done, but it all started with the earthquakes.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Application – 4492 (COVID-19) – Structural Retrofit of FS2&3 (Central Station).

10. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: REQUEST THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL APPROVE \$78,500 IN FUNDING FOR THE DEMOLITION OF FOUR (4) EXISTING STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 3, 5, 7, AND 9 CUNNINGTON AVENUE, CHARLESTON, SC AND ASBESTOS ABATEMENT OF ONE (1) STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 7 CUNNINGTON AVENUE. THIS PARCEL WAS ACQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING, AND THE DEMOLITION OF THESE STRUCTURES IS NECESSARY TO FURTHER FACILITATE THIS PROJECT.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve \$78,500 in funding for the demolition of four (4) existing structures located at 3, 5, 7, and 9 Cunnington Avenue and Asbestos abatement of one (1) structure located at 7 Cunnington Avenue.

11. LEGAL DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE CHARLESTON PARKS CONSERVANCY TO IMPROVE THE SUSIE JACKSON FREEDOM MEMORIAL GARDEN.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Charleston Parks Conservancy to improve the Susie Jackson Freedom Memorial Garden.

12. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE FY21 BJA-OJP CONNECT AND PROTECT GRANT FOR \$412,236 FOR A MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN, ONE PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST, AND CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIRED FOR THIS GRANT. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST TO CONTINUE THE PROGRAM AFTER CONCLUSION OF GRANT IS \$160,000.

Councilmember Shealy asked if the appointed positions would be full time (**speech inaudible**). Mayor Tecklenburg said to his understand they were full-time positions that the City would hire an outside contractor for a three year period. Following the three years, City Council would make the decision whether the position would continue with City funds or not.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Shealy the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve acceptance of the FY21 BJA-OJP Connect and Protect grant for \$412,236 for a Mental Health Clinician, one Peer Support Specialist, and Crisis Intervention Training.

13. MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE RENEWAL GRANT FOR VISTA, WHICH ALLOWS THE CITY TO PROVIDE UP TO 25 VISTA MEMBER SLOTS TO CHARLESTON NON-PROFITS, AND TO RECEIVE 2 VISTA LEADERS TO SERVE IN MOCYF. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIRED FOR THE CITY-PER THE TERMS OF THE GRANT. THE COST SHARE FUNDING WILL BE COVERED THROUGH SITE FEES RECEIVED FROM PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve submission of a renewal grant for VISTA, which allowed the City to provide up to 25 Vista member slots to Charleston non-profits, and to receive two Vista Leaders to serve in MOCYF.

14. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE (MEETING WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022 AT 3:30 P.M., CONFERENCE CALL: 1-929-205-6099; ACCESS CODE: 835 678 884)

- a. An ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a permanent right-of-way and utility easement to the Commissioners of Public Works as part of the new force main for the Credit One Stadium. (TMS No. 275-00-00-078)
- b. Request approval of the Port Facility License Agreement between the City of Charleston and the South Carolina State Ports Authority ("Ports Authority") for use of Building 313 at

the Union Pier Terminal for the purpose of storing the Fire Department's marine firefighting and rescue equipment. (32 Washington St., Charleston, SC (Union Pier Terminal, Building 313) (TMS No. 459-13-02-035). The property is owned by the South Carolina State Ports Authority.

- c. Request that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary documents for the re-purchase of 3 Drews from the Estate of Lillian A. Miller for \$171,504. The property will be rehabilitated and sold for its original purpose – affordable homeownership opportunities for persons whose income does not exceed 120 percent of the Area Median income. The cost of the acquisition of this will be borne from the Fee-in-lieu account. (3 Drews Court, Charleston, SC) (TMS No. 459-05-01-056).
- d. Please consider the following annexation:
 - (i) 2309 Lazy River Drive (0.46 acre) (TMS# 310-14-00-017), West Ashley, (District 11). The property is owned by Seel Living Trust.

Councilmember Appel, Chairman of the Committee on Real Estate said the first item discussed with an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a permanent right-of-way and utility easement that involved the Daniel Island Tennis Center. The next item was a request for approval of a Port Facility License Agreement with between the City of Charleston and the State Ports Authority. The agreement meant the Authority would allow the City's Fire Department to house various marine firefighting and rescue equipment at 32 Washington Street in the Port Facility. He thanked the partners involved also. The third item discussed was a buyback that involved affordable housing. At the Committee meeting, Mayor Tecklenburg offered great insight on how the City could improve the process moving forward.

Chairman Appel said the final item was an addition to the "Mad Rush to District 11". The annexation passed by unanimous vote.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means recommended giving first reading to the following bills from the Committee on Real Estate report:

An ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a permanent right-of-way and utility easement to the Commissioners of Public Works as part of the new force main for the Credit One Stadium. (TMS No. 275-00-00-078)

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 2309 Lazy River Drive (0.46 acre) (TMS# 310-14-00-017), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 11. The property is owned by Seel Living Trust.

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Velvett Simmons
Assistant Clerk of Council