

**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

February 11, 2020

A meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means was held this date beginning at 4:47 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 Griffin.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020 and January 28, 2020 Committee on Ways and Means meetings.

**3. BIDS AND PURCHASES:**

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

**PUBLIC SERVICE/FLEET: ACCOUNT:062020-58010 APPROPRIATION:\$57,770**

Approval to purchase a Thomas Built Bus Body with a 2020 Chevrolet Chassis from Interstate Transportation Equipment, Inc., PO Box 9163, Columbia, SC 29290; SC Contract #4400015368. 2020 Lease Purchase Funds will be used. The vehicle is being purchased for the Recreation Department.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT:062020-58010 APPROPRIATION:\$191,810**

Approval to purchase ten (10) each 2020 Chevrolet Malibu vehicles from Love Chevrolet, 100 Parkridge Dr., Columbia, SC 29212; SC Contract #4400019850. 2020 Lease Purchase Funds will be used.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: ACCOUNT:235000-52206 APPROPRIATION:\$97,658.55**

Approval of annual maintenance and support for Police Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) Service from Charleston County, Sole Source Vendor, for consolidated Dispatch Mobile CAD Operations.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: ACCOUNT:235000-52206/235000-52740**  
**APPROPRIATION:\$15,762/\$45,767.73**

Approval of purchase of cellular amplification system for Police Department headquarters building; sole source vendor. This provides vendor-agnostic cellular amplification for the interior areas of the Police Department headquarters building to address weak-to-no signal for mobile voice and data communications within the facility for Police smartphones and other mobile data devices. This is an expansion of the existing system located in the Gaillard Center and several other City facilities.

**4. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE FFY21 SCDPS HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT APPLICATION. THE GRANT WILL FUND ONE OFFICER SALARY AND MILEAGE. THE OFFICER WILL FOCUS ON IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT. THE APPLICATION FOR THIS GRANT IS DUE 02/21/20. THIS GRANT DOES NOT REQUIRE A CITY MATCH. THE GRANT WILL NOT REQUIRE RETENTION OF THE POSITION ONCE THE GRANT IS OVER.**

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to submit the FFY21 SCDPS Highway Safety Grant application. The grant will fund one officer salary and mileage (impaired driving enforcement).

**5. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE FFY21 SCDPS HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT APPLICATION. THE GRANT WILL FUND ONE OFFICER SALARY AND MILEAGE. THE OFFICER WILL FOCUS ON SPEED ENFORCEMENT. THE APPLICATION FOR THIS GRANT IS DUE 02/21/20. THIS GRANT DOES NOT REQUIRE A CITY MATCH. THE GRANT WILL NOT REQUIRE RETENTION OF THE POSITION ONCE THE GRANT IS OVER.**

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to submit the FFY21 SCDPS Highway Safety Grant application. The grant will fund one officer salary and mileage (speeding enforcement).

**6. PLANNING PRESERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY/BUSINESS NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES: APPROVAL TO RENEW A STRATEGIC ALLIANCE MEMORANDUM WITH THE UNITED STATES SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TO HELP START, MAINTAIN, AND EXPAND SMALL BUSINESSES. THERE IS NO FISCAL IMPACT.**

On a motion of Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to renew a Strategic Alliance Memorandum with the United States Small Business Administration to help start, maintain, and expand small businesses.

**7. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF STONEY FIELD CONCRETE REPAIRS CHANGE ORDER #2 WITH VOLUNTEER RESTORATION, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,830 TO REPAIR AN ADDITIONAL 4,800 LINEAR FEET OF CONCRETE CRACKS AND COAT THE INTERIOR WALLS AND VOMITORIA NOT INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #2 WILL INCREASE THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BY \$28,830 (FROM \$241,012 TO \$269,842). FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: 2005 GO BOND (\$399,048), 2018 GO BOND (\$2,600,000), HOSPITALITY FUNDS (\$1,250,000) AND CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION (\$19,432.50).**

Mayor Tecklenburg explained this item was a Change Order for the Stoney Field project. This item was unique in that Virginia Jones, who was a project manager in Capital Projects, was acting like a general contractor, which saved the City money.

Councilmember Seekings said that at the Ad Hoc Budget Committee meetings, they discussed that it would be helpful for Capital Projects to have in-house legal counsel. He thought they should think of that going forward. Mayor Tecklenburg said they did get that approved as part of the budget. Susan Herdina, Corporation Counsel, explained they did get that item approved in the 2020 budget, and they would be advertising for a senior lawyer soon.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve Stoney Field Concrete Repairs Change Order #2 with Volunteer Restoration, Inc., in the amount of \$28,830 to repair an additional 4,800 linear feet of concrete cracks and coat the interior walls and vomitoria not included in the original contract.

**8. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF CPD FORENSIC SERVICES BUILDING – LED LIGHTING AGREEMENT WITH DOMINION ENERGY FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF 6 LIGHTS. THIS AGREEMENT SETS THE MONTHLY FEE AT \$179.50 PER MONTH FOR THE FULL INITIAL TERM OF THE AGREEMENT (10 YEARS). APPROVAL OF THE LIGHTING AGREEMENT WILL OBLIGATE \$179.50 PER MONTH (\$2,154 PER YEAR) FOR 10 YEARS WHICH WILL BE PAID FROM THE STREET LIGHT OPERATING BUDGET (170000-52115).**

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve of CPD Forensic Services Building – LED Lighting Agreement with Dominion Energy for the installation and maintenance of 6 lights.

**9. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AND GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000,000 AUTHORIZING THE CHARLESTON REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER PROCEEDS FROM THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY CHARLESTON CITY COUNCIL. THE BOND FUNDS SHALL BE USED TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON. THE CRC WILL PROVIDE DEFERRED, FORGIVABLE LOANS TO THE APPROVED ENTITIES AS PREVIOUSLY DETERMINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AND PROVIDE INSPECTION AND OVERSIGHT TO ENSURE LONG-TERM COMPLIANCE WITH THE AFFORDABILITY REQUIREMENTS. THIS REQUEST WAS COORDINATED WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF CITY COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING HELD JANUARY 30, 2020.**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a Resolution and Grant Agreement in the amount of \$20,000,000 authorizing the Charleston Redevelopment Corporation authority to administer proceeds from the General Obligation Bonds to development corporations previously approved by Charleston City Council.

**10. BUDGET FINANCE AND REVENUE COLLECTIONS: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING \$7,900,000 SPECIAL OBLIGATION REDEVELOPMENT BOND (CHARLESTON NECK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA), SERIES 2020, OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to recommend giving first reading to the following bill:

*An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding \$7,900,000 Special Obligation Redevelopment Bond (Charleston Neck Redevelopment Project Area), Series 2020, of the City of Charleston, South Carolina, and other matters relating thereto.*

**11. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TURNING LEAF PROJECT. TURNING LEAF PROVIDES A POST RELEASE REENTRY PROGRAM FOR RECENTLY RELEASED INMATES. THE AMOUNT TO BE PAID BY THE CITY IS \$85,000.**

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve of a contract between the City and Turning Leaf Project.

**12. BUDGET FINANCE AND REVENUE COLLECTIONS: REQUEST APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY'S INTENTION TO MAKE A LOAN TO THE WESTEDGE FOUNDATION, INC. SUPPORTING WESTEDGE'S OBLIGATION PURSUANT TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT TO PAY CERTAIN COSTS INCURRED BY CHARLESTON HORIZON DEVCO, LLC FOR THE INSTALLMENT OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT SUPPORTING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE WESTEDGE DISTRICT, SUCH LOAN TO BE SECURED BY A PROMISSORY NOTE IN THE FORM ATTACHED TO THE RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600,000 WHICH LOAN SHALL BE REPAID BY TIF REVENUES, AND FURTHER, ALL OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AND ACCRUED INTEREST SHALL BE DUE FIVE YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE NOTE.**

On a motion of Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a Resolution expressing the City's intention to make a loan to the WestEdge Foundation, Inc. supporting WestEdge's obligation pursuant to the Infrastructure Development Agreement to pay certain costs incurred by Charleston Horizon Devco, LLC for the installment of public improvement supporting the redevelopment of the WestEdge District, such loan to be secured by a Promissory Note in the form attached to the Resolution in the amount of \$600,000 which loan shall be repaid by TIF Revenues, and further, all outstanding principal and accrued interest shall be due five years after the date of the Note.

**13. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS COMMISSION TO SUPPORT OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS GENERAL OPERATIONS/PROGRAMS FOR TIME PERIOD 7/1/2020 TO 6/30/2023. A 3:1 CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED. MATCHING FUNDS WILL COME FROM FOUNDATION SUPPORT AND PAID ADMISSIONS.**

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to apply for funding from the South Carolina Arts Commission to support Office of Cultural Affairs General Operations/Programs for time period 7/1/2020 to 6/30/2023.

**14. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF AECOM PROGRAM MANAGEMENT WORK AUTHORIZATION #5 WITH AECOM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,655 TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL EDUCATION WORKSHOPS AND PREPARE TECHNICAL MEMORANDA TO SUPPORT THE REGULATED COMMUNITY IN UTILIZING THE REVISED STORMWATER DESIGN STANDARDS MANUALS.**

On a motion of Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve AECOM Program Management Work Authorization #5 with AECOM in the amount of \$100,655 to provide technical education workshops and prepare technical memoranda to support the regulated community in utilizing the revised Stormwater Design Standards Manuals.

**15. BUDGET FINANCE AND REVENUE COLLECTIONS: REQUEST APPROVAL TO CONTRIBUTE \$100,000 TO THE THEODORA PARK ENDOWMENT FUND TO BE USED FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PARK. THE INCOME FROM THIS FUND WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE CHARLESTON PARKS CONSERVANCY WHO WILL PERFORM THE ONGOING MAINTENANCE. THIS WILL BE FUNDED WITH 2018 GENERAL FUND RESERVES.**

Mayor Tecklenburg said he wanted to thank David and Carol Rawle for their energy and commitment to make Theodora Park possible. He wanted to use this as a model going forward so that more people would step forward and follow the model of permanent maintenance and upkeep of the City's parks.

Councilmember Seekings said he whole-heartedly agreed with the Mayor and said Mr. Rawle had done a number of amazing things, not the least of which was to put Theodora Park in the province of the City and had been a caretaker of the park. Councilmember Seekings said this would be going into an endowment, where the City was contributing \$100,000. The endowment was \$500,000. Councilmember Seekings asked if there was a board and how the endowment would be managed.

David Rawle said it had been a collaborative effort. Lots of people had participated, and their driving idea was that the private sector needed to help the public sector, and collaboratively, they could not only create good things, but help maintain them. The Theodora Park Fund was held by the BNY Melon Charitable Gift Fund, which was a large non-profit managing funds for non-profit use. The income from the fund was directed to Charleston Parks Conservancy, which had a partnership with both the City and Theodora park stewards, who were people in the community who were interested in the park and had a commitment to it long term. The Conservancy worked with many of the parks throughout the City, and they raised their own money, but they wanted to raise the level of Theodora Park and hopefully catalyze others to want to do that in their parks. They would create the endowment so that whatever happened, the park would always be maintained at the highest quality in perpetuity. Their commitment was to raise 80 percent of the money, and they received those commitments. It was a 20 cent per dollar investment for the City, and they hoped it served everyone very well.

Councilmember Waring said he thanked Mr. Rawle and his family. He said it was out-of-the-box thinking with a private-public partnership, and they had taken it to another level. He said the park should be an example of a pocket park. The park that the County would be creating at Mother Emanuel would be next to the library, and Theodora Park was a great example of what the County could use.

Chairman Gregorie concurred and said it was a park that was very peaceful, calming, and beautiful. He hoped they could use it as an example of future private parks in the City.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to contribute \$100,000 to the Theodora Park Endowment Fund to be used for the maintenance of the Park.

**16. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE: (MEETING WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M., CITY HALL, FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 80 BROAD STREET)**

- a. Authorization for the Mayor to execute a MOU between the City and the Gaillard Management Corporation which sets out the agreement between the parties related to the installation of pipe penetration in the Gaillard Center complex to allow for cabling related to the Democratic National Committee debate to be held at the Gaillard Center on February 25, 2020. There is no cost to the City. (TMS: 458-01-01-001)
- b. Discussion regarding Greenbelt funding application for the purchase of approximately 11.25 acres adjacent to the Johns Island Park for the purpose of expanding park facilities and improving pedestrian/bicycle connectivity on Johns Island

Councilmember Shahid, Chair of the Real Estate Committee, said that they considered a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Gaillard Management Corporation, so that holes could be dug through certain parts of the building to allow cable, so CBS could televise the Democratic debate. The work would become somewhat permanent, so it would be available for future uses. The second item was to apply for Greenbelt funding for Johns Island Park to obtain 11.4 acres that would be adjacent to the existing park. They did not have any specific plans for the use of the land, but they had some sketches that fit nicely with it. They also voted to approve the application process. Councilmember Waring said that the MOU was big for the Gaillard Center to have secured, and the City was very appreciative that it would happen. Chairman Gregorie said it was great to invite the world into their home, and he thought that was exactly what they had done.

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to adopt the Committee on Real Estate Report as presented.

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Jennifer Cook  
Assistant Clerk of Council