

**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

February 14, 2023

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

**PRESENT (13)**

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember Gregg	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 Bowden	District 10
Councilmember Brady	District 5	Councilmember Appel	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie	District 6	Councilmember Parker	District 12

**1. INVOCATION:**

The meeting opened with an invocation provided by Chairman Waring.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means approved the minutes of the January 24, 2023, Committee on Ways and Means meeting.

**3. BIDS AND PURCHASES:**

Councilmember Gregg said the Councilmembers just approved \$4.4 million worth of vehicles alone. It was impressive and he hoped that the lead times weren't as long as they thought they were going to be.

Mayor Tecklenburg said he wanted to thank Councilmember Parker for her advocacy included on the list for the shade at the pool on James Island at the Recreation Center. He said he spoke with staff, and it should be installed before swim season.

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. **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT:**                      **ACCOUNT:062023-58010**                      **AMOUNT:**  
**\$129,536.20**

Approval to purchase a 2024 4x2 HV607 Dump Truck 7 Yard for Stormwater in the amount of \$129,536.20 from Carolina International, 1619 Bluff Rd., Columbia, SC 29201. Sourcewell Contract #060-920-NVS.

**b. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT:                    ACCOUNT:062023-58010                    AMOUNT:  
\$50,381.98**

Approval to purchase a Fecon DCR Black Hawk Forest Cutter for Stormwater in the amount of \$50,381.98 from Bobcat of Charleston, 7152 Cross County Rd., North Charleston, SC 29418. Sourcewell Contract #040319-CEC.

**c. PUBLIC SERVICE:    ACCOUNT:062023-58010    AMOUNT: \$816,728.00**

Approval to purchase two (2) 28-yard Labrie Automizer Full Eject mounted on Dennis Eagle Chassis for Environmental Services in the amount of \$816,728.00 from Joe Johnson Equipment, 4519 Charlotte Hwy., Monroe, NC 28110. NCSA Contract #23-07-0421.

**d. RECREATION DEPARTMENT:    ACCOUNT:062023-58010    AMOUNT: \$68,412.00**

Approval to purchase two (2) Ford Transit Connect Wagon XL Passenger Van for Recreation in the amount of \$68,412.00 from Santee Automotive, 2601 Paxville Hwy., Manning, SC 29102. SC Contract #4400029870.

**e. PARKS DEPARTMENT:                    ACCOUNT: 62023-58010                    AMOUNT: \$91,818.00**

Approval to purchase two (2) 2023 F150 XL Crew Cab 4x4 Trucks for Parks in the amount of \$91,818.00 from Santee Automotive, 2601 Paxville Hwy., Manning, SC 29102. SC Contract #4400029870.

**f. PARKS DEPARTMENT:                    ACCOUNT:062023-58010                    AMOUNT: \$59,348.00**

Approval to purchase a F-250 Pickup Truck in the amount of \$59,348.00 for Parks from Vic Bailey Ford, 501 East Daniel Morgan Ave., Spartanburg, SC 29304. SC Contract #4400029865.

**g. FIRE DEPARTMENT:                    ACCOUNT:280100-58010                    AMOUNT: \$59,462.00**

Approval to purchase one (1) Ford F-250 Pickup Truck in the amount of \$59,462.00 from Vic Bailey Ford for the Regional US&R Team the department hosts. State Contract #4400029865.

**h. PUBLIC SERVICE:                    ACCOUNT:062023-58010                    AMOUNT: \$855,507.00**

Approval to purchase three (3) 2023 M2 Freightliner Chassis with New Brush Hawg 2224 Grapple Loaders for Environmental Services in the amount of \$855,507.00 from Joe Johnson Equipment, 4519 Old Charlotte Hwy., Monroe, NC 28110. NCSA Contract #22-06-0426R.

**i. FIRE DEPARTMENT:                    ACCOUNT:58015                    AMOUNT: \$97,076.02**

Approval to purchase Motorola APX6000 XE Radios for L106 personnel and TEMS Teams in the amount of \$97,076.02 from Motorola Solutions, PO Box 1724, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464. SC Contract #4400021163.

**j. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:                    ACCOUNT:161000-52206                    AMOUNT: \$141,944.54**

Approval of Maintenance Agreement Renewal in the amount of \$141,944.54 with Central Square to provide Maintenance and Support Services for the City's Finance Enterprise (ERP) Software.

**k. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:      ACCOUNT:235000-52206      AMOUNT: \$58,055.36**

Approval to renew and expand the Fire Department's Web-Based Training Resource in the amount of \$58,055.36 from Target Solutions Learning.

**l. PARKS DEPARTMENT:      ACCOUNT:170100-52410      AMOUNT: \$44,608.25**

Approval to purchase shade systems for the James Island Recreation Center in the amount of \$44,608.25 from CRD of Hilton Head, Inc. (Churchich Recreation), 20 Towne Dr., PMB 186, Bluffton, SC 29910. Sourcewell Contract #010521-LTS-3.

**m. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT:      ACCOUNT:062023-58015      AMOUNT: \$84,179.55**

Approval to purchase a T770 T4 Bobcat Compact Track Loader for Stormwater in the amount \$84,179.55 from Clark Equipment Co., 250 E. Beaton Dr., West Fargo, ND 58078. Sourcewell Contract #040319-CEC.

**n. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT:      ACCOUNT:062023-58015      AMOUNT: \$84,329.00**

Approval to purchase a John Deere 60G Compact Excavator in the amount of \$84,329.00 for Stormwater from Dobbs Equipment, 136 Acres Dr., Ladson, SC 29456. Sourcewell Contract #032119-JDC.

**o. PUBLIC SERVICE:      ACCOUNT:062023-58010      AMOUNT: \$112,656.00**

Approval to purchase four (4) 2023 Ford Escapes FWD in the amount of \$112,656.00 from Santee Automotive, 2601 Paxville Hwy., Manning, SC 29102. SC Contract #4400029870.

**p. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT:      ACCOUNT:062023-58015      AMOUNT: \$124,727.00**

Approval to purchase a Cat 420 Backhoe Loader for Stormwater in the amount of \$124,727.00 from Blanchard Machinery, 151 Farmington Rd., Summerville, SC 29483. SC Contract #4400025395.

**q. FIRE DEPARTMENT:      ACCOUNT:062023-58010      AMOUNT: \$78,820.00**

Approval to purchase two (2) 2023 Ford F-150 Crew Cab Trucks in the amount of \$78,820.00 for the Fire Department from Santee Automotive, 2601 Paxville Hwy., Manning, SC 29102. SC Contract #4400029870.

**r. FIRE DEPARTMENT:      ACCOUNT:062023-58010      AMOUNT: \$111,489.00**

Approval to purchase three (3) 2023 Ford F-150 Super Cab Trucks in the amount of \$111,489.00 for the Fire Department from Santee Automotive, 2601 Paxville Hwy., Manning, SC 29102. SC Contract #4400029870.

**s. FIRE DEPARTMENT:      ACCOUNT:062023-58010      AMOUNT: \$65,410.00**

Approval to purchase a Ford F-350 C&C Truck for the Fire Department in the amount of \$65,410.00 from Lafayette Ford, Inc., 5202 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

**t. POLICE DEPARTMENT:     ACCOUNT:240139-58015     AMOUNT: \$42,203.32**

Approval to purchase two (2) Yamaha Outboard Boat Engines for the Police Department in the amount of \$42,203.32 from Central Florida Yamaha, 730 US 27, N. Lake Placid, FL 33852. SC Contract #4400018524.

**u. POLICE DEPARTMENT:     ACCOUNT:940100-58015     AMOUNT: \$294,016.45**

Approval to purchase Motorola Mobile Radios for the Police Department in the amount of \$294,016.45 from Motorola Solutions, Inc., PO Box 404059, Atlanta, GA 30384. SC Contract #4400021163

**v. POLICE DEPARTMENT:     ACCOUNT:062023-58010     AMOUNT: \$1,308,270.00**

Approval to purchase thirty (30) 2023 Ford Interceptor SUV marked vehicles for the Police Department in the amount \$1,308,270.00 from Santee Automotive, 2601 Paxville Hwy., Manning, SC 29102. SC Contract #4400029870

**w. POLICE DEPARTMENT:     ACCOUNT: 062023-58010     AMOUNT: \$128,529.00**

Approval to purchase three (3) Ford Interceptor SUV unmarked vehicles in the amount of \$128,529.00 for the Police Department from Santee Automotive, 2601 Paxville Hwy., Manning, SC 29102. SC Contract #4400029870.

**x. POLICE DEPARTMENT:     ACCOUNT:940100-52206     AMOUNT: \$20,250.00**

Approval to process the FUSUS Pro Package change order to increase the amount from \$225,000.00 to \$245,250.00 for taxes with FUSUS, 5550 Triangle Parkway, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092. Sole Source

**4. PARKS DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE 2023 KEEP SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUTIFUL ANNUAL SUPPORT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000, TO BE USED FOR LITTER PREVENTION, BEAUTIFICATION, AND SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS CONDUCTED BY KEEP CHARLESTON BEAUTIFUL. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIRED.**

**5. MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE CONTINUATION GRANT APPLICATION TO CNCS FOR THE AMERICORPS VISTA PROJECT, WHICH WILL ALLOW US TO PROVIDE UP TO 21 VISTA MEMBER POSITIONS, 2 VISTA LEADER POSITIONS, AND 16 VISTA SUMMER ASSOCIATE POSITIONS TO LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLIC AGENCIES WORKING TO MOVE CLIENTS OUT OF POVERTY. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIRED PER THE TERMS OF THE GRANT, WE PROVIDE THE COST SHARE FUNDING AMOUNT THROUGH SITE FEES RECEIVED FROM PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS.**

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to take Items 4 and 5 together.

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously the approval to accept the 2023 Keep South Carolina Beautiful Annual Support Grant in the amount of \$10,000, to be used for litter prevention,

beautification, and sustainability efforts conducted by Keep Charleston Beautiful and to submit the continuation grant application to CNCS for the AmeriCorps VISTA Project, which will allow us to provide up to 21 VISTA member positions, 2 VISTA Leader positions, and 16 VISTA Summer Associate positions to local non-profit organizations and public agencies working to move clients out of poverty.

**6. BUDGET FINANCE AND REVENUE COLLECTIONS: APPROVAL OF A 1ST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AND BRIDGE CORPORATE SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR ADDITIONAL REALTOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE LOCATION AND ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PURPOSES. A SALES COMMISSION IS ONLY PAID WITH SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A TRANSACTION GENERATED BY THE CONTRACTOR AND WOULD BE INCLUDED AS A PART OF THE LAND ACQUISITION COST BY THE CITY. COMMISSION IS 4% OF THE SALES PRICE UP TO \$4 MILLION AND 3% FOR ANYTHING THEREAFTER.**

On a motion of Mayor Tecklenburg, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the 1st Amendment to Agreement between the City of Charleston and Bridge Corporate Solutions, LLC for additional realtor services related to the location and acquisition of land for public safety purposes.

**7. FIRE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR THE 2022 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT (AFG). THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTING CARDIAC MONITORS, AIRWAY KITS, AND TRAINING SIMULATORS TO EQUIP AND TRAIN PERSONNEL IN ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SKILLS. THIS IS AN AFTER THE FACT REQUEST SINCE THE APPLICATION PERIOD CLOSURES ON FEBRUARY 10, 2023. THE GRANT REQUIRES A 10% MATCH OF \$66,500.**

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously the approval to apply for the 2022 Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG). The department is requesting cardiac monitors, airway kits, and training simulators to equip and train personnel in advanced life support skills.

**8. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF LOW BATTERY SEAWALL REPAIRS-PHASE IV FEE AMENDMENT #12 WITH JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN & THOMPSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$460,014.50 FOR THE DESIGN OF THE NEXT PHASE OF THE LOW BATTERY SEAWALL FROM KING ST. TO SOUTH BATTERY (~1,200 LF). APPROVAL OF FEE AMENDMENT #12 WILL INCREASE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT BY \$460,014.50 (FROM \$3,754,570.36 TO \$4,214,584.86). FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: HOSPITALITY FUNDS (\$17,077,901.53), MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDS (\$15,651,479.68), CHARLESTON COUNTY ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FEES (\$400,000.00), CWS CONTRIBUTIONS (\$4,874,746.00) AND 2022 HOSPITALITY REVENUE BOND (\$37,002,490.53).**

Councilmember Seekings said the item was for the final phase design for the Low Battery Seawall. He said whenever it came up on the agenda, he liked to remind everyone that they were invited to come down and see what they have done through the three phases. They currently had almost 4,000 linear feet completely poured, and if you went down there, they would give you a tour of it all. He said it looked like phase 3 would finish in October and they would go right into phase four. The Seawall was being paid for 100% with some form of hospitality dollars.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously the approval of Low Battery Seawall Repairs-Phase IV Fee Amendment #12 with Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson in the amount of \$460,014.50 for the design of the next phase of the Low Battery Seawall from King St. to South Battery (~1,200 lf). Approval of Fee Amendment #12 will increase the professional service contract by \$460,014.50 (from \$3,754,570.36 to \$4,214,584.86).

**9. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF SPRING-FISHBURNE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 5-PUMP PROCUREMENT CHANGE ORDER #1 TO THE PUMP PROCUREMENT CONTRACT WITH XYLEM WATER SOLUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$183,840.00 FOR THE DISASSEMBLY OF THE 3 PUMPS AND ADDITIONAL SHIPPING COSTS AND AN ADDITIONAL \$162,605.60 FOR THE REMITTANCE OF USE TAX. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 WILL INCREASE THE PROCUREMENT CONTRACT BY \$183,840 (FROM \$5,467,600.00 TO \$5,651,440.00) WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$162,605.60 BEING APPROVED FOR THE REMITTANCE OF USE TAX FOR THE PUMPS. FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: KING ST. GATEWAY TIF (\$26,003,011.00) AND THE SC TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK (\$12,449,652.00).**

**10. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF THE CONCORD STREET PUMP STATION UPFIT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH RUBY-COLLINS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$542,490.00 FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE REHABILITATION AND UPFIT OF THE CONCORD STREET PUMP STATION. APPROVAL OF THIS CONTRACT WILL OBLIGATE \$542,490.00 OF THE \$8,800,000.00 PROJECT BUDGET. THE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THIS PROJECT IS THE DRAINAGE FUND.**

**11. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF THE MUSC PUMP STATION UPFIT-ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE FOR THE UPFIT AND REHABILITATION OF THE MUSC (COURTENAY ST.) PUMP STATION. THE AGREEMENT IS FOR \$3,000,000.00 IN FEDERAL FUNDING AND \$1,000,000.00 IN CITY FUNDING. APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WILL OBLIGATE \$1,000,000.00 OF CITY FUNDING. FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS ARE: 2023 STORMWATER OPERATING BUDGET (\$500,000.00) AND DRAINAGE FUND (\$500,000.00).**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to take Items 9-11 together.

Mayor Tecklenburg said he wanted to recognize Wes Wilson that represented the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He said they assisted in finding \$3 million in federal funding to go towards item 11, which was to upgrade the Pump Station in the Hospital District.

Councilmember Gregg asked Mr. Fountain about item 9. He asked did they not know that they would need to disassemble the pump before the City purchased them.

Mr. Fountain said because of the lead time on the pumps and even the diesel engines that power the pumps with the current delivery schedule they normally wouldn't get delivered until after

it was almost completed on the construction schedule. He said they were shifting the crane work that would have been in the construction contract and instead paying Xylem to disassemble the pumps and ship them to the City. Then the contractor would use the internal bridge crane within the pump station after it's been built to install and assemble the pump so there would be somewhat of a neutral cost.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve Spring-Fishburne Drainage Improvements Phase 5-Pump Procurement Change Order #1 to the pump procurement contract with Xylem Water Solutions in the amount of \$183,840.00 for the disassembly of the 3 pumps and additional shipping costs and an additional \$162,605.60 for the remittance of Use Tax, the Concord Street Pump Station Upfit Professional Services Contract with Ruby-Collins, Inc., in the amount of \$542,490.00 for pre-construction services for the rehabilitation and upfit of the Concord Street Pump Station. Approval of this contract will obligate \$542,490.00 of the \$8,800,000.00 project budget, and the MUSC Pump Station Upfit-Army Corps of Engineers Design and Construction Assistance Agreement with the Department of the Army for design and construction assistance for the upfit and rehabilitation of the MUSC (Courtenay St.) Pump Station. The agreement is for \$3,000,000.00 in Federal funding and \$1,000,000.00 in City funding.

**12. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF FIRE STATION #19 RENOVATION CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH SATCHELL CONSTRUCTION, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,692.73 FOR DUCT CLEANING, FLOORING CHANGE, ADDITIONAL DEMOLITION SERVICES, LIGHTING CHANGES, NEW DOORS AND 36" KITCHEN HOOD. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 WILL INCREASE THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BY \$37,692.73 (FROM \$194,056.00 TO \$231,748.73). APPROVAL OF THIS CHANGE ORDER WILL AMEND THE PROJECT BUDGET, INCREASING THE PROJECT BUDGET FROM \$225,000.00 TO \$237,573.07. THE FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: RESERVE, DEFERRED MAINTENANCE (\$225,000.00) AND THE MAINTENANCE, GENERAL LINE-ITEM IN THE FACILITIES MAINTENANCE OPERATING BUDGET (170100-52410) (\$12,573.07).**

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously the approval of Fire Station #19 Renovation Change Order #1 with Satchell Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$37,692.73 for duct cleaning, flooring change, additional demolition services, lighting changes, new doors and 36" kitchen hood.

**13. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO APPROVE A GRANT DERIVED FROM HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$341,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND IN THE WEST ASHLEY COMMUNITY OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON. PCAP NEEDS TO CLOSE TRANSACTION BY MARCH OF 2023. (TO BE DISTRIBUTED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.)**

Councilmember Shealy said he didn't receive anything under a separate cover and asked where it was located.

Ms. Shaw-Johnson said it was in the Ardmore subdivision of West Ashley.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously the approval of a grant derived from Housing

Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) funds in the amount of \$341,000 for the acquisition of land in the West Ashley community of the City of Charleston.

**14. MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILIES: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A GRANT FOR \$25,000 FROM THE CFE FUND TO BUILD CAPACITY OF THE BANK ON CHARLESTON EFFORTS TO PROVIDE SAFE, AFFORDABLE BANK ACCOUNTS TO UNBANKED AND UNDERBANKED INDIVIDUALS. THROUGH THIS GRANT, WE WILL FOCUS ON INCREASING THE NUMBER OF NEW BANK ACCOUNTS, CONDUCTING OUTREACH, AND PROMOTING BANK ON TO CONNECT RESIDENTS TO FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT SERVICES AND RESOURCES, AND PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDING FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO OPEN A NEW BANK ACCOUNT AS FUNDING ALLOWS. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIRED.**

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously the approval to accept a grant for \$25,000 from the CFE Fund to build capacity of the Bank On Charleston efforts to provide safe, affordable bank accounts to unbanked and underbanked individuals.

**15. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE FY23 SCDPS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER GRANT PROGRAM TO COVER THE SALARY AND FRINGE FOR (3) SRO'S FOR THE FY23-FY24 SCHOOL YEAR. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIRED FOR THIS GRANT.**

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously the approval to submit an application for the FY23 SCDPS School Resource Officer grant program to cover the salary and fringe for (3) SROs for the FY23-FY24 school year.

**16. FIRE DEPARTMENT: CONTINUE THE ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, CHARLESTON DORCHESTER MENTAL HEALTH CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,942.84 FOR SPECIALIZED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO AREA FIREFIGHTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THIS CONTRACT WAS DUE IN OCTOBER 2022, BUT THERE HAS BEEN DISCUSSION AS TO THE LENGTH OF CONTRACT AND RENEWAL PERIODS.**

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Mayor Tecklenburg, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously the approval to continue the annual contract with South Carolina Department of Mental Health, Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center in the amount of \$21,942.84 for specialized mental health services to area firefighters and their families.

**17. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AN AMENDMENT TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACTOR EXTENDING THE TERM THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.**

Councilmember Seekings said a series of one-year contracts really was not long enough and suggested that they either do a two- or three-year contract with renewals.



Councilmember Shahid said that he spoke with Chief Judge Susan Herdina and talked with her about it. He recommended that they approved the item and bring it back up at the next Public Safety meeting.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously the approval for the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Charleston an amendment to the Public Defender Contractor extending the term through December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$60,000.

**18. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE (MEETING WAS HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023, AT 3:30 P.M., CONFERENCE CALL: 1-929-205-6099; ACCESS CODE: 835 678 884)**

- a. Approval of the Third Amendment to the Lease Agreement between the City of Charleston and the Charleston Digital Corridor Foundation. The property is owned by the City of Charleston. (997/999 Morrison Drive) (TMS# 461-13-01-056/057) [Ordinance]
- b. Authorization for Mayor to execute an Emergency Access Easement across an easement owned by the City of Charleston to Sher Brothers, LLC (owner of Silver Dollar) to facilitate a required emergency exit for its patron. [Ordinance]
- c. Authorization for the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Charleston the First Amendment to the Option to Lease between the City of Charleston and the Grove on Johns Island, LP, a South Carolina Limited Partnership for the period ending, May 31, 2023. Except as modified by this Amendment, all terms and conditions of the Option to Lease shall remain in full force and effect. The property is owned by the City of Charleston. (Fenwick Site/Johns Island) (TMS# 346-00-00-004)
- d. Approval of an Amendment to the Lease Agreement extending the Lease between the City of Charleston and Traverse Point, LLC (landlord), for use of the building for the Police Department for an additional year until March 31, 2024. Base rent will increase by a rate of 3%. (2093 Executive Hall Road, Charleston, SC 29407) (TMS# 351-01-00-049) [Ordinance]
- e. Please consider the following annexations:
  - (i) 635 Magnolia Road (0.34 acre) (TMS# 353-13-00-031), West Ashley, (District 9). The property is owned by Michael Dysart and Laurie Griese.
  - (ii) 9 Apollo Road (0.20 acre) (TMS# 418-13-00-229), West Ashley, (District 9). The property is owned by Sue B. Chanson.

Councilmember Appel, Chairman of the Real Estate Committee, said Item A was for a Third Amendment to a Lease Agreement between the City and the Charleston Digital Corridor Foundation on Morrison Drive. He said it was part of their contractual arrangement with the City and that they had certain rights with respect to that undeveloped portion of the corner lot, but had

some challenges with the economy, interest rates, and construction costs. They wanted more time on their lease so they could navigate to build another facility. The item was approved.

Item B was authorizing the Mayor to execute an Emergency Access Easement across the rear of the Silver Dollar on Upper King Street. The item was approved.

Item C was for a First Amendment to an option to lease between the City of Charleston and the Grove on Johns Island Limited Partnership. It was part of the housing affordability initiative. The item was approved.

Item D was for an extended Lease Agreement with Traverse Point, LLC for the building that the Police Department used in West Ashley on Executive Hall Road. The lease would be extended through March 31, 2024. The item was approved.

Item E was for the annexation of two residential properties into the City of Charleston. The item was approved.

On a motion of Councilmember Appel, seconded by Councilmember Waring, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the Real Estate report as presented and recommended giving first reading to the following bills:

*An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City a Third Amendment to Lease Agreement pertaining to the Lease Agreement between the City and the Charleston Digital Corridor Foundation of property located at 999 Morrison Drive dated January 19, 2016, as amended by First Amendment to Lease dated January 9, 2018 and Second Amendment to Lease dated May 28, 2019.*

*An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute Emergency Access Easement Agreement for the benefit of Sher Brothers, LLC*

*An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Lease Amendment between City of Charleston and Traverse Point, LLC to extend the lease term an additional year to March 31, 2024, for property located 2093 Executive Hall Road, Charleston, SC 29407.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 635 Magnolia Road (.34 acre) (TMS# 353-13-00-031), 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 9. The property is owned by Michael Dysart and Laurie Griese.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 9 Apollo Road (.2 acre) (TMS# 418-13-00-229), 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 9. The property is owned by Sue B. Chanson.*

Chairman Gregorie said he wanted the public to know that even though they went through the meeting fast Council went through 462 pages to get to their votes.

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Brittany Pinckney  
Assistant Clerk of Council