

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

February 25, 2020

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

PRESENT (12)

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 - <i>absent</i>	District 6	Councilmember Jackson	District 12

1. INVOCATION:

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence provided by Councilmember Appel.

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 February 11, 2020 Committee on Ways and Means meeting.

3. PARKS: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE PALMETTO PRIDE – KEEP SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUTIFUL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,000 FOR USE BY KEEP CHARLESTON BEAUTIFUL. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Way and Means voted unanimously to approve to accept the Palmetto Pride – Keep South Carolina Beautiful Grant in the amount of \$9,000 for use by Keep Charleston Beautiful.

4. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR \$15,000 FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY LOCAL ACCOMMODATION TAX FUNDING, TO SUPPORT THE 2020 MOJA ARTS FESTIVAL.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to apply for \$15,000 from Charleston County Local Accommodation Tax Funding, to support the 2020 MOJA Arts Festival.

5. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR \$15,000 FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY LOCAL ACCOMMODATION TAX FUNDING, TO SUPPORT THE 2021 PICCOLO SPOLETO FESTIVAL. THE PROJECT PERIOD IS 5/28/21 – 6/13/21.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to apply for \$15,000 from Charleston County Local Accommodation Tax Funding, to support the 2021 Piccolo Spoleto Festival..

6. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR \$25,000 FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY LOCAL ACCOMMODATION TAX FUNDING, TO SUPPORT THE CHARLESTON 350 COMMEMORATION.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to apply for \$25,000 from Charleston County Local Accommodation Tax Funding, to support the Charleston 350 Commemoration.

7. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR \$10,000 FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY LOCAL ACCOMMODATION TAX FUNDING, TO SUPPORT 2020 HOLIDAY MAGIC IN HISTORIC CHARLESTON.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to apply for \$10,000 from Charleston County Local Accommodation Tax Funding, to support 2020 Holiday Magic in Historic Charleston.

8. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR \$10,000 FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY LOCAL ACCOMMODATION TAX FUNDING, TO SUPPORT THE 2020 FREE VERSE POETRY FESTIVAL.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to apply for \$10,000 from Charleston County Local Accommodation Tax Funding, to support the 2020 Free Verse Poetry Festival.

9. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF STONEY FIELD RENOVATIONS-BENCHES, RAILS, FENCES, AND GATES CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$479,182 WITH H2I GROUP TO INSTALL NEW BENCHES, RAILINGS, FENCING, AND GATES AT STONEY FIELD. APPROVAL OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WILL OBLIGATE \$479,182 OF THE \$4,268,480.50 PROJECT BUDGET. 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).

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the Stoney Field Renovations-Benches, Rails, Fences, and Gates Construction Contract in the amount of \$479,182 with H2I Group to install new benches, railings, fencing, and gates at Stoney Field.

10. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF ST. JULIAN DEVINE IMPROVEMENTS CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH SACHEL CONSTRUCTION, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,266.03 FOR REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED WINDOW AND DOOR LINTELS AND BRICKWORK THAT WERE NOT INCLUDED IN ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS, A CREDIT FOR FINISHED HARDWARE ALLOWANCE, AND AN ELEVATOR REPAIR ALLOWANCE OVERAGE. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 WILL INCREASE THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BY

\$78,266.03 (FROM \$520,800 TO \$599,066.03). FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE 2015 GENERAL FUND RESERVES (\$250,000), 2018 GENERAL FUND RESERVES (\$400,000), COOPER RIVER BRIDGE TIF (\$2,250,000), AND CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION (\$210,000).

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve St. Julian Devine Improvements Change Order #1 with Satchel Construction, LLC in the amount of \$78,266.03 for repair and replacement of damaged window and door lintels and brickwork that were not included in original documents, a credit for finished hardware allowance, and an elevator repair allowance overage.

11. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN ENERGY RESOURCES, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$328,000 FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF GENERATORS AT 4 FIRE STATIONS (FS 2/3, FS 8, FS 12, FS 17). 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. APPROVAL OF THIS WILL INSTITUTE A PROJECT BUDGET OF \$460,583 OF WHICH THE \$328,000 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WILL BE FUNDED. FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT (\$345,432), 2012 GENERAL FUND RESERVES (\$62,864.74), 2013 GENERAL FUND RESERVES (\$30,858.26), AND 2015 GENERAL FUND RESERVES (\$21,428).

Councilmember Shealy asked if there was any value to the current generators. Edmund Most stated they were able to recycle the previous four generators that were replaced. Two were at the Parks Department and another was at a different facility. They would assess these, as well. They had limited capacities and run-times because of the tank sizes. The new generators would power the entire fire station for seven days on the new tanks.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve of a Construction Contract with Southern Energy Resources, LLC, in the amount of \$328,000 for the removal and replacement of generators at 4 fire stations (FS 2/3, FS 8, FS 12, FS 17).

12. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH BOHICKET CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$98,202 TO FURNISH AND INSTALL A STANDBY GENERATOR FOR CPD TEAM 4 OFFICE. 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. APPROVAL OF THIS WILL INSTITUTE A PROJECT BUDGET OF \$120,001.09 OF WHICH THE \$98,202 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WILL BE FUNDED. FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT (\$75,923), AND THE POLICE OPERATING BUDGET (\$44,078.09).

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve of a Construction Contract with Bohicket Construction in the amount of \$98,202 to furnish and install a standby generator for CPD Team 4 office.

13. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF A JAMES ISLAND RECREATION CENTER GENERATOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH BOHICKET CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$91,733 TO FURNISH AND INSTALL A STANDBY GENERATOR FOR THE JAMES ISLAND RECREATION CENTER. 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. APPROVAL OF THIS WILL INSTITUTE A PROJECT BUDGET OF \$113,589.41 OF WHICH THE \$91,733 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WILL BE FUNDED. FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT (\$74,795) AND THE POLICE OPERATING BUDGET (\$38,794.41).

Mayor Tecklenburg said that with Items 11, 12, and 13, they had new generator capacity at most of the City's fire stations and a few other facilities. He said they had been seeing these come through Ways and Means for years, mostly funded through mitigation grants, but he wanted to report to Council that they were almost done. Edmund Most confirmed and said Fire Stations #9 and #14 were new stations and had new generators, and Fire Station #11 also had a new generator. The CPD Team 4 Office and James Island Recreation Center did not have generators, and now they would. Mayor Tecklenburg said in terms of their resiliency efforts, they were in much better shape than they were four years ago.

On a motion of Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve of a James Island Recreation Center Generator Construction Contract with Bohicket Construction in the amount of \$91,733 to furnish and install a standby generator for the James Island Recreation Center.

14. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF A \$50,000 INCREASE TO THE EXISTING NPDES STORMWATER PLAN REVIEW SERVICES CONTRACT WITH JOHNSON, LASCHOB, AND ASSOCIATES. THIS WILL INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT FROM \$75,000 TO \$125,000. THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED IN THE 2020 STORMWATER BUDGET.

Vice Chairman Seekings stated they would receive a report from the Committee on Public Works and Utilities at City Council.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to increase to the existing NPDES Stormwater Plan Review Services Contract with Johnson, Laschober, and Associates.

15. THE LICENSE COMMITTEE: (MEETING WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2020 AT 3:30 P.M., CITY HALL, FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 80 BROAD STREET)

- a. Review of legislation regarding SC Business License Tax Reform Act H4431

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Mayor Tecklenburg, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the report of the License Committee as presented.

16. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE: (MEETING WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2020 AT 3:30 P.M., CITY HALL, FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 80 BROAD STREET)

a. Consider the following annexations:

- (i) 340 & 342 Woodland Shores Road (TMS# 343-11-00-112; 343-11-00-111) 0.7 acre, James Island (District 11). The property is owned by Jennifer Finger Krause.
- (ii) 513 Arlington Drive (TMS# 310-07-00-090) 0.51 acre, West Ashley (District 11). The property is owned by Vaughn Loeffler and Sylvia De Jong.
- (iii) 1384 Joy Avenue (TMS# 352-10-00-015) 0.45 acre, West Ashley (District 9). The property is owned by Gary H. Seel and Hope E. Seel.

Councilmember Shahid, Chair of the Real Estate Committee, said the Real Estate Committee considered three annexation. One was in his district, and the other two were in Councilmember Appel's district. The Committee recommended approval of all three.

Councilmember Shahid added that they discussed with Christopher Morgan having a review of properties located in West Ashley that were pocketed and not in the City limits and how to streamline the annexation of those properties. They were hoping to get a report at a future meeting. Councilmember Appel said he was pleased to hear from Mr. Morgan that properties in the County in West Ashley were actually taxed higher than properties in the City.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to adopt the Committee on Real Estate Report as presented and recommended giving first reading to the following bills:

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 340 & 342 Woodland Shores Road (0.7 acre) (TMS# 343-11-00-112; 343-11-00-111), James Island, 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 Jennifer Finger Krause.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 513 Arlington Drive (0.51 acre) (TMS# 310-07-00-090), 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 Vaughn Loeffler and Sylvia De Jong.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 1384 Joy Avenue (0.45 acre) (TMS# 352-10-00-015), 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 Gary H Seel and Hope E Seel.

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Jennifer Cook
Assistant Clerk of Council