

**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

March 8, 2022

A meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means was held this date beginning at 4:32 p.m.

**PRESENT (13)**

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember Gregg	District 1	Councilmember Waring arrived at 4:34 p.m.	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 <i>absent</i>	District 5	Councilmember Appel	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie	District 6	Councilmember Parker arrived at 4:35 p.m.	District 12

**1. INVOCATION:**

The meeting opened with an invocation provided by Councilmember Gregg.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means approved the minutes of the February 22, 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. **FLEET (PARKS-GROUNDS): ACCOUNT: 062022-58010 AMOUNT: \$149,946**

Approval to purchase one F550 Chassis truck with Service Body in the amount of \$143,946 from Dick Smith Ford, 7201 Garners Ferry Rd, Columbia, SC 29209. SC State Contract 4400027118. The truck is for the Parks Department. Funding will come from the 2022 Lease Purchase.

b. **FLEET (STORMWATER): ACCOUNT: 193010-58010 AMOUNT: \$71,957**

Approval to purchase one F450 Chassis truck with Dump Body in the amount of \$71,957 from Dick Smith Ford, 7201 Garners Ferry Rd, Columbia, SC 29209. SC State Contract 4400027118. The truck is for the Stormwater Department.

c. **FLEET (STORMWATER): ACCOUNT: 062022-58010 AMOUNT: \$269,721.50**

Approval to purchase two (2) 2022 International HV607 Chassis trucks with 15 Yard Dump Body in the amount of \$269,721.50 from Carolina International Truck, 1619 Bluff Rd., Columbia, SC 29201. SC State Contract #4400024873. These trucks are for the Stormwater Department. Funding will come from the 2022 Lease Purchase.

**d. PUBLIC SERVICE (FLEET): ACCOUNT: 062022-58010 AMOUNT: \$191,830**

Approval to purchase one Pac Mac Graffle Truck 2023 Navistar MV607 in the amount of \$191,830 from CES, 2701 White Horse Rd., Greenville, SC 29611. Sourcewell Contract #040621-HMC. The truck is for the trash division. Funding will come from the 2022 Lease Purchase.

**e. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: ACCOUNT: 235000-52206 AMOUNT: \$617,400**

Approval of Microsoft Cloud Storage Service in the amount of \$617,400 with WH Platts, the Sole Source Vendor, to provide appropriate video storage and archiving for the Police Department's body-worn and vehicle video systems.

**4. BUDGET, FINANCE, AND REVENUE COLLECTIONS: APPROVAL OF THE 2022 MASTER LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING AGREEMENT WITH TD EQUIPMENT FINANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,183,453. 40 CALHOUN ST., CHARLESTON, SC. SOLICITATION NUMBER 22-B001C. [ORDINANCE]**

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

*An ordinance to authorize the execution and delivery of Lease Purchase Agreements with TD Equipment Finance, Inc. in order to provide for the acquisition of various vehicles and associated collateral, various maintenance equipment and associated collateral, Information Technology equipment to include computer, laptop and tablet replacement, and mobile data terminals for Police; to provide the terms and conditions of such Lease Purchase Agreements; to provide for the granting of a security interest to secure all obligations of lessee under the Lease Purchase Agreements; to authorize the execution and delivery of all documents, including one or more Escrow Agreements, necessary or appropriate to the consummation of such Lease Purchase Agreements; and to provide for other matters related thereto.*

**5. BUDGET, FINANCE, AND REVENUE COLLECTIONS: APPROVAL OF WORKERS COMPENSATION EXCESS INSURANCE RENEWAL WITH SAFETY NATIONAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$423,090. RENEWAL OF EXCESS INSURANCE AND THE 22/23 POLICY RUNS APRIL 1, 2022 TO APRIL 1, 2023.**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve Workers Compensation Excess Insurance renewal with Safety National in the amount of \$423,090.

**6. BUDGET, FINANCE, AND REVENUE COLLECTIONS: APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH GFOA TO ASSIST THE CITY OF CHARLESTON IN SELECTION OF A NEW ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP) ADVISORY SERVICES SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$229,500.**

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously approve and Agreement with GFOA to assist the City of Charleston in selection of a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Advisory Services System in the amount of \$229,500.

**7. FIRE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE 2021 FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT (FEMA) AFTER THE FACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,525 FOR SMOKE ALARMS, A FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING PROP., AND CREATING A FIRE PREVENTION VEHICLE. THERE IS A 5% MATCH (\$4,120.24) IN THE FY2022-23 BUDGETS. DEPENDING UPON TIMING OF THE GRANT AWARD, FUNDING WILL NEED TO BE FOUND IN THE 2022 BUDGET OR BUDGETED IN 2023.**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve submittal of the 2021 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant (FEMA) in the amount of \$86,525 for smoke alarms, a fire extinguisher prop., and creating a fire prevention vehicle.

**8. FIRE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE 2022 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,500 FOR CHARLESTON FD COLLAPSE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM. THERE IS NO FINANCIAL IMPACT WITH THIS GRANT IN THE FY22 OR 23 BUDGET. THERE IS NO CITY MATCH REQUIRED.**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve submittal of the 2022 State Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$101,500 for Charleston FD Collapse Search and Rescue team.

**9. MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE AMERICORPS VISTA GRANT AWARD, PROVIDING UP TO 19 AMERICORPS MEMBERS AND 16 SUMMER ASSOCIATES TO SERVE IN THE CHARLESTON COMMUNITY WITH NONPROFITS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOCUSED ON ERADICATING POVERTY. THERE IS NO FISCAL IMPACT. THE COST SHARE WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGH SITE FEES RECEIVED FROM THE PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS.**

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to accept the AmeriCorps Vista Grant Award, providing up to 19 AmeriCorps members and 16 summer associates to serve in the Charleston community with nonprofit organizations focused on eradicating poverty.

**10. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF LOW BATTERY SEAWALL REPAIRS – PHASE III CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH GULF STREAM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,496,256 FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE LOW BATTERY SEAWALL FROM LIMEHOUSE TO KING STREET INCLUDING \$2,729,883.61 OF WORK TO BE FUNDED BY CWS. WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT BUDGET, STAFF IS AUTHORIZED TO AWARD AND OR AMEND CONTRACTS LESS THAN \$40,000, TO THE EXTENT CONTINGENCY FUND EXIST IN THE COUNCIL APPROVED BUDGET. APPROVAL OF THIS WILL INSTITUTE A \$51,303,289.39 PROJECT BUDGET, OF WHICH THE \$21,496,256 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WILL BE FUNDED. THE 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), CWS CONTRIBUTIONS (\$4,876,746) AND A FUTURE HOSPITALITY REVENUE BOND TO COVER THE REST OF THE PROJECT.**

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve Low Battery Seawall Repairs – Phase III Construction Contract with Gulf Stream Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$21,496,256.

**11. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF LOW BATTERY SEAWALL RESTORATION – PHASE III FEE AMENDMENT #10 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$842,381.31 WITH JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN AND THOMPSON, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES RELATED TO PHASE III OF THE LOW BATTERY SEAWALL RESTORATION PROJECT FROM LIMEHOUSE ST. TO KING ST. APPROVAL OF THIS FEE AMENDMENT ADDS 548 DAYS TO THE CONTRACT TIME. APPROVAL OF FEE AMENDMENT #10 WILL INCREASE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT BY \$842,381.31 (FROM \$2,863,471.05 TO \$3,705,852.36). THE 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), CWS CONTRIBUTIONS (\$4,874,746) AND A FUTURE HOSPITALITY REVENUE BOND TO COVER THE REST OF THE PROJECT.**

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve Low Battery Seawall Restoration – Phase III Fee Amendment #10 in the amount of \$842,381.31.

**12. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT RENEWAL BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE CITY OF CHARLESTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO WORK IN COLLABORATION OF RACIAL BIAS AUDIT PLAN. TOTAL COST FOR THE RENEWAL IS \$37,000. THE COST IS BUDGETED FOR IN THE FY22 BUDGET.**

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve an Agreement renewal between the University of South Carolina and the City of Charleston Police Department to work in collaboration of Racial Bias Audit Plan.

**13. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN ELDER ADVOCATE AND RESOURCE SPECIALIST FOR THE CPD VICTIM SERVICES UNITY UNDER THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT GRANT PROGRAM (CONTINUATION) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,975. THE APPLICATION IS DUE ON APRIL 27, 2022. THE PROJECT REQUIRES A 57% CITY MATCH OF \$72,872.**

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve and application for an Elder Advocate and Resource Specialist for the CPD Victim Services Unity under the Victims of Crime Act Grant Program in the amount of \$54,975.

**14. POLICE DEPARTMENT: AFTER-THE-FACT APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TWO PROJECT PROPOSAL WORKSHEETS FOR THE 2022 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT ADMINISTERED THROUGH SLED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$207,000 FOR A MODULAR**

**VEHICLE BARRIER SYSTEM AND \$472,000 FOR A TOTAL CONTAINMENT VESSEL, TOTAL OF \$679,000. THE WORKSHEET WAS DUE FEBRUARY 25, 2022. THERE IS NO CITY MATCH REQUIRED.**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously approve an after the fact submittal of two project worksheets for the 2022 Homeland Security Grant administered through SLED in the amount of \$207,000 for a Modular Vehicle Barrier System and \$472,000 for a Total Containment Vessel, total of \$679,000

**15. LEGAL DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AND THE COASTAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GRAVE MEMORIAL ON THE GAILLARD CENTER GROUNDS ALONG GEORGE STREET. THE COST OF THE MEMORIAL WILL NOT EXCEED \$250,000. FUNDING HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE 2022 HOSPITALITY FUND BUDGET.**

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Charleston and the Coastal Community Foundation regarding the construction of a grave memorial on the Gaillard Center grounds along George Street.

**16. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE (MEETING WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 7, 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 deed and any other necessary documents, approved as to form by the Office of Corporation Counsel, Quit-claiming to Children's Museum of Charleston the City of Charleston's right, title and interest, if any, to that certain portion of property bearing TMS No. 460-16-02-010, and subject to certain exceptions and other matters to be approved by the Office of Corporation Counsel.
- b. Request approval of an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City the Lease Agreement between the City of Charleston and Lucier Enterprises, LLC. The monthly base rent is \$3,816 (\$36 per square foot), with a 3% annual increase. The tenant will also reimburse the City for property taxes, insurance, and CAM. The property is owned by the City of Charleston (401-B King St.)(Suite B in the Francis Marion parking garage retail complex)(TMS No. 460-16-04-008).

Councilmember Appel, Chairman of the Committee on Real Estate, said the first item was a proposal to authorize a Quitclaim Deed for the Children's Museum on Ann Street. He said the information provided led to the ultimate decision to defer to receive a better understanding from the Museum regarding what they wanted to do and their goals to accomplish. Mr. Chairman also commented that there seemed to be a unanimous sentiment among the Committee members. They all agreed that partnering with the Children's Museum was the right thing to do, but a matter of how to get there.

Item 'b' was the approval of a Lease Agreement between the City of Charleston and Lucier Enterprise, LLC. Mr. Chairman said the property was the cigar shop on King Street, next to the Francis Marion. He noted that the tenant had been a stellar tenant for the City over the past years.

The item was approved unanimously. Chairman Appel said if there were cigar lovers in the building, the new shop would be the spot to visit.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the Committee on Real Estate report as presented and considered giving first reading to the following bill:

*An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City a Lease Agreement between the City of Charleston and Lucier Enterprises, LLC.*

Chairman Gregorie recognized Mayor Tecklenburg.

Mayor Tecklenburg made a few notes. He said item six on the Ways and Means agenda would allow the City to pursue a long-needed upgrade of the City's software, including a payroll system. The GFOA group was a wonderful nonprofit group of governments that assisted governments in making analyses and decisions.

Item nine, Mayor Tecklenburg said he didn't know if the new Councilmembers were aware, but the City managed a VISTA Program, a National Program. The individuals were placed with nonprofit organizations within the community at minimal cost to the nonprofit or community organization. This year the City approved 19 people for full-time assistance, and it was as high as 25 people in the past. The volunteers become wonderful assets to the community, and some become full-time City staff.

Item 10 and 11 were remarkable because of the approval of \$21.5m to continue restoration and elevation to the Low Battery Sea Wall.

Lastly, item 15 came before the Special Facilities Committee. The memorial inspired by Dr. Ade Ofunniyin (Dr. O), Director of the Gullah Society, spoke about the skeletal remains of 36 people found during the renovation of the Gaillard Center. The remains were believed to be those of African descent. Mayor Tecklenburg said the memorial would be a spiritual, meaningful, and permanent memorial to the ancestors. He said when he became Mayor, Dr. O visited him. The City had stored the remains in a storage facility in West Ashley. Dr. O, before his passing, convinced the Mayor that more could be done and presented the idea of DNA testing by a scientist from the University of Pennsylvania. The scientist's results were able to show what regions of Africa the 36 individuals came from and some other information. He said the story was very moving and inspirational. Mayor Tecklenburg said within walking distance, there would be a storyboard of Charleston's African-American history to include the opening of the International African American Museum, renovations at the Susie Jackson Memorial Park, and now the memorial for the 36 African descents.

Chairman Gregorie added Mother Emmanuel Way would be full of exhibits and history. He also called attention to an article in Sunday's Post and Courier paper titled, '*Charleston unveils racial equity story map tool*'. He encouraged all of the Councilmembers to read it. Councilmember Gregorie requested the Planning Department and Amber Johnson to give the Councilmembers a quick overview. He said when someone gets interactive with the software, it gave a sense to why it was important for the City to have the Commission because there was data that supported much of the recommendations from the report.

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Velvett Simmons

Assistant Clerk of Council