

Committee on Real Estate

May 23, 2022

A meeting of the Committee on Real Estate was held this date at 2:05 p.m. via Zoom Webinar.

Notice of this meeting was sent to all local news media.

PRESENT

Committee members: Councilmember Appel, Chair, Mayor Tecklenburg, Councilmember Gregg, and Councilmember Shahid.

City Staff: Leigh Bailey, Philip Clapper, Julia Copeland, Magalie Creech, Melissa Cruthirds, Andrea Derungs, Rick Jerue, Mollie Jones, Jason Kronsberg, Christopher Morgan, Mallary Scheer, Geona Shaw Johnson, and Robert Summerfield.

Chair Appel called the meeting to order.

The meeting was opened with an invocation provided by Chair Appel.

Approval of Minutes

- May 9, 2022

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Gregg, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2022 meeting.

a. Request approval for the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Charleston and the Anson Burial Memorial Project Committee.

Ms. Copeland said the Item was an MOU for the Gaillard memorial for the graves that were uncovered there. This MOU, in conjunction with another agreement with the Coastal Community Foundation, would assist the City in community outreach and fundraising. They would be channeled through CCF to pay for the project.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Gregg, the Committee voted unanimously to approve Item A.

b. Request authorization for the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City of Charleston, the Amended Lease Agreement between KOC Investors, LLC and the City of Charleston, extending the term of the lease to April 30, 2023. (529 Meeting Street, SC 29401)

Ms. Shaw Johnson said the City had entered into a lease with the organization to rent 529 Meeting Street at no rental charge, which had served as the center that provided services to persons who were or were at risk of homeless. This amendment would help to set up an interim center called the Hope Center. Those services would continue there. She asked for the Committee's support of the amendment.

Mayor Tecklenburg said he wanted to give a shout out to Hal Kaplan. He allowed the use of the building for no rental charge for forty years. He wanted to thank him for his generosity.

Councilmember Gregg asked for clarification if the City was responsible for \$33,000 worth of HVAC system repair as a part of the lease.

Ms. Johnson said that was an initial estimate, and it would be slightly lower. The new estimate had come back to around \$20,000. The Ways and Means packet for that week had the full budget for the center. There was much work to be done on the building in order to move in.

Councilmember Gregg said it was a really good deal.

Mayor Tecklenburg said Mr. Kaplan's intent with his building was to tear it down, so if they wanted to use it, they had to make do with what they had.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Mayor Tecklenburg, the Committee voted unanimously to approve Item B.

c. Please consider the following annexation:

- (i) **2863 Maybank Highway (1.83 acre) (TMS# 313-00-00-135 and 138), Johns Island, (District 5). The property is owned by Mabank Group LLC.**

Chair Appel recused himself from the Item.

Ms. Jones said the Item was the Low Tide Brewing on Johns Island. It was a commercial property, and it was recommended for General Business. It would be a good annexation for the City.

On a motion of Councilmember Gregg, seconded by Mayor Tecklenburg, the Committee voted unanimously to approve Item C.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Philip Clapper
Clerk of Council's Office