

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

May 25, 2021

A meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means was held this date beginning at 4:37 p.m.

PRESENT (13)

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember Delcioppo	District 1	Councilmember Waring arrived at 4:40 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 Griffin arrived at 4:43 p.m.	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 Mitchell.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 Committee on Ways and Means meeting.

3. BIDS AND PURCHASES:

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the following bids and purchases:

a. FIRE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 210000-58010 AMOUNT: \$55,617

Approval to purchase a 2021 Ford E-350 Van with Utility Body for Technical Services in the amount of \$55,617 from Dick Smith Ford, 7201 Garners Ferry Rd., Columbia, SC 29209. SC Contract #4400024852 & #4400024844.

b. FIRE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 210000/211000-52008 AMOUNT: \$342,554.30

Approval to purchase 110 sets of Globe PPE Turnout Gear from Newton's Fire & Safety Equipment in the amount of \$342,554.30, PO Box 13, Swepsonville, NC 27359. CCPA Contract #2020001104. Of the total dollar amount, \$202,418.45 is coming from 210000 and \$140,135.85 is coming from 211000.

c. PUBLIC SERVICE: ACCOUNT:33100-58010/58015 AMOUNT: \$67,361.30

Approval to purchase a T62T4 Bobcat Compact Track Loader with Hudson HSL16 and Ton Trailer from Clark Equipment Co. DBA Bobcat Company, in the amount of \$67,361.30, 250 E. Beaton Dr., PO Box 6000, West Fargo, ND 58078. Sourcewell Contract #040319-CEC.

d. PARKS DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 523000-58002 AMOUNT: \$47,711.52

Approval to purchase playground equipment for Dereef Park from Kompan, Inc., in the amount of \$47,711.52, 605 W. Howard Lane, Ste. 101, Austin, TX 78753 Omnia Partners Contract #2017001135.

e. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: ACCOUNT: 062020-52740 AMOUNT: \$104,485.22

Approval to purchase GETAC MDT's from NEWCOM for Police Department vehicles in the amount of \$104,485.22. TIPS Contract #200105. Provides thirty (30) Mobile Data Terminals (x28 semi-rugged laptops, x2 semi-rugged tablets) for Police vehicles to replace existing, aged and failing units. Funding from 2020 Lease Purchase.

4. RECREATION DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AND THE CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,660 TO PURCHASE MEALS TO BE SERVED DURING THE SUMMER FOR CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL FREE/REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM. FUNDING IS PROVIDED THROUGH THE SC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AS THE LOCAL SPONSORING AGENCY. THE PROGRAM COMMENCES ON JUNE 21ST AND ENDS ON AUGUST 8, 2021. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilwoman Delcioppo, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a contract between the City of Charleston and the Charleston County School District in the amount of \$33,660 to purchase meals to be served during the summer of children who participate in free/reduced lunch program.

5. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE A 50% CONSTRUCTION COST MATCH, NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGHLAND AVE. FUNDING IS FROM THE 2020 SW SMALL PROJECT ALLOCATION. THE CITY CONTRIBUTION OF \$65,000 IS AVAILABLE WITHIN THE STORMWATER UTILITY BUDGET.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Town of James Island for the City to provide a 50% construction cost match, not to exceed \$65,000 for the construction of drainage improvements on Highland Avenue.

6. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF EHRHARDT STREET DRAINAGE PROJECT FEE AMENDMENT #3 WITH DAVIS & FLOYD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$151,837.00 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING SERVICES, DEVELOPMENT OF FRONT-END CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, BIDDING PHASE SERVICES, AND OPTIONAL SERVICES FOR PERMITTING/COORDINATION FOR THE CLOSURE OF CANNON ST. DURING PROJECT CONSTRUCTION IF NEEDED. APPROVAL OF FEE AMENDMENT #3 WILL INCREASE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT BY \$151,837.00 (FROM \$852,903.00 TO \$1,004,740.00). FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT IS HUD-CDBG-MIT (\$9,964,190.00) AND THE DRAINAGE FUND (\$4,245,646.00).

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the Ehrhardt Street Drainage Project Fee Amendment #3 with Davis & Floyd in the amount of \$151,837 for environmental permitting services, development of front-end contract documents, bidding phase services, and optional services, for permitting/coordination for the closure of Cannon St. during project construction if needed.

7. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE FFY22 SCDPS CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING GRANT FOR \$205,300 IN OVERTIME COSTS THAT WERE CUT FROM THE 2021 BUDGET DUE TO THE IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. THIS APPLICATION IS DUE ON JUNE 4TH. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIRED FOR THIS GRANT.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve submittal of an application to the FFY22 SCDPS Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant for \$205,300 in overtime costs that were cut from the 2021 budget due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

8. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR \$10,000 FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDING, TO SUPPORT THE 2021 FREE VERSE POETRY FESTIVAL. THE PROJECT PERIOD IS 10/15/2021 - 11/15/21. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve submittal of an application for \$10,000 from Charleston County Local Accommodations Tax Funding, to support the 2021 Free Verse Festival.

9. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR \$10,000 FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDING, TO SUPPORT THE 2021 HOLIDAY MAGIC IN HISTORIC CHARLESTON. THE PROJECT PERIOD IS 12/1/2021 – 12/31/2021. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve submittal of an application for \$10,000 from Charleston County Local Accommodations Tax Funding, to support the 2021 Holiday Magic in Historic Charleston.

10. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR \$15,000 FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDING, TO SUPPORT THE 2022 PICCOLO SPOLETO FESTIVAL. THE PROJECT PERIOD IS 5/27/2022 – 6/12/2022. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve submittal of an application for \$15,000 from Charleston County Local Accommodations Tax Funding, to support the 2022 Piccolo Spoleto Festival.

11. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR \$15,000 FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDING, TO SUPPORT THE 2021 MOJA ARTS FESTIVAL. THE PROJECT PERIOD IS 9/30/2021 – 10/10/2021. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve submittal of an application for \$15,000 from Charleston County Local Accommodations Tax Funding, to support the 2021 Moja Arts Festival.

12. STORMWATER/PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF LOW BATTERY SEAWALL RESTORATION PHASE III FEE AMENDMENT #9 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$417,773.00 WITH JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN, AND THOMPSON, INC., FOR ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO PHASE III OF THE LOW BATTERY SEAWALL RESTORATION PROJECT FROM LIMEHOUSE ST. TO KING ST. APPROVAL OF THIS FEE AMENDMENT ADDS 365 DAYS TO THE CONTRACT TIME. APPROVAL OF FEE AMENDMENT #9 WILL INCREASE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT BY \$417,773.00 (FROM \$2,445,698.05 TO \$2,863,471.05). THE FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: HOSPITALITY FUNDS (\$17,077,901.53), MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDS (\$15,651,479.68), AND CHARLESTON COUNTY ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FEES (\$400,000.00).

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilwoman Delcioppo, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve Low Battery Seawall Restoration Phase III Fee Amendment #9 in the amount of \$417,773 with Johnson, Mirmiran, and Thompson, Inc., for engineering and design services related to Phase III of the Low Battery Seawall Restoration project from Limehouse St. to King St.

13. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL TO DANIEL ISLAND RECREATION CENTER INCREASE TO P160074 WITH BRUNSWICK CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66.03 DUE TO THE APPLICABLE SALES TAX ON THE FREIGHT FOR MATERIALS THAT WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL QUOTE. APPROVAL TO INCREASE P160074 WILL INCREASE THE PO AMOUNT BY \$66.03 (FROM \$49,132.83 TO \$49,198.86). FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: 2015 IPRB (\$7,392,186.00) AND 2017 IPRB (\$5,000,000.00).

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve Daniel Island Recreation Center increase to P160074 with Brunswick Corporation in the amount of \$66.03 due to the applicable sales tax on the freight for materials that were not included in the original quote.

14. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF TROLLEY BARN PARKING LOT LIGHTING AGREEMENT WITH DOMINION ENERGY FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF 8 LIGHTS WITH AN INSTALLATION COST OF \$1,908.31. THE AGREEMENT SETS THE MONTHLY FEE AT \$360.96 PER MONTH FOR THE FULL INITIAL TERM OF THE AGREEMENT (10 YEARS). APPROVAL OF THE LIGHTING AGREEMENT WILL OBLIGATE \$1,908.31 OF THE PROJECT BUDGET OF \$935,000.00 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE LIGHTS. FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE CONTRIBUTIONS (\$400,000.00), AND THE PARKING FUND (\$535,000.00). THIS AGREEMENT WILL ALSO OBLIGATE \$360.96 PER MONTH (\$4,331.52 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 Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the Trolley Barn Parking Lot Lighting Agreement with Dominion Energy for the installation and maintenance of 8 lights with an installation cost of \$1,908.31.

15. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FEE AMENDMENT #10 WITH MOODY NOLAN, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$282,167.69 FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES RELATED TO A 4-MONTH TIME EXTENSION BEING PROVIDED TO THE CMAR FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT. APPROVAL OF FEE AMENDMENT #10 WILL INCREASE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BY \$282,167.69 (FROM \$11,459,557.00 TO \$11,741,724.69). FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: ACCOMMODATIONS TAX (\$13,200,000.00), CHARLESTON COUNTY ACCOMMODATIONS TAX (\$12,500,000.00), STATE FUNDING (\$14,000,000.00), IAAM CONTRIBUTIONS (\$53,000,000.00).

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the International African American Museum Professional Services contract Fee Amendment #10 with Moody Nolan, Inc. in the amount of \$282,167.69 for additional construction administration services related to a 4-month time extension being provided to the CMAR for the completion of the construction contract.

16. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FEE AMENDMENT #2 TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WITH CUMMING CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$169,804.00 FOR AN EXTENSION OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO OCTOBER 31, 2021, BUDGET ANALYSIS AND RECONCILIATION SERVICES BY CS&L, AND SCHEDULE REVIEWS AND CLAIM/COR REVIEW BY PALMETTO SCHEDULING. APPROVAL OF FEE AMENDMENT #2 WILL INCREASE THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT BY \$169,804.00 (FROM \$1,064,181.00 TO \$1,233,985.00). FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: ACCOMMODATIONS TAX (\$13,200,000.00), CHARLESTON COUNTY ACCOMMODATIONS TAX (\$12,500,000.00), STATE FUNDING (\$14,000,000.00), IAAM CONTRIBUTIONS (\$53,000,000.00). [ADDITIONAL EXPENSES ARE TO BE COVERED BY THE IAAM.]

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the International African American Museum Construction Management contract with Cumming Construction Management, Inc. in the amount of \$169,804 for an extension of program management services to October 31, 2021, budget analysis and reconciliation services by CS&L, and schedule reviews and claim/COR review by Palmetto Scheduling.

17. TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION: APPROVAL OF THE PARKING ENFORCEMENT DISPATCH MOA BETWEEN CHARLESTON COUNTY CONSOLIDATED 911 AND THE CITY OF CHARLESTON. THE CURRENT COST FOR THE MOA BETWEEN CHARLESTON COUNTY CONSOL. 911 AND THE CITY OF CHARLESTON HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. (\$8,764 FOR YEAR 2021 AND \$8,762 FOR YEAR 2022=\$17,532). THIS WILL INCLUDE- ONE COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) SUBSCRIPTION, CAD MAPPING ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND UPDATES AS NEEDED, UPDATES TO GIS FILES IN CAD SYSTEM, ALL IT CONNECTIONS AND PROCESSING FOR FUNCTIONALITY. THIS SYSTEM IS NEEDED TO ENSURE ACCURACY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND DOCUMENTATION OF CALLS FOR SERVICES, VEHICLES TOWED/BOOTED, STAFF MEMBERS' SHIFTS, FOIA REQUEST, ETC. THE CAD SYSTEM IS CURRENTLY USED BY EMS, FIRE, AND POLICE NATIONWIDE. COST FOR SERVICES PER AGREEMENT FOR 2021 SHALL BE COVERED BY A FUTURE BUDGET

TRANSFER. COSTS IN FUTURE YEARS WILL BE INCLUDED AS A PART OF THE BUDGET PROCESS.

On a motion of Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the Parking Enforcement Dispatch MOA between Charleston County Consolidated 911 and the City of Charleston.

18. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES FOR THE EQUITABLE ECONOMIC MOBILITY INITIATIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND GRANT OPPORTUNITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000. FUNDING WOULD BE FOR PLANNING AND EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL EFFORTS. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIRED FOR THE CITY.

On a motion of Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve submittal of an application to the National League of Cities for the equitable Economic Mobility Initiative Technical Assistance and Grant Opportunity in the amount of \$25,000.

19. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE (MEETING WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021 AT 2:30 P.M., CONFERENCE CALL: 1-929-205-6099; ACCESS CODE: 835 678 884)

- a. Request approval authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City three Easements to Dominion in order to construct, maintain, operate, replace, and alter thereon and thereunder one or more lines for the transmission or distribution of electric energy, a line or lines of pipe to be buried to such depth so that it will not interfere with ordinary cultivation of said land, with valves, tieovers and appurtenant facilities, for the transportation of gas, oil petroleum products or any other liquids, gases or substances which can be transported through a pipe line. The property is owned by the City of Charleston. (TMS No. 457-07-04-034) (The SW Corner of Chisolm Street), (TMS No. 457-03-01-096) (The NW corner adjacent to Ashley Avenue), (TMS No. 352-10-00-001) (The SW Corner of 1350 Orange Grove Road).
- b. Request authorization for the Mayor to execute any necessary documents and take any necessary action to accept, on behalf of the City of Charleston, a temporary construction easement over property owned by The Citadel Trust, Inc., for the renovations to Stoney Field. The property is owned by the Citadel Trust, Inc. (TMS No. 460-00-00-031) (Northwest corner of Hagood Avenue and Fishburne Street).
- c. An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2019-128, adopted December 3, 2019, by authorizing the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City of Charleston, that certain Fourth Amendment to Option to Lease by and among the City of Charleston, as landlord; and Flatiron Partners, LLC and Classic Development Company, LLC, as tenants, under which the Ground Lease attached to the Option is revised to include language required by lender(s) for the development of the James Lewis, Jr. Apartment site.
- d. Request authorization for the Mayor to execute a Declaration of Easements and take any other necessary action to memorialize the existence of a new permanent 40' City of Charleston subsurface tunnel easement and a new permanent variable width drainage easement on property owned by the City, commonly known as Harmon Field. (201 President Street) (TMS No. 460-07-03-001).

- e. Request authorization for the City to take all necessary actions and execute all necessary documents to accept a drainage easement from St. James Church, James Island, S.C., over property designated as Charleston County TMS No. 425-01-00-032, as shown on pertinent plat. The property is owned by St. James Church, James Island, S.C. (Camp Road; TMS No. 425-01-00-032)
- f. Consider the following annexation:
 - (i) 1453 S Edgewater Drive (0.47 acre) (TMS# 349-13-00-008), West Ashley, (District 11). The property is owned by Constantine D and Cherie A Liollo.

Councilmember Shahid, Chair of The Committee on Real Estate, said item 'a' was a request for the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City the First Amendment to the Transfer Agreement between the City and JJR Development, LLC regarding property located at 67 America Street. The Transfer Agreement expired, and the request was for an extension to allow the contractors to do their due diligence. Six single-family homes would be developed on the property. Chairman Shahid referred to Mrs. Geona Shaw Johnson if Council had any questions. Item 'a' was approved unanimously.

Item 'b' was a request for the Mayor to execute the necessary documents for the purchase of 3, 5, 7, and 9 Cunnington Avenue for \$1,425,000. The 1.45-acre property was in the Neck area of the City and would provide for the erection of 15 rental apartments and to relocate the Navigation Center to the property. Item 'b' was approved unanimously.

Item 'c' was the approval for a Second Amendment to the Management Agreement between the City and 22 West Edge. The item was approved unanimously.

The next item was a request of authorization for the Mayor to execute a permanent easement between the City and the Commissioners of Public Works to address the Wastewater Tunnels and Wastewater Tunnel Shafts. Mr. Fountain was available to answer questions.

Councilmember Shahid said the final item was a request for the Mayor to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement of property located at 0 Canal Street for the Stormwater Department to use for long-term drainage protection of Lockwood Boulevard in the amount of \$43,500. The item was approved unanimously.

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

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2020-007 by authorizing the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City of Charleston ("City"), the First Amendment to the Transfer Agreement between the City and JJR Development, LLC, to permit the closing on the transfer of property located at 67 America Street and currently designated as Charleston County TMS No. 459-09- 02-132 from the City to JJR Development, LLC to occur on or before September 30, 2021, and by authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to consummate the transaction described in the Transfer Agreement, as amended.

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Charleston a Permanent Easement between the City of Charleston and the Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Charleston whereby the City grants to the Charleston Water System (CWS) a Permanent Utility/Access Easement attached to this Ordinance and incorporated herein for property owned by the City on Murray Boulevard in the City of Charleston, as shown on attached Exhibit A, and subject to the permitted exceptions set for in attached Exhibit B, for consideration of the sum of one million and no/100 dollars.

Councilmember Seekings asked how the price was calculated for the purchase of 0 Canal Street, which was marshland. Councilmember Shahid said the property were based upon the County assessment on the tax records. Councilwoman Jackson said there was several discussions about the same topic, and during due diligence the price would be worked out if the property had the value that the County assessed it at. Councilmember Seekings challenged Council to find property nearby.

Councilmember Shahid said the Committee on Real Estate went into Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of property for public safety purposes and negotiations regarding purchase of a property with Greenbelt grant. No action was taken on either items.

Mayor Tecklenburg pointed out for the benefit of the public who attended the meeting that the list of items on the agenda were presented and read by Council prior to the meeting. For example, Council approved the purchase of meals to be provided for the City's Summer Camps for children who participate. The drainage project in cooperation with the Town of James Island would be talked about more in the Public Works Committee report. To further speed the process of the Low Battery Seawall, the City combined Phases III and IV into one phase to proceed with the engineering he further noted, one of the purchases of property included a permanent home for the Navigation Center, which was important in the City for providing services to those who experienced homelessness. The Mayor said the Councilmembers went through the agenda quickly, but he assured the public there were some notable projects being worked on throughout the City. Councilmember Gregorie thanked the Mayor for reminding the audience.

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Velvett Simmons
Deputy Clerk of Council