

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

June 19, 2018

A meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means was held this date at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT (12)

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember White -- <i>absent</i>	District 1	Councilmember Waring	District 7
Councilmember Shealy	District 2	Councilmember Seekings	District 8
Councilmember Lewis	District 3	Councilmember Shahid	District 9
Councilmember Mitchell	District 4	Councilmember Griffin	District 10
Councilmember Wagner	District 5	Councilmember Moody	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie	District 6	Councilmember Jackson	District 12

1. INVOCATION:

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2018 Committee on Ways and Means meeting.

3. BIDS AND PURCHASES:

Councilmember Moody said it looked like something was missing because only the monitors and keyboards were shown in the material. He wanted to make sure he knew how many computers would be provided. Gary Cooper, Director of Procurement, said they received the information from Information Technology, and the information may have been left off. He explained that on the cover of the routing form, the City would be buying 100 Dell Desktop PC's. Councilmember Moody asked if the computers would be around \$1,000 a piece, and Mr. Cooper confirmed.

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember Waring, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the bids and purchases as follows:

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: ACCOUNT:062018-52740 APPROPRIATION: \$135,586.15

Approval of the purchase of Dell Computers as part of the City's annual PC 5-year rotation cycle; State Contract #4400011358. This provides 100 Dell Desktop PCs at \$1,355.86 each as part of the City's annual rotation of PCs on a new 5-year (previously 4-year) rotation cycle; Lease-Purchase.

4. BUDGET FINANCE AND REVENUE COLLECTIONS: APPROVAL OF A 5-YEAR LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,006,132.42 FOR THE PURCHASE OF RADIOS FOR POLICE, FIRE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT STAFF. CURRENT RADIOS HAVE BECOME OBSOLETE, REQUIRING NEW AND UPDATED RADIOS. THE FIRST PAYMENT WILL NOT BE DUE UNTIL 2019. LEASE PAYMENTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE 2019 BUDGET. [ORDINANCE]

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

An ordinance to authorize the execution and delivery of Lease/Purchase and Security Agreements with Motorola Solutions Credit Company LLC in order to provide for the acquisition of certain police and fire radio equipment; to provide the terms and conditions of such Lease/Purchase and Security Agreements; to provide for the granting of a Security Interest to secure all obligations of Lessee under the Lease/Purchase and Security Agreements; to authorize the execution and delivery of all documents necessary or appropriate to the consummation of such Lease/Purchase and Security Agreements; and to provide for other matters related thereto.

5. BUDGET FINANCE AND REVENUE COLLECTIONS: APPROVAL OF A FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FIRST TRYON FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000 TO PREPARE A CAPITAL PLANNING MODEL FOR DRAINAGE PROJECTS. THIS MODEL WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE OUR CURRENT CAPACITY AND LONG-TERM FINANCING NEEDS, WHICH MAY AID THE CITY IN APPLYING FOR FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES. THIS IS A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT. FUNDS WILL COME FROM THE 2012 STORMWATER BOND.

Councilmember Moody said he wanted to find out how this worked with regards to the City's Master Drainage Plan. His understanding was that if the City was going to complete a Master Drainage Plan before they started figuring out how much money was needed and for which projects.

Mayor Tecklenburg said the City had a lot of drainage projects already both in execution and in the planning phase, including the completion of the Fishburne tunnel, the Ashley West project, prospective projects in the Church Creek Drainage Basin, and even the Low Battery Seawall. Even with what the City had on the table, they felt like they needed some assistance in looking at the scheduling, the financing, and the fundraising for all of these projects. Having this assistance from Tryon Financial Group would help the City in grant applications to the SIB Board and to the State and Federal authorities to map out what the City's financial needs were in order to put the drainage projects into effect. He

thought it would be very positive for the City's overall effort.

Councilmember Moody said he understood, but the City said in December it was going to work on a Master Drainage Plan that was going to cover the whole City. Now they were trying to put stuff in line that they had not even decided necessarily needed to be in line. He said that was what he was trying to figure out as he reviewed the material. Mayor Tecklenburg said the City did not have an official report on this agenda, but their Resiliency Committee had met the previous week, and they had an update from Mark Wilbert about the City's sea level rise strategies. By August, the City would have a more complete update that would be brought back to the Committee and the entire Council. This update would include ballpark estimates for all of the projects the City had on the drawing board for some time. He felt like it was not too early for the City to move ahead with the financial planning and management for what the City knew already. Councilmember Moody asked why the City was spending half a million dollars on a Master Drainage Plan if the City already had everything in order and had already decided what it was going to do.

Councilwoman Jackson said each one of the City's drainage planning expenses could be plugged in, and then the City could do the 'what-ifs.' She said if the City knew it needed a million dollars here, they would know where they would have money eligible from existing funds, and what their fundraising capacity would be. The way she understood it, it was a model that would serve the City well as it enhanced and built out its overall drainage plan, starting with the ability to anticipate what funding needs the City had.

Councilmember Moody said his notes from the 2018 Stormwater Budget was that it included four new positions, and the budget would support the work order management system. Additionally, in order to address the flooding problems, the Director of Public Service would issue a request for qualifications to secure a firm that would be charged with updating the City's drainage plan, provide project management services, and after the City identified all of the challenges, they would get a sense of cost. It would also include coordination of efforts, so that they did not create or transfer a problem from one neighborhood to the other, and it would also include applying for grants. Because this was what was approved in the City's Stormwater Budget, it seemed to him like some of this was flipped around.

Laura Cabiness, Director of Public Service, said she thought this work would be complimentary. So, the City would not redo the work. If this firm did it, the City would not deal with the program management.

Councilmember Seekings said he had spoken with Amy Wharton, CFO, and First Tryon had done work for the City before. They would just be getting the City's financial ducks in a row to look at all financing opportunities that were out there. As the City went back and set priorities for its flooding issues, they needed to get ahead of prioritization. Once the City had these in line, they needed to know how they were going to finance all of them. He thought First Tryon had lots of experience doing this, and this was probably the right group to get the City going. He said he was enthusiastically in favor of this to get the City's team moving forward, knowing they had someone behind them looking for all possibilities for funding for what were some largescale, needed drainage projects throughout the entire

City.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a Financial Advisory Services Agreement with First Tryon Financial Advisory Services in the amount of \$75,000 to prepare a Capital Planning Model for drainage projects.

6. BUDGET FINANCE AND REVENUE COLLECTIONS: APPROVAL OF A BUDGET TRANSFER FOR THE OPERATION OF 529 MEETING STREET FOR THE SUPPORT OF PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR THOSE AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS. EXPENSES INCLUDE INSURANCE, PROPERTY TAXES, AND UTILITIES TO OPERATE THE BUILDING. THE LEASE WITH KQC INVESTORS, LLC AND LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH WE ARE FAMILY WERE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY COUNCIL. THIS IS AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET TRANSFER FROM NON-DEPARTMENTAL CONTINGENCIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a budget transfer for the operation of 529 Meeting Street for the support of persons experiencing homelessness or those at risk of homelessness.

7. FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE 2018 PORT SECURITY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$479,697 FOR EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES. THERE IS A REQUEST TO BUDGET A CASH MATCH OF \$119,924 FOR 2019.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to submit the 2018 Port Security Grant in the amount of \$479,697 for equipment and supplies.

8. PARKS: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE 2018 LOWE'S COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT IN THE REQUESTED AMOUNT OF \$20,000. PROGRAM FUNDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN BY CHARLESTON PARKS CONSERVANCY AT CORRINE JONES PARK. DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS, THE LOWE'S COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT WAS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED ON MAY 29, 2018. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.

Councilmember Seekings said that, as with many Ways and Means agendas, they had a number of items that were Parks and Recreation related, which was good because they provided core services to the City. He said they were coming into budget season, and there had been a lot of talk about what the City was going to be doing with its parks going forward. The City had recently purchased the Lowline, the tracks were gone, and it was open. Moultrie Playground was also coming online, and the City had spent a lot of time in its charrettes on the bikeway and Greenway in West Ashley. The City also had needs on Johns Island. He said he thought that it was time the City put together a master plan for Parks and Recreation. He thought it was a good time to ask Councilmember Gregorie

and the Recreation Committee to get the City pointed in the right direction, so they had a long-term plan going forward. He thought this would be a good time for it to happen as they would be looking at what the City would be doing long-term in terms of acquisition of parks land on places like Johns Island, and a parks improvement plan for the Lowline, the Greenway, and the bikeway. There were a lot of requirements on these, and he would like to have a master plan with some identified prioritization and needs for funding sources. He said he would enthusiastically support this matter, but asked that Councilmember Gregorie and the Recreation Committee send them something about the Master Plan, so it could be worked on during the budget season.

Councilmember Gregorie said they have had some light discussions with regards to the Master Plan, and they would be taking it up again. Vice Chairman Lewis added they had discussion about approving all of the park houses and playgrounds, and it was something on which the City would continue to work and look at.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to submit the 2018 Lowe's Community Partnership Grant in the requested amount of \$20,000.

9. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR \$5,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE JOANNA FOUNDATION, TO SUPPORT THE 2018 MOJA ARTS FESTIVAL EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH INITIATIVE. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to apply for \$5,000 in funding from The Joanna Foundation, to support the 2018 MOJA Arts Festival Educational Outreach Initiative.

10. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,354 FROM SOUTH ARTS. GRANT FUNDS WILL SUPPORT LITERARY PROGRAMS OF THE 2018 FREE VERSE FESTIVAL. A 1:1 CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED. MATCHING FUNDS WILL COME FROM CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS.

On a motion of Councilwoman Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to accept a grant award in the amount of \$2,354 from South Arts.

11. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR \$5,000 FROM THE JERRY AND ANITA ZUCKER FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE COASTAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. FUNDS WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT OUTREACH PROGRAMMING OF THE 2018 PICCOLO SPOLETO FESTIVAL. DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINT, THIS GRANT APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED ON JUNE 11, 2018. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to apply for \$5,000 from the Jerry and Anita Zucker

Family Endowment Fund of the Coastal Community Foundation.

12. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM (2018-2019 TOURISM ADVERTISING GRANT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,376. FUNDS WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT TOURISM ADVERTISING FUNDING FOR THE 2018 MOJA ARTS FESTIVAL. A CITY MATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,914.91 IS REQUIRED. MATCHING FUNDS WILL COME FROM CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS AND PAID ADMISSIONS.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to accept funds from the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism (2018-2019 Tourism Advertising Grant) in the amount of \$5,376.

13. TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION (AND MATCHING FUNDS) TO THE 2018 BUILD DISCRETIONARY GRANTS PROGRAM TO FUND THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SHARED USE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN STANDALONE BRIDGE ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING ASHLEY RIVER BRIDGE, INCLUDING A CONTRACT WITH HDR ENGINEERING TO PREPARE A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF THE ROADWAY, BRIDGE APPROACHES AND BRIDGE LIFT SPAN THAT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE GRANT APPLICATION. THE APPLICATION IS DUE JULY 19, 2018 AND WHILE LAST YEAR'S SUBMISSION IS BEING REVISED FOR THIS YEAR'S ROUND, IT IS NOT COMPLETE AT THIS TIME. THE CITY MATCH OF \$1.5 MILLION WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE 2019 BUDGET. WITH APPROVAL OF THIS GRANT APPLICATION, CITY COUNCIL IS ALSO APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH HDR ENGINEERING TO BEGIN WORK ON THE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN THAT WILL BE INCLUDED WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION. FUNDING FOR THE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN CONTRACT WILL COME FROM 2017 GENERAL FUND RESERVES AND WILL BE INCLUDED IN A FUTURE BUDGET AMENDMENT.

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to submit an application (and matching funds) to the 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grants Program to fund the design and construction of a shared use bicycle and pedestrian standalone bridge adjacent to the existing Ashley River Bridge, including a contract with HDR Engineering to prepare a conceptual design of the roadway, bridge approaches and bridge lift span that will be included in the grant application.

14. RECREATION: APPROVAL OF THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AND THE CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,230 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. THIS IS AN AFTER-THE-FACT APPROVAL.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the Summer Food Service Program contract between

the City of Charleston and the Charleston County School District in the amount of \$109,230 to purchase meals to be served during the summer for children who participate in the school free/reduced lunch program.

15. RECREATION: AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR THE USDA SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM FROM S.C. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. THIS WILL ALLOW THE CITY TO OFFER THE USDA SUMMER FEEDING SERVICE PROGRAM. THE EFFECTIVE DATE IS JUNE 4TH THROUGH AUGUST 3, 2018. DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS, THIS GRANT APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED ON MAY 25TH. 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 to apply for the USDA Summer Feeding Program from S.C. Department of Education.

16. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF THE ATTACHED LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH TRIDENT TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

Councilmember Moody asked if this was just for the Palmer Campus, or if it was a Mutual Agreement with all of the campuses of Trident Tech. The Clerk said it was just the Palmer Campus.

On a motion of Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Agreement with Trident Technical College.

17. PUBLIC SERVICE: APPROVAL OF MORRISON DRIVE CHECK VALVE CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH B&C LAND DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,112 TO INSTALL AN EARTHEN BERM WITHIN SCDOT RIGHT-OF-WAY TO PREVENT TIDAL FLOODING IN LOW AREAS OF MORRISON DRIVE. THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE OF \$28,112 TO THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT (\$212,387 TO \$240,490). FUNDING FOR THIS WILL COME FROM THE DRAINAGE FUND.

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve Morrison Drive Check Valve Change Order #1 with B&C Land Development in the amount of \$28,112 to install an earthen berm within SCDOT right-of-way to prevent tidal flooding in low areas of Morrison Drive.

18. PUBLIC SERVICE: APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH PALMETTO GUNITE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,107 TO INSTALL THREE NEW MANHOLES AT THE BRICK ARCH ALONG SMITH STREET DUE TO ACCESS ISSUES AND UTILITY DAMAGES ALONG THE WALL. FUNDING WILL COME FROM THE DRAINAGE FUND.

On a motion of Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Waring, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a contract with Palmetto Gunite in the amount of

\$76,107 to install three new manholes at the brick arch along Smith Street due to access issues and utility damages along the wall.

19. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF TROLLEY BARN PARKING LOT FEE AMENDMENT #3 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,300 FOR BIDDING AND NEGOTIATING, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND A REIMBURSABLE ALLOWANCE OF THE ENGINEER'S SCOPE OF SERVICE. THIS AMENDMENT ALSO INCREASES THE CONTRACT TIME BY 846 DAYS TO MAKE THE DATE OF COMPLETION (APRIL 1, 2019) IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE ACTUAL TIMELINE OF THE PROJECT. THE APPROVAL OF FEE AMENDMENT #3 WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE OF \$9,300 TO THE STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO \$72,290. THE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THIS PROJECT IS THE PARKING FUND.

Councilmember Moody asked what the use was for the parking area. Mayor Tecklenburg said the parking area was immediately behind the School for the Building Arts. Councilmember Moody asked if the area was for them or if it was for a development. Mayor Tecklenburg said he believed it was for a combination of the South Carolina Research Authority and the School of the Building Arts. Councilmember Moody asked if this space would be leased to them. Colleen Carducci, Director of Real Estate Management, stated they currently had an agreement with Meeting Street Academy that could use it as parking for the school. The original intention was to make some parking available for the School of the Building Arts. There wasn't an Agreement to that effect currently, but the City knew parking would be needed when it was built. The City also had the police station in the SC Research Authority's Innovation Center. The City would have police vehicles parking there, as well. Councilmember Moody asked if the City had leases with Meeting Street Academy, or if the City was just providing spaces to them? Ms. Carducci said there was an agreement that they would pay for the spaces that they use. Councilmember Moody asked if the City would recover the costs, and Ms. Carducci confirmed that was the anticipation.

Vice Chairman Lewis asked if the City did not have enough parking spaces for the police cars at the center on Meeting Street. Ms. Carducci said they parked there now, and some of the vehicles for those with double shifts were parked at 180 Lockwood, but they could be moved back if there was space. If the Police wanted to park more vehicles there, they could. Vice Chairman Lewis said it seemed like they had a lot of space, plus they had been parking on Cooper Street.

On a motion of Councilwoman Waring, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted to approve of Trolley Barn Parking Lot Fee Amendment #3 to the Professional Services Contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. in the amount of \$9,300 for bidding and negotiating, construction administration and a reimbursable allowance of the engineer's scope of service.

The vote was not unanimous. Councilmember Lewis voted nay.

20. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$345,432 FOR FOUR GENERATORS AT FIVE FIRE STATIONS (#2 & 3, #8, #12, AND #17). THIS WOULD BE MATCHED WITH \$115,151 IN CITY FUNDING, FOR PURCHASING AND INSTALLING STATIONARY GENERATORS FOR MITIGATION OF FUTURE HAZARDS AT THE STATIONS. THE APPROVAL OF THE GRANT AWARD WILL INSTITUTE A \$460,583 PROJECT BUDGET. THE FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE PROJECT ARE: FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FUNDS (\$345,432), 2012 GENERAL FUND RESERVES (\$62,864.74), 2013 GF RESERVES (\$30,858.26), AND 2015 GF RESERVES (\$21,428).

On a motion of Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to accept the Federal funding in the amount of \$345,432 for four generators at five Fire Stations (#2 & 3, #8, #12, and #17).

21. PUBLIC SERVICE: APPROVAL OF COLUMBUS ST. TERMINAL/REID ST. CHECK VALVE PROJECT CO#1 WITH B&C LAND DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,184 TO INSTALL A CHECK VALVE ON THE STORM DRAINAGE OUTFALL WITHIN SPA PROPERTY. THE VALVE LOCATION WAS CHANGED DUE TO A LARGE DUCT BANK AT THE ORIGINAL LOCATION DICTATED BY SPA. THE APPROVAL OF CO #1 WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE OF \$18,184 TO THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT (\$85,323 TO \$103,507). FUNDING FOR THIS WILL COME FROM THE DRAINAGE FUND.

Councilmember Seekings said this was another in a series of check valves that were being placed around the Peninsula. This one, in particular, was one of the largest drainpipes in the whole City, and once this check valve was installed on the Eastside, it would protect the Eastside from some of the worst flooding. Councilmember Seekings said one could actually walk through the drain pipe. It was massive, and he thought it was the biggest valve they would put into the whole process. He also thought Drake Street was in line to get repaved. He said this was an area that really needed some help, and they would see improvements in the community.

Councilmember Mitchell said this was the area he represented, and it flooded a lot. He was glad that the City was doing something to try and relieve the Eastside.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Waring, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve Columbus St. Terminal/Reid St. Check Valve Project CO#1 with B&C Land Development in the amount of \$18,184 to install a check valve on the storm drainage outfall within SPA property.

22. PUBLIC SERVICE: APPROVAL OF THE BARBERRY WOODS IMPROVEMENT-DESIGN/ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DAVIS & FLOYD, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,920 FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BARBERRY WOODS AREA OF JOHNS ISLAND. FUNDING FOR THIS WILL COME FROM THE DRAINAGE FUND.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the Barberry Woods Improvement-Design/Engineering professional services contract with Davis & Floyd, Inc. in the amount of \$50,920 for architectural and engineering services for drainage improvements in the Barberry Woods area of Johns Island.

23. PUBLIC SERVICE: APPROVAL OF GEORGE GRIFFITH CANAL CHECK VALVE PROJECT CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH SEA ISLAND LAND DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$103,717.68 TO CLEAR DEBRIS, LINE PIPES AND ADD ALUMINUM TRASH RACKS TO PREVENT FUTURE CLOGGING OF VALVES. THE APPROVAL OF CO #1 WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE OF \$103,717.68 TO THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT (\$119,999.99 TO \$223,717.67). FUNDING FOR THIS WILL COME FROM THE DRAINAGE FUND.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the George Griffith Canal Check Valve Project Change Order #1 with Sea Island Land Development in the amount of \$103,717.68 to clear debris, line pipes and add aluminum trash racks to prevent future clogging of valves.

24. PUBLIC SERVICE: APPROVAL FOR B&C LAND DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY REPAIR SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,144 TO THE MEETING AND CUMBERLAND STORM DRAIN FOR A BRICK ARCH FAILURE AT THE REFERENCED INTERSECTION. THE WORK IS COMPLETE. THE EXTENT OF THE ARCH COLLAPSE NECESSITATED IMMEDIATE REPAIR TO PREVENT POSSIBLE ROAD FAILURE.

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve for B&C Land Development to provide emergency repair services in the amount of \$68,144 to the Meeting and Cumberland Storm Drain for a brick arch failure at the referenced intersection.

25. LEGAL: APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH TOYA HAMPTON, ATTORNEY AT LAW, LLC TO PERFORM REAL ESTATE CLOSINGS FOR HOMES PURCHASED UNDER THE FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN GRANT. FUNDING FOR THESE SERVICES WILL BE PAID FROM THE GRANT (80%) AND THE DRAINAGE FUND (20%). THE ATTORNEY'S FEES WILL NOT EXCEED \$500 PER CLOSING WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION. CUSTOMARY CHANGES FOR TITLE BINDER, TITLE SEARCHES AND OTHER CLOSING COSTS.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve an agreement with Toya Hampton, Attorney at Law, LLC to perform real estate closing for homes purchased under the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant.

26. TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS WITH MARK RYERSON, JASON LLEWELLYN, SASSYASS COFFEE, CHUN HONG CHAN, AND KING OF POPS FOR CERTAIN DESIGNATED SPACES WITHIN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON FROM WHICH FOOD

OR DRINK OR READING MATERIAL SOLD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SALE OF FOOD OR DRINK MAY BE SOLD FROM STATIONARY CARTS OR OTHER DEVICES.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to recommend give first reading to the following ordinance:

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Charleston Franchise Agreements with Mark Ryerson, Jason Llewellyn, Sassyass Coffee, Chun Hong Chan, and King of Pops for certain designated spaces within the City of Charleston from which food or drink or reading material sold in conjunction with the sale of food or drink may be sold from stationary carts or other devices.

27. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE: (MEETING WAS HELD JUNE 19, 2018 AT 3:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL, 80 BROAD STREET, FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM)

- a. Approval to enter into a Special Use Permit with the U.S. National Park Service for the First Day Festival at Liberty Square. The Permit begins at 5:00 a.m. on August 10, 2018 and ends at 7:00 p.m. on August 12, 2018. There is no fee associated with the Permit. The City must leave the area in the same condition as it was found.
- b. Request authorization to execute the Amendment to Lease Agreement whereby the lease term for the mobile unit used as a Police training classroom is extended to May 31, 2021. (TMS: 210-00-00-171; 277 Varnes Road)
- c. Request authorization to execute the Amendment to Lease Agreement whereby the lease term for the mobile unit used as a Fire training classroom is extended to May 31, 2021. (TMS: 466-00-00-001; 1950 Milford Street)
- d. Approval of a Temporary Access and Sand Disposal Agreement and Permanent Jetty Access Agreement with South Carolina State Ports Authority for stabilization of Morris Island Jetty (TMS: 450-00-00-013) (**DEFERRED**)
- e. Update on acquisition related to the Clements Ferry Road Fire Station location. Action may or may not be taken. (**The Committee approved moving forward with the purchase.**)
- f. Consider the following annexations:
 - (i) 1144 Crull Drive (TMS# 351-16-00-086) 0.28 acre, West Ashley (District 7).
The property is owned by Middleton Family Partnership.
 - (ii) 347 Swift Avenue (TMS# 350-13-00-047) 0.34 acre, West Ashley (District 5).
The property is owned by Lee B. Blackman and Mary R. Blackman.

g. Report on potential transfer of 113 Calhoun Street

h. Executive Session: Discussion relating to the City's purchase of real properties (primary residences) damaged during the storms and flooding that led to a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Major Disaster Declaration in October 2015 and subsequent Grant Program Funding. Action may or may not be taken.

Councilmember Moody reported that Items 'a' through 'c' were approved unanimously. Item 'd' was deferred. The Committee went into executive session and received an update on the Clements Ferry Road Fire Station. No action was taken on that item. There were two annexations that were also approved. Then, they received an update on the possible transfer of 113 Calhoun Street. They asked the City's legal staff to keep working on this. They had another executive session where they heard a report on the status of the FEMA purchase of property in Bridgepoint. The Committee approved the purchase of the properties at appraised value unless the person they are trying to buy the property from wanted to appeal it, and they could get their own appraisal. They authorized the City's legal staff to negotiate with the homeowner.

They also discussed the purchase from the school district of the Archer School in executive session. They were updated on the status, and no action was taken. Councilmember Moody made a motion to accept the Committee's report.

Mayor Tecklenburg said that Item 'e' was not an executive session item, and the Committee did approve Item 'e.' Mayor Tecklenburg said they had a 120 day due diligence period, and the City could back out. Additionally, it could have its own appraisal to support the appraisal completed by the seller, and the Committee did approve moving forward with the purchase.

Councilmember Waring asked that Councilmember White be updated since he was not present at the meeting and it was in his district.

Vice Chairman Lewis said he saw the master plan for Daniel Island 20 years ago, and it called for nine fire stations. The City certainly needed to put another fire station there, and it was very important.

Councilmember Gregorie asked Councilmember Moody to elaborate on the legal issues with respect to 113 Calhoun Street. Councilmember Moody said that they could not sell or give to a not-for-profit because it would violate the rule of separation of Church and State. The City could sell it to them, but it would have to be at fair market value, and that was not their intent. So, the City had to figure out a way to convey the property for that use, but not to the Church. Councilmember Gregorie said they had a 501(c)(3), and Councilmember Moody said they had to look at it and were moving the that direction.

Councilmember Lewis asked why there was still discussion regarding the Archer School building. Councilmember Moody said the City's intent was to buy the property and put affordable housing on it. That's what they were trying to do, but if they had to spend millions of dollars for earthquake mitigation on the building, it all of a sudden would not be affordable. So, they were trying to see how much of the property could be demolished. The City was still going through its due diligence to see whether it was suitable for affordable housing. Councilmember Lewis said if the City could not

demolish the building and build on the property, it was a waste of taxpayers' money. Councilmember Moody said they were trying to get information to make a reasonable decision.

Councilmember Mitchell said he was very interested in the building, and he knew it had a lot of problems and would cost the City a lot of money. There was asbestos and other things in the building, and he did not know where they were going to get the money to repair it. They were using the lip service of affordable housing, but it was not affordable housing. The City had lost a lot of housing on the Eastside, and he was trying very hard to replace some of the housing they lost in the area. He did not think the City would be able to renovate the building with the money it was going to cost them to do it. He said the building would have to be torn down, and maybe that could bring the cost down, as that was the only way this would work.

Councilmember Gregorie asked if it was already going to take \$10 million to stabilize it for earthquake proofing. Councilmember Moody said this was an estimate that was given to the school district as to whether or not they could use it for a school. If the City could tear the building down, then they would not have this expense. This is what they were trying to learn. If it was not going to be affordable, the City was wasting its time and money. Councilmember Gregorie asked if they had eradicated the termite issue. Councilmember Moody said there was also a lead paint issue, and they were looking at a number of items. He said a lot of this would go away if the City could tear down the building. Councilmember Gregorie said he agreed.

On a motion of Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the Committee on Real Estate Report as presented.

The Committee on Ways and Means recommended giving first reading to the following bills:

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 1144 Crull Drive (0.28 acre) (TMS# 351-16-00-086), 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 7. The property is owned by Middleton Family Partnership.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 347 Swift Avenue (0.34 acre) (TMS# 350-13-00-047), 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 5. The property is owned by Lee B. Blackman and Mary R. Blackman.

Mayor Tecklenburg said he wanted to share with the citizens who came to visit, that they witnessed them go through a number of items very quickly without much, if any, explanation as to what they were. That was because they had all done their jobs in studying the items, but he wanted to share with the public a few items they had just approved. One item was to provide funding to support a day resource center to serve those who were experiencing homelessness in the City. This would be at 529 Meeting Street, and it was scheduled to open the week after next. There were also a number of items related to drainage and flooding in the City, including the City's check valve program, as Councilmember Seekings had alluded to. They were really looking at every outflow where drainage went into the harbor and other places to prevent tidal waters from being able to come in. They approved a reapplication for a grant they were seeking with the Federal government to build a separate pedestrian and bicycle bridge across the Ashley River to connect the Peninsula with West Ashley.

They approved a number of parks improvements, funding for the MOJA arts festival, mitigation for the buyouts of repetitive flooding losses in Shadowmoss and West Ashley and a design for flooding improvements on Johns Island. He said those were just a few of the things that the Committee approved.

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Jennifer Cook
Assistant Clerk of Council