

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

July 25, 2019

A meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means was held this date beginning at 6:09 p.m.

PRESENT (13)

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

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| Councilmember White | 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 an invocation provided by Councilmember Shahid.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion of Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019 Committee on Ways and Means meeting. The minutes of the June 17, 2019 and July 16, 2019 Committee on Ways and Means meetings were deferred on the agenda.

3. THE AUDIT COMMITTEE: (MEETING WAS HELD ON JULY 25, 2019 AT 3:00 P.M., CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBER, 80 BROAD STREET)

- a. Discussion of Internal Audit Report
 - a. Councilmember Questions
 - b. Mayor's Time
- b. Discussion of Internal Auditor Reporting Structure *(Requested by Councilmember Harry Griffin)*

Councilmember Seekings, Chair of the Audit Committee, reported that the Audit Committee had met for three hours that afternoon. They took up additional reporting from Mr. Majernik, which included answering questions that were submitted in writing from Councilmembers. It was followed by a discussion period in which the Mayor presented his response to the observations that were in the preliminary draft Audit Committee Report. They then had time for Councilmembers' questions of the auditor and others involved in the audit process. They

adjourned that portion of the meeting and would reconvene at a future date. They then took up discussion on the Internal Auditor reporting structure, which they all agreed was something they needed to look at once they completed the internal process. It would come through the Audit Committee and then be brought through City Council and would likely be on the next Audit Committee agenda at the end. If not, it would be taken up before the annual Audit Committee meeting, so they could get it to City Council as quickly as possible. He said he was happy to allow any other Councilmember to add anything to that report that they saw fit.

Councilmember Moody said it occurred to him that they ought to be receiving their audit report. He thought they could schedule a meeting at the same time. Amy Wharton, CFO, said they usually had their annual Audit Committee meeting in August or September. They had received an extension, so the annual meeting would probably be in September. Councilmember Seekings said he thought that may be a good time to take up the structural issue. He said he would submit the report for informational purposes only. There was no action taken, nor any action needed by the Committee on Ways and Means.

Chairman White said he asked that a whistleblower policy be sent to the appropriate committee at some point. Councilmember Seekings said there would also be the addition of documents already produced that would be considered by the Internal Auditor that would be distributed to Councilmembers.

4. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE: (MEETING WAS HELD ON JULY 25, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M., CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBER, 80 BROAD STREET)

- a. Consider the following annexation:
 - (i) 1707 McLeod Avenue (TMS#424-09-00-155) 0.46 acre, James Island (District 11). The property is owned by MSA Holdings LLC
- b. Annexation toolkit presentation - Tracy McKee, Chief Innovation Officer (*DEFERRED*)

Councilmember Moody, Chair of the Committee on Real Estate, reported that the Committee approved the annexation of property on 1707 McLeod Avenue unanimously.

On a motion of Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, 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 bill:

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 1707 McLeod Avenue (0.46 acre) (TMS# 424-09-00-155), 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 MSA Holdings LLC.

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Jennifer Cook

Assistant Clerk of Council