

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

July 28, 2020

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 Delcioppo	District 1	Councilmember Waring	District 7
Councilmember Shealy	District 2	Councilmember Seekings	District 8
Councilmember Sakran	District 3	Councilmember Shahid	District 9
Councilmember Mitchell	District 4	Councilmember Griffin	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 Shahid.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2020 Committee on Ways and Means meeting.

3. BIDS AND PURCHASES

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Way and Means voted unanimously to approve the Bids and Purchases as follows:

a. PUBLIC SERVICE: ACCOUNT: 63/300000

Approval to establish a contract for Work Debris Monitoring Services with Thompson Consulting Services, LLC, 1135 Townpark Avenue, Suite 2101, Lake Mary, FL 32746; Solicitation #20-P014R

b. FIRE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 210000&211000-52008 APPROPRIATION:\$275,000

Approval to establish a contract for Fire Uniform and Supplies with Read’s Uniforms, 4 Sweeten Creek Crossing, Asheville, NC 28803; Solicitation #20-P028R

c. FIRE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 28002-52008 APPROPRIATION: \$109,055.59

Approval to purchase five (5) AeroClave Room Decontamination Systems and accessories from AeroClave, LLC, 4007 Forsyth Rd., Winter Park, FL 32792; GSA Contract #470SWA18D005A

d. STORMWATER DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 193010-52425 APPROPRIATION: \$84,500

Approval to repair sinkhole on Ivy Hall Road near a brick manhole causing road failure; work to be done by B&C Land Development, Inc., 3785 Old Charleston Hwy., Johns Island, SC 29455

e. **PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 062020-58010 APPROPRIATION: \$95,511.00**

Approval to purchase three (3) 2020 Ford F150 Super Crew Model W1E Pickup Trucks from Vic Bailey Ford, PO Box 3568, Spartanburg, SC 29304; SC Contract #4400020086; 2020 Lease Purchase Funds

4. CARTA FY2021 BUDGET

Councilmember Seekings asked that Ron Mitchum of BCD-COG be recognized for a recap on CARTA's trajectory and projects. Mr. Mitchum said this was the budget that would begin in October. It was a requirement of State Law that the budget was brought to the City. The budget was a little different in 2021 from 2020 as a result of adjustments from the pandemic and dealing with unknowns. The proposed budget would change as things became clearer. There were a number of capital expenditures planned for next year. He was pleased to report they had obtained enough in discretionary funds and competitive grant funds that they would be able to replace all of the 1996 buses. The lifespan of a full-size bus was twelve years or 500,000 miles. CARTA would be in the 25 year, 1,000,000 plus miles on the 1996 buses they would be replacing. That number might go up if they were able to acquire more within the fiscal year, but the buses had to be ordered, and it took some time for production to occur. It would probably take them 18 months to get all of the units, but he was hopeful they would get them sooner, and if they did, they would make adjustments in the budget since they would have those funds available.

They also had funding for construction of the hop lot, which was the Mt. Pleasant Street parcel that was acquired from the City. They were currently finalizing those plans and working out a few minor issues, and they would be prepared to bid that out shortly. He concluded by stating they were in good shape and had been handling the pandemic well from a safety perspective, as well as a revenue perspective. They were meeting the needs of the ridership they had been seeing. Most of the people riding were people trying to get to and from work. Student and tourist riders were down.

Councilwoman Jackson said they had some big changes between budgeting for last year and this year with regards to the capital revenues and expenditures. She saw a big change in the Federal number as a result of the CARES Act deliveries. She asked where other revenue would be coming from.

Mr. Mitchum said there had been a reduction in revenue as a result of a reduction in sales tax revenue from Charleston County, but they were able to pick up the CARES Act funding which replaced it. That was the big difference they saw in revenues on page 1. With regards to the capital side, the big jump in rolling stock was from discretionary funds. It was actually more than that, but that was the amount they expected to spend in this fiscal year, which included the 22 buses they anticipated replacing, but based on production schedules, he did not think they would get all of them within the next fiscal year.

Councilwoman Jackson asked Mr. Mitchum to discuss with the Committee the pilot project. Mr. Mitchum said they were looking at how they could make fare transit more affordable. Because of Federal law, they had to provide complimentary fare service for anyone who qualified as handicapped

or disabled in some way. There was a certification process, and CARTA had to provide them with custom transportation. Those were the Tele-a-Ride vehicles people saw, and they had moved to using smaller vans. They were looking at doing a pilot program with Uber to help citizens who fell into this category, but were not necessarily in a wheelchair, and with a little bit of assistance, could get in and out of a passenger car or SUV. They had to meet certain requirements, but they could probably end up spending the same amount of money while serving more people.

Mayor Tecklenburg thanked Mr. Mitchum for their efforts in trying to replace the old buses, particularly with electric buses. He thought everyone would be excited as the new buses came into the fleet. He also thanked him for realizing the City's budgetary situation with regards to the hop lot operation. Contributing cash from the City would be difficult for the next little while, but he stated that he and Councilmember Waring both served on the board of Charleston Water Service, and they had identified property that would hopefully add to the parking capacity on Morrison Drive along the hop lot route. It would help CARTA until the Mt. Pleasant Street property was improved. Mayor Tecklenburg noted that CARTA was able to receive money from the CARES Act and local governments like the City of Charleston had not been able to. Mr. Mitchum said they were going to do everything they could to help the cities and counties the best they could, and they were looking for ways to enhance service without having to ask the City for help.

Councilmember Waring thanked Mr. Mitchum for all that he had done and said he was a great negotiator. He said they were looking forward to the Rapid Bus System. Mr. Mitchum said they would schedule a time to update them and would begin sending a monthly report. They would also be looking at how they could expand services on the Peninsula.

Councilmember Seekings thanked Mr. Mitchum and said they had made a huge amount of progress. He said it was amazing where CARTA had come from in the last six to seven years. Councilmember Seekings said to keep an eye on Lowcountry Rapid Transit as they were in the planning process and had to conduct all of their meetings virtually. During their last virtual meeting, they had 6,000 hits on their website, and there was lots of interest. They would be updating Council soon. He thanked Council for their support.

On a motion of Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the CARTA FY2021 Budget.

5. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT (20.78% MWBE PARTICIPATION) WITH WK DICKSON & CO., INC. FOR \$498,070 FOR ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BARBERRY WOODS AREA OF JOHNS ISLAND. FUNDING FOR THIS WILL COME FROM THE DRAINAGE FUND. 20.78 PERCENT MINORITY BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve of a professional services contract (20.78% MWBE participation) with WK Dickson & Co., Inc. for \$498,070 for engineering and design services for drainage improvements in the Barberrry Woods area of Johns Island.

6. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH DAVIS & FLOYD ON THE MARKET STREET DRAINAGE PROJECT FOR \$161,476 TO PROVIDE

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING TO UPFIT THE CONCORD PUMP STATION FOR CONTINUED SERVICE. STORMWATER PLAN REVIEWS WILL EXPERIENCE SIGNIFICANT DELAYS WITHOUT THE EXTENSION AND FUNDING ASSOCIATED WITH THIS REQUEST. THIS CONTRACT AMENDMENT WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE FY2020 SMALL PROJECT ALLOCATION AS THE PUMP STATION CURRENTLY SERVES THE CALHOUN EAST AND MARKET STREET DRAINAGE BASINS AND REQUIRES UPFIT TO CONTINUE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve of a contract amendment with Davis & Floyd on the Market Street Drainage Project for \$161,476 to provide preliminary engineering to upfit the Concord Pump Station for continued service.

7. PLANNING, PRESERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY: APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH DUTCH DIALOGUES CONSULTANTS TO ANALYZE THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS 3X3X3 STUDY AND ADVISE THE CITY. (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED, BUT WITH COMPLETE MATERIALS: PROPOSAL FOR PERIMETER PROTECTION ANALYSIS)

On a motion of Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Delcioppo, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a contract with Dutch Dialogues consultants to analyze the Army Corps of Engineers 3x3x3 study and advise the City.

8. FIRE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE GRANT ADJUSTMENT FROM SLED FOR THE 2017 SLED GRANT AWARD. THIS AWARD WILL INCREASE THE GRANT AMOUNT BY \$30,000. THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT OF THE GRANT WAS \$68,919.45. THIS WILL MAKE THE TOTAL AWARD FOR THIS GRANT \$98,919.45. FUNDS WOULD BE USED TO PURCHASE A GPS UNIT, HELMETS, ROPE HARDWARE AND EQUIPMENT STORAGE BAGS FOR THE LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL COLLAPSE SEARCH & RESCUE TEAM. THERE IS NO MATCH FOR THIS GRANT.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to accept the Grant Adjustment from SLED for the 2017 SLED grant award.

9. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE (MEETING WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.)

- a. Authorization for the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the City of Charleston and Epic Center, LLC that to the extent possible, TIF bond proceeds and TIF revenue will be spent to fund the cost of public infrastructure improvements on property in an amount not less than an amount equivalent to the amount generated by property identified in the MOU. (Citadel Mall) **(AS AMENDED)**
- b. Discussion about use and zoning re: LDC property at 2 Race Street *(Requested by Councilwoman Carol Jackson)*

- c. Request approval to accept the Rotary Club of Charleston's Gift of Statuary to complete the Rotary Fountain located at the corner of King and Calhoun Streets (a portion of 460-16-04-005)

Councilmember Shahid, Chair of the Real Estate Committee, reported that the first item was a Memorandum of Understanding between the Epic Center and the City. The Committee received two changes to the Agreement. The name of the company was changed to "Developer" as opposed to "Owner." Additionally, the Committee voted to add a phrase to the agreement which stated "in the event the public infrastructure improvement agreement is not completed and executed by the parties within twelve months of the date thereof, this agreement and all rights, duties, and obligations to the parties shall terminate unless extended by the written agreement of the parties." The agreement was approved unanimously, as amended.

Item 'b' was a discussion on the use of property at 2 Race Street. This was a one story building located across the street from a couple of restaurants. It needed to be rezoned for height variances, as well. The Committee agreed to recommend that it go to the Planning Commission for a rezoning. He said he appreciated Councilwoman Jackson and Councilmember Waring working on it and bringing it to their attention. No action was needed on the item.

Finally, the Committee accepted a gift from the Rotary Club for the fountain at Marion Square.

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.

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Jennifer Cook
Assistant Clerk of Council