

**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

October 22, 2019

A meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means was held this date beginning at 4:35 p.m.

**PRESENT (13)**

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember White	District 1	Councilmember Waring – <i>arrived at 4:50 p.m.</i>	District 7
Councilmember Shealy – <i>arrived at 4:37 p.m.</i>	District 2	Councilmember Seekings – <i>arrived at 4:37 p.m.</i>	District 8
Councilmember Lewis – <i>arrived at 4:39 p.m.</i>	District 3	Councilmember Shahid	District 9
Councilmember Mitchell	District 4	Councilmember Griffin – <i>arrived at 4:40 p.m.</i>	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 Mitchell.

Councilmembers Shealy and Seekings arrived at 4:37 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting were deferred.

**3. BIDS AND PURCHASES**

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

**STORMWATER: ACCOUNT:050345-52425 APPROPRIATION: \$46,750**

Approval for an emergency repair of partially collapsed brick arch north of intersection with Amherst St. The work is to be performed by Gunite Construction Company, Inc.

**STORMWATER: ACCOUNT:050313-52425 APPROPRIATION: \$131,000**

Approval for Emergency Repair collapsed existing storm drain that created a significant sink hole. The work is to be done by Palmetto Gunite Construction Company, Inc.

**PARKS DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT:523000-52435 APPROPRIATION: \$59,979.61**

Approval to purchase playground equipment for James Island Recreation Center from Playworld Preferred, 11515 Vanstory Dr., Ste. 100, Huntersville, NC 28078. Sourcewell Contract #030117-LTS

**PARKS DEPARTMENT/CAPITAL PROJECTS: ACCOUNT:051150-58240 APPROPRIATION: \$294,391.12**

Approval to purchase lighting for Stoney Field's Football Field from National Energy Solutions, Inc., 245 Lower Morrisville Road, Fallsington, PA 19054. TIPS Contract #18120602.

**4. BUDGET FINANCE AND REVENUE COLLECTIONS: APPROVAL OF THE BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD STOP LOSS RENEWAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,185,955. IN SEPTEMBER, THE 2020 HEALTHCARE BUDGET WAS APPROVED. THE STOP LOSS WAS BUDGETED AT \$1.35 MILLION.**

On a motion of Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Stop Loss Renewal in the amount of \$1,185,955.

**5. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF THE AWARD OF \$153,873 FOR THE 2020 SCDPS HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT. THIS GRANT WILL PROVIDE FUNDING FOR (1) OFFICER SALARY AND (1) PATROL VEHICLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SPEED ENFORCEMENT. THE AWARD ACCEPTANCE IS DUE BY OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>. THE GRANT DOES NOT REQUIRE A CITY MATCH.**

Chairman White explained that changes had been made to the grant, so that in the event the City did not receive the grant moving forward, that position could be removed from the Police Department. Part of the grant's requirement was that the patrol vehicles were only allowed to be used for the purposes within the grant, which created a problem for the City's officers in the event they needed to work during a storm or events that were unrelated. They received clarification and were told that as long as they allocated a ten percent match from the City for the patrol vehicle portion only, which equated to about \$15,000 for both items, the City would be allowed to use the vehicles for purposes outside the scope of the grants as necessary. He asked that Items 5 and 6 be amended to allow a City match equivalent to roughly \$15,000 together, so the patrol vehicles could be used for other purposes, as needed.

Councilmember Lewis arrived at 4:39 p.m.

Councilmember Moody asked when it would take effect and if it would be each year. He asked where the money would come from. Chelsea Taylor stated the grant had a continuation period every three years. Every three years, they would receive a vehicle and two additional officers for the traffic unit. This year, they had changed the wording to be two additional vehicles, and the City did not have to retain the officers. With that, they would have to have a ten percent cash match in the vehicle and the associated equipment, and the money would come out of the police budget. Councilmember Moody asked if this was a one-time cost or an annual cost. Ms. Taylor stated it was a one-time fee. Amy Wharton, CFO, said it was the grant match for the three year period. The City would not have to do that every year. It would be budgeted in 2020.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the award of \$153,873 for the 2020 SCDPS Highway Safety Grant, as amended.

**6. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF THE AWARD OF \$153,873 FOR THE 2020 SCDPS HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT. THIS GRANT WILL PROVIDE FUNDING FOR (1) OFFICER SALARY AND (1) PATROL VEHICLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DUI ENFORCEMENT. THE AWARD ACCEPTANCE IS DUE BY OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>. THE GRANT DOES NOT REQUIRE A CITY MATCH**

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the award of \$153,873 for the 2020 SCDPS Highway Safety Grant.

Councilmember Griffin arrived at 4:40 p.m.

**7. PARKS: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE 2020 KEEP SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUTIFUL/PALMETTO PRIDE GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR LITTER CLEANUP AND BEAUTIFICATION EVENTS. THE GRANT APPLICATION IS DUE NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.**

On a motion of Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to submit the 2020 Keep South Carolina Beautiful/Palmetto Pride Grant Application in the amount of \$10,000 for litter cleanup and beautification events..

**8. PARKS: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL' S LOWE'S COMMUNITY PARTNERS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN CLUB. THE GRANT APPLICATION IS DUE OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.**

On a motion of Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to submit the Keep America Beautiful' s Lowe's Community Partners Grant in the amount of \$10,000 for Eastside Neighborhood Garden Club.

**9. RECREATION: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE STAND UP AND PLAY FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,500 FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PARAMOBILE CART (ADA COMPLIANT CART). THE CITY MATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,000 WILL COME FROM THE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE 2019 BUDGET.**

Councilmember Shealy asked about the agreement stating the company would cosponsor a golf tournament to help the City with its maintenance costs and if there was a plan to do that. He thought it was a great idea. Laurie Yarbrough, Recreation Director, said they were working with them, but a date was not set.

Mayor Tecklenburg said the non-profit had been formed to help with the fundraising for the renovation of the municipal golf course, which was slated to start next year. The intent was for the Friends of the Muni to survive the renovation and continue to be a resource for assisting with expenses at the golf course. He said there was a gold tournament on November 18<sup>th</sup> that would benefit the Friends of the Muni and the City's renovation. There would also be an auction the night before. Bill Murray and Darius Rucker had both agreed to participate in the tournament.

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to accept a grant from the Stand Up and Play Foundation in the amount of \$12,500 for the purchase of the paramobile cart (ADA compliant cart).

**10. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF THE ST. JULIAN DEVINE INCREASE TO P154694 FOR ROOFING REPAIRS WITH COASTAL ROOFING COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,620 FOR THE ADDITION TO THE EAST AND WEST SIDE OF THE BUILDING OF 6 COPPER LEADERHEADS, DOWNSPOUTS, AND OUTLETS AND MANLIFT. APPROVAL TO INCREASE P154694 WILL INCREASE THE PO AMOUNT BY \$17,620 (FROM \$38,420 TO \$56,040). FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT IS 2015 GENERAL FUND RESERVES (\$250,000), COOPER RIVER BRIDGE TIF (\$2,250,000), AND A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE CHARLESTON PARKS CONSERVANCY (\$210,000).**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve of the St. Julian Devine increase to P154694 for roofing repairs with Coastal Roofing Company, Inc. in the amount of \$17,620 for the addition to the East and West side of the building of 6 copper leaderheads, downspouts, and outlets and manlift.

**11. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF THE LOW BATTERY SEAWALL REPAIRS – PHASE I CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH GULF STREAM COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,930,451 FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE LOW BATTERY SEAWALL FROM TRADD ST. TO ASHLEY BLVD. WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT BUDGET, STAFF IS AUTHORIZED TO AWARD AND/OR AMEND CONTRACTS LESS THAN \$40,000 TO THE EXTENT CONTINGENCY FUNDS EXIST IN THE COUNCIL APPROVED BUDGET. APPROVAL OF THIS WILL INSTITUTE A \$25,870,773.53 PROJECT BUDGET, OF WHICH THE \$10,930,451 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WILL BE FUNDED. THE FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: HOSPITALITY FUNDS (\$13,087,957.53), MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDS (\$12,382,816) AND CHARLESTON COUNTY ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FEES (\$400,000). (PENDING RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES)**

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve of the Low Battery Seawall Repairs – Phase I Construction Contract with Gulf Stream Company, Inc. in the amount of \$10,930,451 for the restoration of the Low Battery Seawall from Tradd St. to Ashley Blvd.

**12. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF THE LOW BATTERY SEAWALL REPAIRS FEE AMENDMENT #5 WITH JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN, AND THOMPSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$591,025.80 FOR CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES RELATED TO PHASE I OF THE LOW BATTERY SEAWALL REPAIR PROJECT (FROM TRADD ST. TO ASHLEY AVE.). APPROVAL OF FEE AMENDMENT #5 WILL INCREASE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BY \$591,025.80 (FROM \$1,003,881 TO \$1,594,906.80). THE FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: HOSPITALITY FUNDS (\$13,087,957.53), MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDS (\$12,382,816), AND CHARLESTON COUNTY ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FEES (\$400,000). (PENDING RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES)**

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve of the Low Battery Seawall Repairs Fee Amendment #5 with Johnson, Mirmiran, and Thompson in the amount of \$591,025.80 for construction administration services related to Phase I of the Low Battery Seawall Repair project (from Tradd St. to Ashley Ave.).

**13. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF THE WEST ASHLEY CIRCLE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. IN THE**

**AMOUNT OF \$79,850 TO PROVIDE ROADWAY AND CIVIL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE WEST ASHLEY CIRCLE ROADWAY CONNECTOR. APPROVAL OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WILL OBLIGATE \$79,850 OF THE \$100,000 PROJECT BUDGET. FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT IS CHARLESTON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (CTC) FUNDS. (PENDING RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES)**

Councilmember Shealy said the contract noted the contractor would not take care of any lighting along the road. He asked if there plans for lighting as there would be a number of commuters, walkers, and bikers coming out of the Grand Oaks neighborhood.

Matt Fountain, Stormwater Director, said the design did not account for lighting because the lighting was provided in a design by the power utility, and then the City paid for it through the power utility. Councilmember Shealy asked what the City needed to do to ask that there be lighting on the road. Mr. Fountain said the considerations for lighting would be handled as part of the project. It just would not be part of the services provided under the contractor's design services. Their design services would be based on stormwater, structural design of the roadway, negotiation of the exact right-of-way with the property owners, and the actual construction aspects of the road itself. He agreed it was important to consider lighting in the project, and they would incorporate that into the project management side of it. It just would not be in the design contract.

Councilmember Gregorie asked if it had received a recommendation from the Committee on Public Works and Utilities, and Councilmember Griffin confirmed.

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the West Ashley Circle Professional Services Contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$79,850 to provide roadway and civil design services for the West Ashley Circle Roadway Connector.

**14. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR THE NFWF PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION THAT REQUIRES A 50/50 MATCH. IF AWARDED, THE GRANT WOULD FUND PLANNING ACTIVITIES FOR ASSESSMENT OF NATURAL SYSTEM SOLUTIONS TO FLOODING ON JOHNS ISLAND INCLUDING A POTENTIAL STREAM PROJECT NEAR BARBERRY WOODS ON JOHN'S ISLAND. THE APPLICATION IS DUE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019. THE CITY MATCH COMPONENT IS AVAILABLE WITHIN THE CURRENT BARBERRY WOODS/JOHNS ISLAND PROJECT ALLOCATION IN THE DRAINAGE FUND. GRANT AWARDS ARE TYPICALLY 50/50 MATCH WITH AN AWARD OF BETWEEN \$125,000 AND \$250,000. (PENDING RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES)**

On a motion of Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to apply for the NFWF planning grant application that requires a 50/50 match to fund planning activities for assessment of natural system solutions to flooding on Johns Island, including a potential stream project near Barberrry Woods on John's Island.

**15. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR THE NFWF IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION THAT REQUIRES A 50/50 MATCH. IF AWARDED, THE GRANT WOULD FUND A PORTION OF THE ENGINEERING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE CHURCH CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN. THE APPLICATION IS DUE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019. THE CITY MATCH COMPONENT IS AVAILABLE WITHIN THE CURRENT CHURCH CREEK PROJECT ALLOCATION IN THE DRAINAGE FUND. GRANT AWARDS**

**ARE TYPICALLY 50/50 MATCH WITH AN AWARD OF BETWEEN \$1 MILLION AND \$3 MILLION. (PENDING RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES)**

On a motion of Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to apply for the NFWF implementation grant application that requires a 50/50 match to fund a portion of the engineering, design, and construction of green infrastructure in the Church Creek Drainage Basin.

**16. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ARE ASKED TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000 FOR FUNDING FROM THE HOUSING FOR EVERYONE GRANT FOR THE SUPPORT OF THREE DIFFERENT RENOVATION PROJECTS WITH THE PASTORS AND TAME NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. PASTORS WOULD ACT AS DEVELOPER FOR THE TAME ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS THE NONPROFIT FOR TRINITY AME CHURCH, ST. LUKE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND NEW ISRAEL REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH. NO MATCH IS REQUIRED FOR THE GRANT. HOWEVER, EACH OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN AWARDED HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF CHARLESTON. FUNDS FROM THE HOME TO STAY GRANT WILL SERVE AS LEVERAGE AND REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF DEBT THE ORGANIZATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO PURSUE TO FINALIZE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THESE HOMES. THE GRANT APPLICATION IS DUE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019. TAME WILL RENOVATE ONE HISTORIC PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1 ½ ADDISON STREET. THE HOME OFFERS TWO BEDROOMS AND ONE BATH. THE CHURCH ALSO HAS A VACANT LOT BEHIND THE HISTORIC HOME THAT CAN GENERATE THREE ADDITIONAL UNITS. NEW ISRAEL WILL REPURPOSE A BUILDING NOT CURRENTLY IN USE AND PRODUCE FOUR (4) UNITS ON ROMNEY STREET AND ST. LUKE WILL PRESERVE AN HISTORIC HOME THAT WILL RESULT IN THE PRODUCTION OF TWO (2) UNITS. AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY WITH THE CORRESPONDING INFORMATION FOR EACH PROPERTY IS ATTACHED. A COPY OF THE FULL APPLICATION WITH CORRESPONDING INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED UPON COMPLETION.**

On a motion of Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$125,000 for funding from the Housing for Everyone grant for the support of three different renovation projects with the PASTORS and TAME Nonprofit Organizations. PASTORS would act as Developer for the TAME Organization, which is the nonprofit for Trinity AME Church, St. Luke Reformed Episcopal Church and New Israel Reformed Episcopal Church.

**17. BUDGET FINANCE AND REVENUE COLLECTIONS: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AND COUNTY OF CHARLESTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT ACCOMMODATIONS TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,929,000 FOR THE IAAM AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY CHARLESTON CITY COUNCIL**

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember Moody, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the Agreement between the City of Charleston and County of Charleston authorizing the City to accept Accommodations Taxes in the amount of \$1,929,000 for the IAAM as previously approved by Charleston City Council

**18. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE: (MEETING WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 21, 2019 AT 4:00 P.M., CITY HALL, 80 BROAD STREET, FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM)**

- a. Request authorization for the Mayor to execute a First Addendum to the Memorandum of Agreement (the “MOA”) dated October 9, 2018, between the City of Charleston and the Lowcountry Lowline, also known as the Friends of the Lowcountry Lowline (the “FLL”). The First Addendum allocates \$98,020.00 toward preliminary design, including community engagement and preparation of working drawings, for the first phase of the improvement and construction of the Lowline Park. The City will retain the funds, but the Director of Finance will be authorized to pay invoices submitted by the FLL with sufficient documentation that the funds are being utilized consistent with the First Addendum and the MOA. The funds will come from the 2018 Recreation Bond.
- b. Request Mayor and City Council approval of a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the acquisition of 5.41 acres of land located on Ashley Hall Drive in the West Ashley community in the amount of \$700,000. The land is being purchased for the eventual construction of affordable/attainable housing. The property is owned by Ashley Hall Development, LLC. (TMS# 351-04-00-007).
- c. Consider the following annexations:
  - (i) 320 Woodland Shores Road (TMS# 343-11-00-117) 1.0 acre, James Island (District 11). The property is owned by Cecil K. and Janice M. Cargile.
  - (ii) Property on Brickyard Road (TMS# 311-00-00-090) 2.0 acres, Johns Island (District 5). The property is owned by Worldwide Investments, LLC.
  - (iii) 0 Oakville Plantation Road (TMS#317-00-00-007) 10.47 acres, Johns Island (District 5). The property is owned by Keith W. Lackey. (*DEFERRED*)
  - (iv) 2495 River Road (TMS#317-00-00-012) 4.75 acres, Johns Island (District 5). The property is owned by Gail Grimball. (*DEFERRED*)
  - (v) 2493 Summerland Drive (TMS#317-00-00-075) 9.91 acres, Johns Island (District 5). The property is owned by Gary S. Worth. (*DEFERRED*)
  - (vi) 0 Summerland Drive (TMS# 317-00-00-076) 8.70 acres, Johns Island (District 5). The property is owned by Gary S. Worth. (*DEFERRED*)

Councilmember Moody, Chair of the Real Estate Committee, reported that Item ‘a’ was a First Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement regarding the Lowcountry Lowline. They approved it, but rather than taking the \$98,000 out of the 2018 Recreation Bond, they asked that the funds come out of the TIF money for the TIF in that area. Item ‘b’ was an agreement for the acquisition of 5.4 acres off of Ashley Hall Drive. It was being paid for from fee-in-lieu money the City had collected for affordable housing. They had a long discussion about the elevation in the area because the property was seven to eight feet. It was not really low, but they had to look at it and would do due diligence. They had an extension of time from the original due diligence. Items ‘c(i)’ and ‘c(ii)’, which were annexations, were also approved. Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the above items. Councilwoman Jackson seconded the motion.

Amy Wharton, Chief Financial Officer, asked that Item 'a' be deferred with regard to using TIF funds, so they would have more time to discuss it as the majority of the Lowline was not in a TIF district. It touched three different TIFs: the Cooper River, the King Street Gateway, and the Magnolia TIF. In order for the City to get a good handle on it, and the fact that most of the TIFs had been spoken for, they needed a little bit more time. Additionally, they spoke with Charlton deSaussure, and they may need to draft a Resolution to include some of the Lowline into an existing TIF.

Councilmember Moody moved that they defer Item 'a' and approve Items 'b,' 'c(i),' and 'c(ii)'. Councilmember Mitchell seconded the motion. Councilmember White said part of the discussion the Committee had with regards to the Lowline was there were some potential environmental concerns on some of the sites. Part of the resources would be used for design of the park, and they felt like if there were mitigation issues that came out of the environmental study, it might change the dynamics of the design.

Councilmember Seekings said he thought there was an agreement between the City and the Lowline to use some of the Recreation bonds to go towards design. He asked how long the process would be to determine if they could use TIF monies and if they would go back to the Recreation bonds if the City was funding it. Ms. Wharton stated it would not take them long to determine, and they could have it for the next meeting, but last night was the first time they had discussed it. The Resolution would not have been able to be ready for them today, but they could have it ready at the next meeting.

Councilmember Shealy asked about the concerns regarding flooding related to Item 'b.' He said that in his and Councilmember Waring's district, they had flooding upstream, and he wanted to make sure they were not going to do anything with the property that would not allow water to flow through it in the drainage basin. Councilmember Moody said they had a lot of discussion about the property itself. He said they were told that it would be elevated, but fill would not be used to do that.

Councilwoman Jackson said they did discuss the stormwater conditions at length. She thought it would be a good exercise for the City to be looking at land in the same way that they were going to be asking their property owners over the City as they would be adopting regulations which would require them to look far afield at impacts of a new property.

On a motion of Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Waring, the Committee on Ways and Means voted to approve Items 'b,' 'c(i),' and 'c(ii)' of the Committee on Real Estate Report as presented and recommended giving first reading to the following bills:

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 320 Woodland Shores Road (1.0 acre) (TMS# 343-11-00-117), 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 Cecil K. and Janice M. Cargile.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property on Brickyard Road (approx. 2.0 acre) (TMS# 311-00-00-090), Johns Island, 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 Worldwide Investments, LLC.*



There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Jennifer Cook  
Assistant Clerk of Council