

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

January 26, 2016

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

PRESENT (13)

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember White	District 1	Councilmember Waring	District 7
Councilmember Williams	District 2	Councilmember Seekings	District 8
Councilmember Lewis	District 3	Councilmember Shahid	District 9
Councilmember Mitchell	District 4	Councilmember Riegel	District 10
Councilmember Wagner	District 5	Councilmember Moody	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie	District 6	Councilmember Wilson	District 12

1. INVOCATION:

The meeting was opened with an invocation provided by Councilmember Riegel.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion of Councilmember Riegel, seconded by Chairman Moody, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2016 Committee on Ways and Means meeting.

3. BIDS AND PURCHASES:

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

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION: ACCOUNT: 230000-52022 APPROPRIATION: \$52,435.86

Approval to purchase Pedestrian Poles and Dual Beacons from Temple, Inc., PO Box 2066, Decatur, Alabama 35602-2066; State Contract #4400005030

4. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE FFY2017 SC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$231,998 TO FUND AND OUTFIT 2 NEW TRAFFIC OFFICERS OF THE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT TEAM. 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 submit the FF2017 SC Department of Public Safety Grant in the amount of \$231,998 to fund and outfit 2 new traffic officers of the traffic enforcement team.

5. FIRE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A FEMA GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$860,682 TO PURCHASE A HEAVY RESCUE VEHICLE. DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS , THIS GRANT WAS SUBMITTED ON JANUARY 15, 2016. A CITY MATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,068 WILL BE BUDGETED IN 2017.

Councilmember Riegel asked Chief Brack to describe the vehicle. He said that given the past flooding for residents in District 10 and the challenges of traversing heavy water, they had needed the help of outside services.

Chief Brack said that even though the vehicle was not specifically for flooding events, it would be used by their rescue team, which utilized lots of different equipment in order to rescue people from any hazardous situation, including swift water rescues. She said that this vehicle would also be used to transport the team members to and from events, and it would serve as an operational base for incidents such as the one with the recent flooding. She said the area where this vehicle would come into use was with structural collapse. She said that they had a frequency of this downtown because of the older structures. They carried a lot of tools and equipment that helped them reinforce and make structures sound again in order to move forward with a rescue. The vehicle would allow for trench rescues and any kind of tunneling that they would have to do in confined spaces. Urban Search and Rescue involved a wide range of events, and there would be a wide range of tools that would be stocked on the truck for those situations.

Councilmember Riegel thanked her for the report. He said it looked like it would be an all-in-one, comprehensive vehicle. He asked if there was currently any review under place to procure water rescue equipment because a lot of his constituents were asking what they would do the next time it flooded. Chief Brack said she knew that Chief Mullen was working on some boats and some other items. They were also working on putting together a mitigation strategy that included some training for swift water rescues, as well as water rescue tools that would be used in these situations.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to submit a FEMA grant application in the amount of \$860,682 to purchase a heavy rescue vehicle.

6. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO ARTS MIDWEST BIG READ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR THE 2016 MOJA ARTS FESTIVAL. A CITY MATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 IS REQUIRED. THE MATCH WILL COME FROM PAID ADMISSIONS, SCAC GRANT AID, AND FOUNDATION GRANTS.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to submit a grant application to Arts Midwest Big Read in the amount of \$10,000 for the 2016 MOJA Arts Festival..

7. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVE AN EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BAYSIDE APARTMENTS, L.P. AND THE CHARLESTON POLICE DEPARTMENT WHICH ALLOWS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE PATROL SERVICES AND A LIAISON OFFICER TO THE PROPERTY.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve an extension to the Agreement between Bayside Apartments, L.P. and the Charleston Police Department which allows the Police Department to provide patrol services and a liaison officer to the property.

8. TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION: APPROVE A RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF CHARLESTON FOR CLEMENTS FERRY ROAD ADVANCE CLEARING AND RESURFACING PROJECT

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a Resolution between the South Carolina Department of Transportation and the City of Charleston for Clements Ferry Road Advance Clearing and Resurfacing Project.

9. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE: (MEETING WAS HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 25TH AT 3:00 P.M., CITY HALL, FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 80 BROAD STREET)

- a.) Request approval of the Resolution granting the Mayor discretion not to terminate the Purchase and Sale Agreement dated December 15, 2015, between the City of Charleston and 99 WestEdge Developer, LLC (TMS: a portion of 460-00-00-013; 99 WestEdge)
- b.) Request approval of the Resolution expressing the City's intention to reimburse from the first available TIF bond proceeds both the City and MUSC for any costs incurred on account of either party's agreement to guaranty certain costs for public improvements supporting WestEdge relating to the infrastructure payment required in the Purchase and Sale Agreement dated December 15, 2015 for the sale of a portion of 180 Lockwood [TMS: a portion of 460-00-00-013; Horizon Redevelopment Project Area (the "TIF District"), 99 WestEdge]
- c.) Authorize Mayor to execute the attached Lease Amendment between the City (Landlord) and Member II, Inc. (Tenant) whereby the City agrees to allow Tenant, as part of a restaurant kitchen improvement project, to install an above ground grease trap and a vent-less hood with a fire suppression system. (TMS: 459-09-03-147; Ann

Street – Visitor’s Center Parking Garage – Retail Space) [Ordinance]

Councilmember White, Chair of the Real Estate Committee, reported that the Real Estate Committee had met yesterday, and the first item was the approval of a Resolution to grant the Mayor discretion to not terminate a Purchase and Sale Agreement with respect to 99 WestEdge Development, LLC that would allow the buyer additional time to provide financing and to get the financing in place. This was approved unanimously.

Item ‘b’ was a request to approve a Resolution expressing the City’s intent to reimburse through TIF bond funding, the City and MUSC with regard to the WestEdge Development. This was the first development that was occurring within the TIF District. This item was also approved unanimously.

Item ‘c’ was authorization for the Mayor to execute a Lease Agreement between the City and Member II, Inc. which was an amendment that allowed a restaurant to install an above-ground grease trap and vent-less hood. This item was approved unanimously, as well.

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted to adopt the Committee on Real Estate Report.

The vote was not unanimous. Councilmember Lewis voted nay on Items ‘a’ and ‘b’ of the report.

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

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City an Amendment to the Lease Agreement dated April 16, 1996 originally between the City and Ann Street Associates, L.L.C., subsequently assigned to Member II, Inc., pertaining to approximately 8,640 square feet of space located in an area commonly known as the visitor’s reception and transportation center.

Councilmember White said he wanted to thank City staff and Mayor Tecklenburg for quickly bringing forward the Resolution for Clements Ferry Road. He said that took four different departments working very rapidly during the transition period. He just wanted to thank everyone who was involved and said that the people living off of Clements Ferry Road would appreciate this, as well.

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Jennifer Cook
Assistant Clerk of Council