

**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

February 9, 2016

A meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means was held this date at 4:41 p.m.

**PRESENT (12)**

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 – <i>absent</i>	District 6	Councilmember Wilson	District 12

**1. INVOCATION:**

The meeting was opened with an invocation provided by Chairman Moody.

**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 26, 2016 Committee on Ways and Means meeting.

**3. BIDS AND PURCHASES:**

Councilmember Seekings, Chairman of the Audit Committee, explained that, as required under the City's procurement process, an RFP was distributed for the City's audit firm services. He said that typical of any RFP process, the City had an internal selection committee which consisted of Amy Wharton, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Joleen Deames, Assistant Chief Financial Officer, Donna Emerson, Financial Director, Lisa Eysen, General Ledger Supervisor, and Robert Majernik, Director of Internal Audit. Councilmember Seekings stated that through this process, four firms were selected to give a presentation. The four firms which were selected were Elliott Davis Decosimo, Greene, Finney & Horton, Webster Rogers, and the winning firm, Mauldin & Jenkins. He stated that he did not sit on the internal selection committee, but the information that came from the committee was that Mauldin & Jenkins had an impeccable presentation and huge experience in governmental accounting and auditing.

They had a team of partners and staff dedicated specifically to government audits and also provided free, continuing education for their governmental clients. He said the firm served over 250 governmental entities, including cities, counties, boards of education, and other governmental entities, which was more than any other firm in the southeastern United States. He said they audited several local entities such as Charleston Water System, Mount Pleasant Waterworks, the Town of Summerville, Colleton County, and the City of Beaufort, and their references had all been verified. After the RFP process and appropriate vetting, Mauldin & Jenkins was chosen to be the City's external audit firm.

Councilmember White asked if the scoring for the bids was in reverse, and Mrs. Wharton confirmed.

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember Waring, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve Item '3a' of the Bids and Purchases as follows:

**BFRC: ACCOUNT: 131000-52206 APPROPRIATION: \$72,000**

Approval to establish a contract for Audit Services with Mauldin & Jenkins, 300 Mulberry Street, Ste. 300, Macon, GA 31201 #15-P032R

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Riegel, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve Items '3b' through '3d' of the Bids and Purchases as follows:

**POLICE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 062016-58010 APPROPRIATION: \$56,700**

Approval to purchase two (2) each 2016 Ford Interceptor SUVs from Vic Bailey Ford, PO Box 3568, Spartanburg, SC 29304; State Contract #4400011999; 2016 Lease Purchase funds

**POLICE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 062016-58010 APPROPRIATION: \$722,040**

Approval to purchase thirty (30) each 2016 Ford Interceptor Sedans from Benson Ford, PO Box 649, Easley, SC 29641; State Contract #4400011590; 2016 Lease Purchase Funds

**POLICE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 062016-58010 APPROPRIATION: \$100,134**

Approval to purchase four (4) each 2016 Ford Explorer Trucks from Vic Bailey Ford, 501 East Danile Morgan Avenue, Spartanburg, SC 29304; State Contract #4400009462; 2016 Lease Purchase Funds

**4. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUESTED TO PURSUE THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT'S CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000. THE TARGET NEIGHBORHOODS FOR THIS GRANT INCLUDE THE EASTSIDE AND EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITIES. THE GRANT REQUIRES A MATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE (5%) PERCENT (OR \$100,000) OF THE GRANT FUNDS REQUESTED. THE MATCH WOULD BE DERIVED FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DOLLARS CURRENTLY BEING INVESTED IN THE COMMUNITIES TARGETED. ADDITIONALLY,**

**MATCHING FUNDS AND IN-KIND SUPPORT WILL BE DERIVED FROM PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS COLLABORATING IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRANT AND THE TRANSFORMATION PLAN. CURRENT PARTNERS INCLUDE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, CHARLESTON PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD AND LOCAL BUSINESSES CURRENTLY LOCATED IN THE COMMUNITY. FUNDING IS NEEDED TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT. A CITY MATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 IS REQUIRED.**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Waring, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to pursue the Department of Housing & Urban Development's Choice Neighborhood Grant in the amount of \$2,000,000.

**5. MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUESTED TO PURSUE FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FOR THE ENHANCED TRAINING AND SERVICES TO END ABUSE IN LATER LIFE PROGRAM. THE MAXIMUM AWARD IS \$400,000 FOR THREE YEARS. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Riegel, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to pursue funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women for the Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program.

**6. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO CHARLESTON COUNTY ACCOMMODATIONS TAX COMMITTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FOR THE 2017 PICCOLO SPOLETO FESTIVAL. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember White, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to submit a Charleston County Accommodations Tax Committee in the amount of \$15,000 for the 2017 Piccolo Spoleto Festival.

**7. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO CHARLESTON COUNTY ACCOMMODATIONS TAX COMMITTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FOR THE 2016 MOJA ARTS FESTIVAL. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember White, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to submit a grant application to Charleston County Accommodations Tax Committee in the amount of \$15,000 for the 2016 MOJA Arts Festival.

**8. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO CHARLESTON COUNTY ACCOMMODATIONS TAX COMMITTEE IN THE**

**AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR THE 2016 HOLIDAY MAGIC IN HISTORIC CHARLESTON. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember White, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to submit a grant application to Charleston County Accommodations Tax Committee in the amount of \$10,000 for the 2016 Holiday Magic in Historic Charleston.

**9. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF A PARD (PARK AND RECREATION DEVELOPMENT) GRANT 2015-2016 APPLICATION FOR PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS AT THE BAYVIEW SOCCER COMPLEX. THIS GRANT WILL PROVIDE \$6,038.23 IN FUNDING, REQUIRING A \$1,509.56 MATCH (\$7,547.79 TOTAL). THE PROPOSED USE OF THE PROJECTS FUNDING WOULD BE TO CONSTRUCT CONCRETE CURBING, ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES, AND SIDEWALK IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING RESTROOM/CONCESSIONS BUILDING. FUNDING WOULD BE AVAILABLE AFTER ACCEPTANCE APPROXIMATELY JUNE 2016. THERE IS NO FISCAL IMPACT FOR THIS ACTION. AN APPROVAL OF THE GRANT APPLICATION WILL ONLY ALLOW THE PARKS DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT THE DOCUMENT TO SCPR. HOWEVER, THE FISCAL IMPACT WILL OCCUR IF THE GRANT APPLICATION IS APPROVED FOR AWARD. A FUNDING SOURCE WILL BE DETERMINED AT THE TIME OF THE GRANT AWARD.**

On a motion of Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a PARD (Park and Recreation Development) Grant 2015-2016 application for parking lot improvements at the Bayview Soccer Complex.

**10. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH R.L. MORRISON & SONS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$195,634 FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING WOOD WAVE ATTENUATOR BOARDS ON THE FIXED CONCRETE PIER AT THE MARITIME CENTER. 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. THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WILL OBLIGATE \$195,634 OF THE \$235,000 PROJECT BUDGET. THE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THIS PROJECT IS: 2015 HOSPITALITY FUNDS (\$235,000).**

On a motion of Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a Construction Contract with R.L. Morrison & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$195,634 for the removal and replacement of the existing wood wave attenuator boards on the fixed concrete pier at the Maritime Center.

**11. CLERK OF COUNCIL: APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AND COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON TO ARCHIVE**

**THE OFFICIAL PAPERS OF FORMER MAYOR JOSEPH P. RILEY, JR. THE PAPERS WILL REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE CITY. THE CITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING APPROPRIATE WORK SPACE FOR THE COLLEGE'S ARCHIVAL STAFF AND INSURING PAPERS. THE COLLEGE WILL CREATE A FINDING AID TO HELP RESEARCHERS AND THE PUBLIC NAVIGATE THE COLLECTION.**

Councilmember Seekings said that Harlan Greene was present in support of this item. He said that he was a fine archivist, and there was no better place for this to end up once the City located funding for this item.

On a motion of Councilmember Riegel, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Charleston and College of Charleston to archive the official papers of former Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr.

**12. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE: (MEETING WAS HELD FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 4:15 P.M., CITY HALL, FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 80 BROAD STREET)**

a.) Consider the following annexation:

Clements Ferry Road (TMS# 267-00-00-049) 1.01 acres, Cainhoy (District 1)

Councilmember White, Chairman of the Real Estate Committee, reported that the Committee had met that afternoon, and they considered one item, an annexation of a one acre parcel that will be included in a Planned Unit Development ("PUD") that had already been approved. This item was approved unanimously by the Real Estate Committee.

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

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as Clements Ferry Road (1.01 acre) (TMS# 267-00-00-049), Cainhoy, Berkeley County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 1.*

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Jennifer Cook  
Assistant Clerk of Council