

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

March 8, 2016

A meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means was held this date at 4:39 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 – <i>arrived at 4:46 p.m.</i>	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 White.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion of Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Seekings, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2016 Committee on Ways and Means meeting.

3. BIDS AND PURCHASES:

Councilmember Riegel arrived to the Chamber at 4:46 p.m.

Chairman Moody asked Hernan Pena, Director of Traffic and Transportation, to address the Committee regarding the traffic signal retiming contract. Mr. Pena stated the City put out a bid for all of the signals in the City. He stated the Committee was being presented with the first phase which included West Ashley, James Island, and Johns Island. All of the signals would be retimed, and there would be data collection before and after the study. There would also be simulation of traffic flow after the data collection was completed. He said this would be followed by implementation of the new timing plans and the after-studies. A report would be prepared by Stantec, the consulting firm. The report will come back to City Council with the findings and the benefits of implementing the new timing. He said there would be tangible information for City Council to review and consider the evaluation of the investment that the City would be making in this effort. He said this would also include a review of the current traffic

signal system that the City has as they look at developing a plan for upgrading the system, as well as a review of the current traffic management system that the City has for recommendations to include whether the center should become more dynamic and active with actual people there manning it to be proactive in that effort. He explained that what they had for this contract would be the West Ashley signals, less signals that the South Carolina Department of Transportation (“SCDOT”) is already paying for on the Highway 61 corridor. The City has engaged the SCDOT to partner with it in that effort, and SCDOT was paying for this, so it would be less expensive for the City to do this. Mr. Pena explained that the contract has very good MWBE participation. In terms of the schedule, Mr. Pena explained that data collection would begin immediately. During the summer, the simulation and development of the timing plans could happen because nothing would be done during the summer to implement or collect data because the traffic was not the same. Implementation and fine-tuning would be done in the fall, so they were hoping that by the end of the year, they would have some new timings implemented. In the beginning of 2017, they would do the after-study with the measures of effectiveness coming to Council. Subsequently, they would come to Council in 2017 and take care of the majority of the Peninsula. Mr. Pena said they were also proposing that 14 signals on the Peninsula, the East Bay Street/Morrison Drive corridor, be included in this process because it was an independent system and was not really connected to the rest of the Peninsula. The City could work on this and come back and get the rest of the Peninsula retimed as an integrated system.

Councilmember Shahid asked how the retiming would affect the bike lane. Mr. Pena said that the schedule right now is that the tests could happen the first week in April. This would run for a maximum of 60 days. He explained that the consultants were cognizant of this and that they would have to determine when they can and cannot collect data based on that test because the information that they collect would not be correct. He said they were fully-aware of this. They were monitoring when this would happen, and they would act accordingly.

Councilmember Waring said when they study the Peninsula, could they have an all-way stop where people at Market and Meeting Streets where people could all cross at the same time as opposed to the alternating situation. Mr. Pena stated that at the very end of the package, there was an evaluation of 15 intersections within the downtown area for an exclusive pedestrian phase. He said this would be one that would be included among another 14 that the department selected for this evaluation.

Chairman Moody said his understanding was when the County did the study of the bike lane and closed the lane, they would really only be looking at the traffic on the closed portion of the bridge and how traffic merges on the bridge. He said none of the County’s study had to do with the back-up down Savannah Highway, Highway 61, or Folly Road. He said that’s what he was told, and that was not part of what the County was trying to figure out. He said he wanted to reiterate what Councilmember Shahid said. He was concerned that the traffic could be controlled through the funnel just by stopping the traffic on Wesley Drive, which causes a back-up down Highway 61 and Folly Road. He wanted to be sure there would be some coordination or study of exactly how this would be happening. He said he asked and was told the County was not going to look at the back-up.

Mr. Pena said that the County had hired an engineering firm that was conducting studies now and is looking at the Folly Road Corridor, Highway 17 Corridor (Savannah Highway), and Highway 61. In addition, the City’s Department of Traffic and Transportation collecting data from Highway 61 and Highway 7 inbound in the morning, from Highway 17 and Highway 7

inbound, and Maybank Highway and Folly Road inbound, as well as, travel time, and delays, so that they also had that information. He said the County was doing this, and they would be collecting the same information during the test period in order to provide a report. Mr. Pena explained this is what they were told, had been in meetings with the engineering firm that was conducting this study, and they were assured this would happen.

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

FLEET MANAGEMENT: ACCOUNT: 062016-58010 APPROPRIATION: \$124,488

Approval to purchase seven (7) 2016 Nissan Frontier Trucks from Benson Nissan, 4676 Memorial Highway, Easley, SC; SC State Contract #4400009465; 2016 Lease Purchase Funds will be used.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 210000/211000-52008 APPROPRIATION: \$85,000

Approval to establish a contract for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Masks from Rhinehart Fire Services, 22 Piney Park Rd., Unit G, Asheville, NC 28806; Solicitation #16-B001R

PARKS DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 522000-52024 APPROPRIATION: \$65,389.61

Approval to purchase Fertilizer for Parks Department from Carolina Eastern – Ravenel, LLC, P.O. Box 475, Hollywood, SC 29445

FLEET MANAGEMENT: ACCOUNT: 062016-58010 APPROPRIATION: \$230,350

Approval to purchase one (1) Ravo Street Sweeper Machine from Southern Municipal Equipment Company, PO Box 1854, Lexington, SC 29071; 2016 Lease Purchase Funds will be used.

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION: ACCOUNT: N/A APPROPRIATION: \$505,000

Approval to establish a contract for the Traffic Signal Retiming Project with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 4969 Centre Pointe Dr., North Charleston, SC 29418; Solicitation #15-P040R

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION: ACCOUNT: N/A APPROPRIATION: N/A

Approval to establish a contract for two (2) parking spaces with CHG Properties, LLC, 114 Morrison Drive, Charleston, SC 29403; Solicitation #16-B008S

4. BUDGET, FINANCE AND REVENUE COLLECTIONS: APPROVAL OF THE 2016 MASTER LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING AGREEMENT WITH BANC OF AMERICA PUBLIC CAPITAL CORP. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,381,996 [ORDINANCE]

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to recommend giving first reading to the following bill:

An ordinance to authorize the execution and delivery of Lease/Purchase Agreements with Banc of America Public Capital Corp. in order to provide for the acquisition of certain Police, Fire, Environmental Services, Fleet, Stormwater, Information Technology, Golf Course and

Parking Enforcement Equipment and Vehicles; to provide the terms and conditions of such Lease/Purchase Agreements; to provide for the granting of a security interest to secure all obligations of Lessee under the Lease/Purchase Agreements; to authorize the execution and delivery of all documents necessary or appropriate to the consummation of such Lease/Purchase Agreements; and to provide for other matters related thereto.

5. FIRE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A SLED GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500 FOR THE LOW COUNTRY REGIONAL COLLAPSE SEARCH & RESCUE TEAM-CHARLESTON. FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR THE 2016 OPERATIONAL READINESS EXERCISE. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember White, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to apply for a SLED grant in the amount of \$7,500 for the Low Country Regional Collapse Search & Rescue Team-Charleston. Funds will be used for the 2016 Operational Readiness Exercise.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A SLED GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,500 FOR THE LOW COUNTRY REGIONAL COLLAPSE SEARCH & RESCUE TEAM-CHARLESTON. FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT AND REQUIRED TRAINING. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED. THIS IS AN AFTER-THE-FACT APPROVAL.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember White, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to apply for a SLED grant in the amount of \$78,500 for the Low Country Regional Collapse Search & Rescue Team-Charleston. Funds will be used for replacement of equipment and required training.

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A SLED GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,000 FOR THE CHARLESTON FIRE DEPARTMENT'S HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM. FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A TRUE DEFENDER (CHEMICAL IDENTIFIER). NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED. THIS IS AN AFTER-THE-FACT APPROVAL.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember White, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to apply for a SLED grant in the amount of \$66,000 for the Charleston Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Team.

8. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE 2016 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,719 FOR THE CPD DIVE TEAM RIGGING AND RECOVERY EQUIPMENT. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember White, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to submit the 2016 State Homeland Security Program grant application in the amount of \$14,719 for the CPD Dive Team rigging and recovery

equipment.

9. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 TO AGSOUTH FARM CREDIT, ACA TO DESIGN AND PRINT RACK CARDS TO PROMOTE OUR LOCAL FARMERS MARKET. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember White, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to submit a grant application in the amount of \$1,000 to AgSouth Farm Credit, ACA to design and print rack cards to promote our local Farmers Market.

10. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SC ARTS COMMISSION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR THE LOWCOUNTRY QUARTERLY ARTS GRANTS PROGRAM. A CITY MATCH OF \$10,000 IS REQUIRED. THE GRANT PERIOD IS 7/1/16 THROUGH 6/30/17. THE MATCHING FUNDS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE 2017 BUDGET IF THE GRANT IS AWARDED.

Chairman Moody said that matching funds were indicated in the application, and he asked if these should come out of the Accommodations Tax or Hospitality Tax. Stephen Bedard, CFO, explained that the matching funds would come out of the festival budget that the City puts money into every year. Chairman Moody asked if it would be coming out of the General Fund. Mr. Bedard said that it would not and that they budgeted for both festivals, MOJA and Piccolo Spoleto. Chairman Moody asked if the money would be coming out of those funds and would not be anything additional, and Mr. Bedard confirmed.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to submit a grant application to the SC Arts Commission in the amount of \$10,000 for the Lowcountry Quarterly Arts Grants Program.

11. TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION: APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR THE WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS TO CLEMENTS FERRY ROAD BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF CHARLESTON FOR THE CLEMENTS FERRY ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

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

12. TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION: APPROVE A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CLEMENTS FERRY ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

Councilmember White said he wanted to thank staff members who were involved with this, as there were a lot of moving parts. He thanked Michael Mathis, Adelaide Andrews, Laura

Cabiness, Jason Kronsberg, and others. He said this was a major milestone in moving this project forward to get Clements Ferry Road widened. This was very critical to his district, and he wanted to thank them for their input.

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a Maintenance Agreement and Contract between the South Carolina Department of Transportation for the Clements Ferry Road Widening Project.

13. HUMAN RESOURCES: APPROVAL OF THE WORKERS COMPENSATION EXCESS INSURANCE RENEWAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$296,656 WITH SAFETY NATIONAL. THE 2016 POLICY RENEWAL PREMIUM IS DECREASING BY 1%. THIS POLICY RUNS APRIL 1, 2016 TO APRIL 1, 2017. COUNCILMEMBER WHITE, THE HR COMMITTEE CHAIR, HAS BEEN BRIEFED ON THE RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVED ADDING THIS ITEM TO THE WAYS AND MEANS AGENDA.

Chairman Moody stated that Committee members of the Human Resources Committee received a report about this. Councilmember White, Chair of the Human Resources Committee, stated there had been only one bidder as outlined in the documents. This was appropriate to bring straight to the Committee on Ways and Means from the report that was sent to the Human Resources Committee, and no comments that came back.

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the Workers Compensation Excess Insurance Renewal in the amount of \$296,656 with Safety National.

14. THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: (MEETING WAS HELD FEBRUARY 25TH AT 4:30 P.M., CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBER, 80 BROAD STREET)

- a.) Request for an Interest Rate Reduction: Palmilla Apartments

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to adopt the report of the Committee on Community Development.

15. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE: (MEETING WAS HELD MARCH 7TH AT 4:15 P.M., CITY HALL, FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 80 BROAD STREET)

- a.) Request authorization of the Lease Agreement between Guy McSweeney or his assigns and the City of Charleston, whereby Mr. McSweeney will make certain improvements to build and lease to the City a fire station including a building with related parking, driveway access, and required utilities (TMS: portion of 263-00-01-062; Highway 98, Berkeley County)

- b.) Request approval of the Resolution allowing adjustments be made by the Mayor in consult with Corporation Counsel, to allow more time to finalize the City's building plan review and approval process and adjust the closing date if such adjustments are deemed necessary to protect the City's interest (TMS: a portion of 460-00-00-013; 99 WestEdge, a portion of 180 Lockwood)
- c.) Request approval to transfer the sanitary sewer system located at Freedom Park to the Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Charleston. (TMS: 275-00-00-199; Freedom Park, Barfield Street)
- d.) Consider the following annexation:
 - (i) Cooper Judge Lane (TMS# 427-00-00-079) 3.74 acres, James Island (District 6)
 - (ii) 115 Carriage Hill Place (TMS# 269-01-05-159) 0.18 acre, Cainhoy (District 1)
 - (iii) 2476 Flamingo Drive (TMS# 310-02-00-126) 0.25 acre, West Ashley (District 2)
 - (iv) 2482 Flamingo Drive (TMS# 310-02-00-127) 0.25 acre, West Ashley (District 2)

Councilmember White, Chairman of the Committee on Real Estate, stated that the Committee met yesterday, and they reviewed several items to include a Lease Agreement between Guy McSweeney and the City of Charleston which was for a temporary site for a new fire station in Cainhoy. Item 'b' was a Resolution allowing an adjustment by the Mayor with consultation from Corporation Counsel with regards to WestEdge and the completion of this project. Item 'c' was approval to transfer the sanitary sewer system to Charleston Water System for some work at Freedom Park. Item 'd' consisted of four annexations into the City. All items on the report were approved unanimously. Councilmember White reported that the Committee also entered into executive session to discuss legal matters regarding annexations, and no action was taken.

Councilmember Lewis asked that the record reflect he would be voting against Item 'b'.

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Riegel, the Committee on Ways and Means voted to adopt the Committee on Real Estate Report as presented and recommended giving first reading to the following Resolution and bills:

Resolution allowing adjustments be made by the Mayor in consult with Corporation Counsel, to allow more time to finalize the City's building plan review and approval process and adjust the closing date if such adjustments are deemed necessary to protect the City's interest

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as Cooper Judge Lane (3.74 acres) (TMS# 427-00-00-078; 427-00-00-079), 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 6.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 115 Carriage Hill Place (0.18 acre) (TMS# 269-01-05-159), 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.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 2476 Flamingo Drive (0.25 acre) (TMS# 310-02-00-126), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 2.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 2482 Flamingo Drive (0.25 acre) (TMS# 310-02-00-127), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 2.

The vote was not unanimous. Councilmember Lewis voted nay on Item 'b.'

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Jennifer Cook
Assistant Clerk of Council