

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

October 11, 2016

A meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means was held this date at 4:30 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:

The minutes of the September 27, 2016 Ways and Means meeting were deferred.

3. MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILIES: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUESTED TO PURSUE A GRANT FROM THE COOPER RIVER BRIDGE RUN FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1000 TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE YOUTH VOLUNTEER CORPS TO PLAN AND HOLD A TEEN HEALTH SUMMIT. NO CASH MATCH IS REQUIRED. DUE TO A CHANGE IN THE DEADLINE, THIS GRANT HAD TO BE SUBMITTED ON OCTOBER 7TH.

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a grant from the Cooper River Bridge Run Fund in the amount of \$1000 to provide funds for the Youth Volunteer Corps to plan and hold a Teen Health Summit.

4. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO ACCEPT A SHELTER PLUS CARE GRANT AWARD FROM THE

DEPARTMENT OF HUD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,571. THE GRANT IS USED TO PROVIDE RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS OR HEAD OF HOUSEHOLDS WHO ARE DISABLED AND FORMERLY HOMELESS. THE CITY OF CHARLESTON'S DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCS) ADMINISTERS THE INITIAL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$285,000 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BERKELEY, CHARLESTON, DORCHESTER MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AND FAMILY SERVICES, NOW ORIGIN SC. THE INITIAL GRANT WAS FIVE YEARS. THE CITY OF CHARLESTON CURRENTLY PROVIDES THE OVERSIGHT, WHICH INCLUDES REPORT PREPARATION, MONITORING THE GRANTEES AND INSPECTING THE HOMES PRIOR TO CLIENTS TAKING POSSESSION OF THE APARTMENT. WE DO NOT RECEIVE ANY PORTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING FOR OUR EFFORTS IN THE GRANT. ORIGIN SC/FAMILY SERVICES LOCATES THE APARTMENTS AND MANAGES WHEN NEEDED THE FUNDING OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD. WE HAVE ATTACHED A FLOW CHART DEPICTING THE CURRENT PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE. IN ADDITION, TO ACCEPTING THE GRANT, WE ARE REQUESTING APPROVAL TO TRANSFER THE GRANT TO ORIGIN SC. THE ORGANIZATION IS A NONPROFIT WITH A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERIENCE MANAGING GRANTS AND PERSONAL FINANCES FOR INDIVIDUALS. ORIGIN SC IS WILLING TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AND AFTER SECURING APPROVAL FROM CITY COUNCIL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUD, THE ORGANIZATION WOULD HAVE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE GRANT.

Chairman Moody said he did not see where there was any City funding and asked if the City was required to fund this. Geona Shaw Johnson, Director of Housing and Community Development, explained that the City was accepting the grant because in November of 2015, City Council had approved to submit the application. The City was awarded \$59,571, but they were also asking City Council to allow them to transfer the money to Origin SC, which was formerly Family Services, an agency that the City's Housing Department had worked with for five years when they had the previous grant. The City was basically the conduit for the funds and did not receive any administrative dollars for this, so they wanted to transfer the money in total to this organization. She explained that HUD was requiring them to get approval from City Council first. Chairman Moody asked if this was just a transfer and if the City was appropriating or approving any additional funds. Mrs. Shaw Johnson confirmed the City was not.

Councilmember Waring asked if Mrs. Shaw Johnson foresaw the City wanting the money back in the future, and she stated she did not.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to accept a Shelter Plus Care Grant Award from the Department of HUD in the amount of \$59,571.

5. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO APPROVE A CONTRACT BETWEEN MEADORS ARCHITECTS AND THE CITY OF CHARLESTON FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE CREATION OF FOUR DESIGNS WITH SEVEN UNIQUE SITE PLANS THAT WILL LEAD TO

THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEVEN OR MORE HOMES ON PARCELS IN THE ASHLEYVILLE COMMUNITY OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON. THESE HOMES WILL BE SOLD TO FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS EARNING EIGHTY (80) PERCENT AND BELOW THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME. THE CONTRACT AMOUNT IS \$60,441 FOR ARCHITECTURAL FEES PLUS REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$3,850 FOR A TOTAL OF \$64,291 AND WILL BE BORNE BY THE 2015-16 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM GRANT ACCOUNT #470010-52206. THE BID FOR SERVICES WAS RELEASED IN MARCH 2016 WITH RESPONSES REVIEWED APRIL 2016.

Mayor Tecklenburg stated that the homes for first time homebuyers would be in the West Ashley neighborhood of Ashleyville.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a contract between Meadors Architects and the City of Charleston for architectural and design services for the creation of four designs with seven unique site plans that will lend to the construction of seven or more homes on parcels in the Ashleyville community of the City of Charleston.

6. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF THE DANIEL ISLAND BOAT LANDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN CITY OF CHARLESTON AND SC DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, FUNDING, PERMITTING, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF A PUBLIC BOAT LANDING ON THE WANDO RIVER. THE LANDING WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY (GOVERNORS PARK) WITH THE PARKING AREA TO BE CONSTRUCTED WITHIN THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY OF INTERSTATE 526. THE CITY HAS A PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND PERMITS IN PLACE. SCDNR WILL ASSIST THE CITY WITH THE FINALIZATION OF THE DESIGN AND ANY PERMIT MODIFICATIONS, ASSIST WITH THE BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION PROCESS. IF NEEDED, SCDNR WILL ASSIST WITH ANY MAJOR REPAIRS OR RENOVATIONS SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. SCDNR WILL ARRANGE FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION (\$800,000 ESTIMATE) FROM SC WATER RECREATION RESOURCE FUNDS AND USFWA SPORT FISH RESTORATION BOATING ACCESS GRANTS. THE CITY WILL OWN AND OPERATE THE FACILITY. THIS AGREEMENT WILL REMAIN IN PLACE FOR 20 YEARS. THERE IS NO FISCAL IMPACT FOR THIS ACTION. APPROVAL OF THE MOU WILL ALLOW PARKS TO COORDINATE AND ARRANGE FOR FUNDING OF THE CONSTRUCTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

Councilmember White said he recognized this was just a Memorandum of Understanding, but it identified up to \$200,000 in funding from a specific pot of money with a total project of \$800,000. He wanted to know where the funding would be found for the remaining \$600,000.

Jason Kronsberg, Director of Parks, stated that the SC Department of Natural Resources ("SCDNR") would get it if the City needed it, but the City did not know where or how.

Councilmember White asked if the City felt like \$800,000 would be sufficient to complete the project. Mr. Kronsberg stated that the SCDNR was creating the drawings and construction documents, so they were out of the loop on the cost and the construction. The permit was in the City's name, and the City will maintain it. Any capital maintenance will come through the SCDNR. Councilmember White said he would like as a follow-up to have the SCDNR give the City an idea of where they will identify the funding. He said it seemed like it would be tough to build this facility with that kind of money, so he wanted to see where they would be generating that money from. Mr. Kronsberg said they would look into it.

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the Daniel Island Boat Landing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between City of Charleston and SC Department of Natural Resources for the development, funding, permitting, construction, operation, and maintenance of a public boat landing on the Wando River.

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

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