

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

January 26, 2021

A meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means was held this date beginning at 4:34 p.m.

PRESENT (13)

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember Delcioppo	District 1	Councilmember Waring	District 7
Councilmember Shealy	District 2	Councilmember Seekings	District 8
Councilmember Sakran	District 3	Councilmember Shahid	District 9
Councilmember Mitchell	District 4	Councilmember Griffin	District 10
Councilmember Brady	District 5	Councilmember Appel	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie	District 6	Councilmember Jackson	District 12

1. INVOCATION:

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 Committee on Ways and Means meeting.

3. BIDS AND PURCHASES:

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted to approve the following bids and purchases:

a. PARKS DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 522000-52024 AMOUNT: \$83,662.49

Approval to purchase fertilizer from Carolina Eastern-Ravenel, 4744 Highway 162, PO Box 475, Hollywood, SC 29449; Solicitation #20-B039S

b. PLANNING DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 430000-52204 AMOUNT: \$20,000.00

Approval to process a change order to increase the contract from \$45,000.00 to \$65,000.00 for additional work with Civic Communications, LLC for CSC-Asiko-Civic JV, 329 North Shelmore Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464. To be involved in a future 2021 Budget Amendment.

c. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: ACCOUNT: 161000-52206 AMOUNT: \$60,022.48

Approval to renew Adobe Software Enterprise Cloud licensing agreement for City computers. National IPA Technology Solutions Contract #2018011-01. This agreement is required to renew licensing and support for all Adobe software products used by City staff for document

and report development, web content development and presentation material. Includes Acrobat Pro, Creative Cloud, InDesign, PhotoShop, and Illustrator. Total of 195 different licenses.

d. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: ACCOUNT:235000-52206 AMOUNT: \$562,500.00

Approval of Microsoft Cloud storage service with WH Platts, the sole source vendor, to provide appropriate video storage and archiving for the Police Department's body-worn and vehicle video systems.

4. MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILIES: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE RENEWAL GRANT FOR VISTA, WHICH WILL ALLOW THE CITY TO PROVIDE UP TO 25 VISTA MEMBER SLOTS TO CHARLESTON NON-PROFITS, AND TO RECEIVE 2 VISTA LEADERS TO SERVE IN MOCYF. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIRED FOR THE CITY. PER THE TERMS OF THE GRANT, THE COST SHARE FUNDING AMOUNT IS PROVIDED THROUGH SITE FEES RECEIVED FROM PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS.

Mayor Tecklenburg said that the great benefit that came out of the City's involvement with this project was that they helped to position 25 full-time, energetic, committed young people to work in a variety of non-profits in the area, including groups such as Florence Crittenton, Lowcounty Food Bank, Camp Happy Days, Carolina Youth Development, Be a Mentor, Charleston Hope, and Charleston Children's Museum.

Councilmember Sakran said that his school district and many organizations had been at the tail end of what they had provided. He had hired a lot of the folks that worked as VISTAs in his after-school program as staff, and they had stayed here in Charleston. It was a great program, and they should continue to support it.

On a motion of Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the renewal grant for VISTA, which will allow the City to provide up to 25 VISTA member slots to Charleston non-profits, and to receive 2 VISTA leaders to serve in MOCYF.

5. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS/STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF LOW BATTERY SEAWALL REPAIRS-PHASE I AID-TO-CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT AND PAYMENT TO DOMINION ENERGY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,560.38 FOR PROVIDING 17 LIGHT FIXTURES LOCATED ALONG MURRAY BOULEVARD. THE AID-TO-CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE ALREADY EXISTING \$25,870,773.53 PROJECT BUDGET. 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).

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the Low Battery Seawall Repairs – Phase I aid-to-construction agreement and payment to Dominion Energy in the amount of \$44,560.38 for providing 17 light fixtures located along Murray Boulevard.

6. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS/STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF THE LOW BATTERY SEAWALL REPAIRS-PHASE II CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH GULF STREAM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,976,855.02 FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE LOW BATTERY SEAWALL FROM ASHLEY BLVD. TO COUNCIL ST. THIS AMOUNT INCLUDES \$1,370,179.41 OF REIMBURSABLE IN-CONTRACT CHARLESTON

WATER SYSTEMS WORK. WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT BUDGET, STAFF IS AUTHORIZED TO AWARD AND/OR AMEND CONTRACTS LESS THAN \$40,000.00, TO THE EXTENT CONTINGENCY FUNDS EXIST IN THE COUNCIL APPROVED BUDGET. APPROVAL OF THIS WILL INSTITUTE A \$34,523,134.53 PROJECT BUDGET, OF WHICH THE \$11,976,855.02 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WILL BE FUNDED. THE PROJECT BUDGET DURING PHASE I WAS \$25,870,773.53. THE GROWTH IN THE TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET FOR PHASE II IS \$8,652,361.00 AND IS A DIRECT RESULT OF ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX AND HOSPITALITY FUNDS ALLOCATED DURING THE 2020 AND 2021 FISCAL YEARS TO THE PROJECT. THE FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: HOSPITALITY FUNDS (\$17,087,957.53), MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDS (\$17,035,177.00), AND CHARLESTON COUNTY ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FEE (\$400,000.00).

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the Low Battery Seawall Repairs – Phase II construction contract with Gulf Stream Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$11,976,855.02 for the restoration of the Low Battery Seawall from Ashley Blvd. to Council St. This amount includes \$1,370,179.41 of reimbursable in-contract Charleston Water Systems work.

7. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS/STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF LOW BATTERY SEAWALL REPAIRS-PHASE II FEE AMENDMENT #7 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$565,847.00 WITH JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN AND THOMPSON, INC., FOR CEI SERVICES FOR PHASE II OF THE LOW BATTERY SEAWALL REPAIRS PROJECT FROM ASHLEY BLVD. TO COUNCIL ST. APPROVAL OF FEE AMENDMENT #7 WILL INCREASE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BY \$565,847.00 (FROM \$1,879,851.05 TO \$2,445,698.05). THE FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: HOSPITALITY FUNDS (\$17,087,957.53), MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDS (\$17,035,177.00), AND CHARLESTON COUNTY ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FEES (\$400,000.00).

Councilmember Seekings said thank you to staff, Matt Fountain, Frank Newham, and all those who had worked really hard on the Low Battery Phase II. If anyone had not been down to the Low Battery to see Phase I, it was really fantastic and transformative. It was repairing an old seawall built in the early 1900s. It was helping with sea level rise, tidal rise, and some storm surge. It was an incredible project that had come in on time, and they had worked with Charleston Water System. He thanked Councilmember Waring and Mayor Tecklenburg for their service on that. About \$1 million of the first phase was paid for by them. Phase II was coming right behind that. The bids came in right on the number they believed they should be. The project was going according to plan. Phase II, out of 4 or 5 phases, was rolling along, so he wanted to thank fellow Councilmembers. They had put a lot of money aside for this for almost a decade. He encouraged everyone to take a look and see the fruits of their labor and the labor of the engineering department.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve Low Battery Seawall Repairs – Phase II Fee Amendment #7 in the amount of \$565,847.00 with Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson, Inc. for CEI services for Phase II of the Low Battery Seawall Repairs Project from Ashley Blvd. to Council St.

8. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ARE REQUESTED TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AND DAYS INN, A HILTON CORPORATION TO PROVIDE HOTEL ROOMS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TRANSITIONING FROM HOMELESSNESS. PERSONS PROVIDED THE TEMPORARY SHELTER ARE CLIENTS OF

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE ENTERED INTO A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AND CONDUCT THE NECESSARY SUPPORT FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY. THE CITY OF CHARLESTON PROVIDES THE FUNDING FOR THE ROOMS THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CARES ACT FUNDING.

On a motion by Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a memorandum of agreement in the amount of \$200,000 between the City of Charleston and Days Inn, a Hilton Corporation, to provide hotel rooms for individuals and families transitioning from homelessness. Persons provided the temporary shelter are clients of nonprofit organizations that have entered into a partnership agreement with the City of Charleston and conduct the necessary support for each individual or family.

9. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF THE HUGER STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE I CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH GULFSTREAM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,266,974.52 FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SURFACE COLLECTION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM OF STORMWATER AT THE HUGER ST./KING ST. INTERSECTION. CONSTRUCTION WILL ALSO UPSIZE SELECT DRAINAGE PIPES IN THE ROAD IN PREPARATION FOR A FUTURE PUMP STATION. CWS HAS INCLUDED THEIR PREVIOUSLY PLANNED WATER LINE REPLACEMENT TO AVOID ADDITIONAL ROAD CLOSURE/INTERRUPTION AND REDUCE FUTURE REPAVING/ROADWORK. WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT BUDGET, STAFF IS AUTHORIZED TO AWARD AND/OR AMEND CONTRACTS LESS THAN \$40,000.00, TO THE EXTENT PROJECT CONTINGENCY FUNDS EXIST IN THE COUNCIL APPROVED BUDGET. APPROVAL OF THIS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WILL INSTITUTE A PROJECT BUDGET OF \$6,926,407.52 OF WHICH \$5,266,974.52 WILL BE OBLIGATED FOR THE CONTRACT. THE FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: COOPER RIVER BRIDGE TIF (\$1,157,141.00), SCRIA GRANT (\$499,292.00), CWS CONTRIBUTION (\$1,856,820.55) AND THE DRAINAGE FUND (\$3,413,153.97).

Matt Fountain said they needed a minor amendment on the contract. CWS had a number of eight inch gaskets in their line item bid. They had requested the City to reduce the quantity from 32 to 23 gaskets. That would change the contract by reducing the CWS reimbursable portion of the contract by \$1,764.63. The total bid would be revised to \$5,255,210.29. There was no change to lowest bidder or other impact to the project, and the contractor was aware of the adjustment.

Councilmember Waring said he wanted to thank everyone on Council and wanted to give special attention to getting the support of Councilmember Mitchell for this item. He wanted the public to know that Councilmember Mitchell had been working on this for decades. He added that this project had been in the 1984 Davis & Floyd Drainage Report. Councilmember Mitchell said that he wanted to mention former Councilmember Lewis, who had also fought for this project a long time. Mayor Tecklenburg said his thanks went out to everyone involved in getting these drainage projects going, the Low Battery Seawall, and the intersection of King and Huger St. They were approving well over \$17 million worth of commitment to further drainage improvements in the City, and he thought that was a big step.

Councilmember Waring said to please pay attention to the \$1.856 million that CWS was going to contribute towards this drainage project. The relationship between CWS and the City was marvelous, and the people won when that happened, as opposed to government entities not communicating, or in some cases, going the opposite direction from one another. This coming together paid off in dividends and benefits to the citizens. Chairman Gregorie said a lot of that could be contributed to

Councilmember Waring since he had been on that Commission. Councilmember Waring said it went to them, as well, because no one went there by themselves. When CWS came to Council, he had never seen a vote with CWS that wasn't unanimous. Chairman Gregorie said a lot of it still went back to Councilmember Waring and his work.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve, as amended, the Huger Street Drainage Improvements Phase I construction contract with Gulfstream Construction Company in the amount of \$5,225,210.29 for the improvement of surface collection and conveyance system of stormwater at the Huger St./King St. intersection. Construction will also upside select drainage pipes in the road in preparation for a future pump station. CWS has included their previously planned water line replacement to avoid additional road closure/interruption and reduce future repaving/roadwork, as amended.

10. LEGAL DEPARTMENT: REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AND THE CHARLESTON AREA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING, MAINTAINING, AND REMOVING DECORATIVE PLANTERS HANGING FROM LIGHT POSTS ALONG THE KING STREET COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR.

Mayor Tecklenburg recused himself from voting on Item 10.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways voted to approve a memorandum of agreement between the City of Charleston and the Charleston Area Convention and Visitors Bureau for the purpose of installing, maintaining, and removing decorative planters hanging from light posts along the King Street commercial corridor.

Mayor Tecklenburg recused himself from voting on the matter and completed a Conflict of Interest Form which is on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council.

11. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE (MEETING WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021 AT 2:00 P.M., CONFERENCE CALL: 1-929-205-6099; ACCESS CODE: 835 678 884)

- a. Approval to authorize the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City, the Transfer Agreement conveying 36 Cooper Street to Charleston County Human Services Commission dba Palmetto Community Action Partners for \$68,449 for the development of a minimum of four affordable rental housing units subject to the Affordable Rental Housing Restrictive Covenant Agreement. [Ordinance]
- b. Approval of Market Horlbeck Surface Parking Lot Lease Agreement. (DEFERRED)
- c. Discussion and action regarding request for easement to Dominion Energy to relocate utility switch gear boxes along 179 Nassau St. (Property owned by the City of Charleston: TMS# 4590503001). [Ordinance]
- d. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to take all necessary action and execute all necessary documents on behalf of the City of Charleston to accept from the South Carolina Department of Transportation that certain real property currently designated as Charleston County TMS No. 459-05-04-214 and shown as "Parcel

H” on that certain plat recorded on January 25, 2012 in Plat Book I12 at page 0029 in the ROD Office for Charleston County, South Carolina.

- e. Request authorization for the Mayor to execute a Resolution approving the submission of an application for greenbelt funds for the purchase of the property commonly known as the Griffith Lane tract on Johns Island bearing TMS No. 313-00-00-063. **(Exhibit A to be sent under separate cover by the Real Estate and Parks Departments)**
- f. An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Charleston (“City”) a Real Property Exchange Agreement and other documents necessary to convey to America Street Ventures, LLC, or its assigns, the City’s property designated as a portion of TMS No. 459-05-04-209 and TMS No. 459-05-04-220, subject to affordable housing restrictions, in exchange for the conveyance to the City of property designated as TMS Nos. 459-05-04-001, 459-05-04-002, 459-05-04-048, 459-05-04-114, and 459-05-04-115, as shown on the attached map. **(AS AMENDED) (See also City Council Agenda Item #L-4) (To be provided under separate cover by the Legal and Housing and Community Development Departments)**
- g. Consider the following annexation:
 - (i) 3486 Maybank Highway (9.62 acres) (TMS# 279-00-00-055), Johns Island, (District 5). The property is owned by St. Johns Center, LLC.
 - (ii) 2181 Wappoo Hall Road (0.37 acre) (TMS# 343-01-00-032), James Island, (District 11). The property is owned by Hurley Living Trust.
- h. An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City a Quit Claim Deed and elimination of possibility of reverter, such possibility of reverter contained in Deed recorded in Book J-543, at page 031 for the property located at the corner of Meeting and Wolfe Streets bearing TMS # 459-09-01-049 in the City and County of Charleston, State of South Carolina and to ratify and adopt any and all modifications or amendments to Ordinance # 2004-150. *(Disapproved at the Real Estate Committee meeting)*

Councilmember Shahid, Chair of the Real Estate Committee, reported that Item ‘a’ was approved unanimously. He asked that the Committee on Ways and Means Committee consider each item separately. There would be four more affordable housing units on the property.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Waring, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve Item ‘a’ of the Committee on Real Estate Report as presented and recommended giving first reading to the following bill:

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Charleston (“City”) a Transfer Agreement and other documents necessary to convey the property located at 36 Cooper Street (Charleston County TMS No. 459-06-01-008) to Charleston County Human Services Commission, doing business as Palmetto Community Action Partners,

for \$68,449.00 for the development of a minimum of four (4) affordable housing units, subject to the City's Affordable Housing Restrictive Covenant Agreement.

Councilmember Shahid reported that Item 'b' was deferred. Item 'c' was a request to accept an easement from Dominion Energy to relocate a switch gear box. That item was approved by the Committee.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Waring, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve Item 'c' of the Committee on Real Estate Report as presented and recommended giving first reading to the following bill:

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Charleston ("City") an easement and other documents necessary to provide access rights to certain real property located at 179 Nassau Street (TMS # 4590503001) for the purpose of relocating one gear box and one transformer to Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.

Councilmember Shahid reported that Item 'd' was a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to take necessary steps to accept property from SCDOT designated as Parcel H. It was an extension of Cooper Street, and the item was approved unanimously.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve Item 'd' of the Committee on Real Estate report as presented.

Councilmember Shahid said that Item 'e' authorized the Mayor to execute a Resolution to make an application for Greenbelt funds to purchase approximately 26.5 acres of land on Johns Island, which would be annexed into the City if funding was approved. The sales price was \$800,000, but the City would only have to pay \$500,000 at closing because the landowner wanted to stay on the property for a while. This item was approved unanimously.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve Item 'e' of the Committee on Real Estate Report as presented.

Councilmember Shahid said the Committee went into executive session to discuss issues surrounding Item 'f' on the agenda. Geona Shaw Johnson had sent a real property exchange agreement to Council. Mrs. Shaw Johnson stated the Committee had approved the item contingent upon staff amending certain language within the document. This property exchange had come before the Community Development Committee in relation to the Humanities Foundation and their subsidiary, America Street Ventures, purchasing properties in the eastside community. Their goal was to build additional, affordable housing and expand their footprint. After reaching out to Planning and Zoning folks, they learned that that City preferred those properties be used for storm water management purposes, which was based on the Dutch Dialogues. So, a conversation was had on exchanging those properties with ones the City had received early on from the bridge mitigation process for affordable housing. A month ago, first reading was given to a property exchange agreement for two properties that the City owned for five sites that America Street Ventures had under contract. After that, America Street Ventures asked the City to consider, instead of a straight property exchange, an assignment of contracts. It had been slightly delayed because the legal team wanted to make sure that the contracts they were being asked to take an assignment on were in place. The contract that was presented to the Real Estate

Committee last night had language that was relative to an estoppel, as well as the monetary aspects of the exchange agreement. Jane Stoney explained that in the estoppel, with respect to an indemnity, they had requested that America Street Ventures and its development partner agree to the language as long as that indemnity survived for 90 days after the closing. That gave the City enough time to discover and bring any claims. If the City decided it didn't want to take title to some of the parcels that were included in the swap, America Street Ventures would pay cash to the City for those parcels. With respect to the cash option, ASV and the City were able to reach an agreement that the City would receive cash in the amount that ASV was originally going to pay the current owner in lieu of taking title to any real property the City decided it no longer wanted.

Councilmember Shahid said this involved several different parties in this property exchange for affordable housing. The Committee had given tentative approval to allow the parties to hash out taking care of the estoppel issue, which was good for 90 days.

Councilmember Mitchell asked exactly where the properties were located. Mrs. Shaw Johnson said the pink colored properties were the ones the City owned and were all located in the east side. These properties had been obtained from the bridge mitigation agreement, and the goal for those properties had been to build affordable housing. The properties in blue were the properties that America Street Ventures was purchasing. This exchange would bring additional senior affordable housing to that community.

Councilmember Mitchell asked if that would be in addition to the affordable housing at the Henry P Archer School. Mrs. Shaw Johnson said that yes, it was a different site from Archer. She said they were thinking of going up to the 80% AMI level with rents on them. Councilmember Mitchell asked how many units they were proposing. Mrs. Shaw Johnson said she believed they were hoping to do 70 units dependent on design review and any other constraints that might exist. Councilmember Mitchell said he just wanted to make sure they were thinking about it carefully since they had a lot of parking problems in that area. Mrs. Shaw Johnson said that, historically, affordable housing developments, especially those that the City has supported, had provided their own parking on site.

Councilmember Shahid said that the affordable housing in the Charleston area was about 1/3 of where it needed to be. He said he appreciated all of the work the inside and outside counsel did on this item.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve Item 'f' of the Committee on Real Estate Report as presented.

Councilmember Shahid stated that Item 'g,' two annexations, was approved unanimously.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve Item 'g' of the Committee on Real Estate report and recommended giving first reading to the following bills:

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 3486 Maybank Highway (9.62 acre) (TMS # 279-00-00-055), 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 St. Johns Center, LLC.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 2181 Wappoo Hall Road (0.37 acre) (TMS# 343-01-00-032), 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 Hurley Living Trust.

Mayor Tecklenburg recused himself from item 'h.' Councilmember Shahid said that the Mayor had also recused himself from this discussion yesterday, and that when they had gone into executive session, he had not been a part of it. The Committee had voted 4-0 to disapprove the item after coming out of executive session. They had directed legal counsel to have discussions with Mr. Craver and Mr. Barr to continue working on this. Councilmember Shahid made a motion to defer. Councilmember Waring said he would like to go into executive session to discuss legal aspects regarding the item.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to go into executive session at 5:09 p.m.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 6:18 p.m.

Chairman Gregorie reported no action was taken.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, the Committee on Ways and Means voted to defer Item 'h' of the Committee on Real Estate Report.

Mayor Tecklenburg recused himself from voting on this item and completed a Conflict of Interest form which is on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council.

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Jennifer Cook
Clerk of Council