

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

February 22, 2022

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

PRESENT (13)

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember Gregg	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 Bowden	District 10
Councilmember Brady <i>arrived @ 4:41 p.m.</i>	District 5	Councilmember Appel	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie <i>absent</i>	District 6	Councilmember Parker	District 12

In the absence of Councilmember Gregorie, Vice-Chairman, Councilmember Seekings led the meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means.

1. INVOCATION:

The meeting opened with an invocation provided by Councilmember Parker.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means approved the minutes of the February 9, 2022 Committee on Ways and Means meeting.

3. BIDS AND PURCHASES:

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

a. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: ACCOUNT: 940100-58012 AMOUNT: \$43,148.12

Approval to purchase new Endpoint Management Suite in the amount of \$43,148.12 from vendor (Baramundi Software) to provide improved cyber security to City PCs. Sole Source purchase. This system is part of the IT Department's ongoing implementation and expansion of necessary cyber security systems and resources. This resource will better protect individual City user endpoints (desktop and laptop PCs) from viruses, malware, rootkits, ransomware, etc. This system will replace existing, less capable resources and will provide improved and needed capabilities to protect the City's network infrastructure and data resources. The total cost is offset by the elimination of \$23,000 for existing services that will be dropped.

b. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: ACCOUNT: 940100-58020 AMOUNT: \$43,600

Approval to purchase two (2) new Dell DMZ servers in the amount of \$43,600.00 to replace existing servers that have exceeded their usable life cycle. National NASPO computer equipment contract #: MNWNC-108. This purchase replaces the existing DMZ servers (x2) that have exceeded useful life and can longer provide the processing and performance capabilities needed to support this function and user demand. The DMZ server provides access for all external/public-facing resources including RecTrac (Recreation Department), Energov, Munis, Kronos (Fire Department), Forensic Advantage (Police Department), and Pictometry (GIS).

c. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/CPD: ACCOUNT: 235000-52206 AMOUNT: \$139,336.88

Approval of annual maintenance and support for Police Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) Service in the amount of \$139,336.88 from Charleston County, Sole Source Vendor, for Consolidated Dispatch Mobile CAD Operations.

d. POLICE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 062022-58010 AMOUNT: \$181,410

Approval to purchase five (5) 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV vehicles in the amount of \$181,410.00 from Love Chevrolet, 100 Parkridge Dr., Columbia, SC 29212. Solicitation #22-B004R. Funds will come from 2022 Lease Purchase.

e. POLICE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 200000-52036 AMOUNT: \$134,687.65

Approval to purchase ammunition for the Police Department in the amount of \$134,687.65 from Lawmen's Safety, 4961 Broad River Rd., Ste. B, Columbia, SC 29212. SC Contract #4400025709.

f. PARKS DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 170100-52410 AMOUNT: \$79,880.45

Approval to provide labor and material in the amount of \$79,880.45 to replace the existing Liebert Unit (air conditioning unit) for the Police Department IT Room with Johnson Controls, 4415 Sea Ray Dr., Charleston, SC 29405-8401. Sourcewell Contract #030817-JHN.

4. BUDGET AND FINANCE REVENUE COLLECTIONS: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING \$14,600,000 SPECIAL OBLIGATION REDEVELOPMENT BOND (CHARLESTON NECK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA), SERIES 2022, OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Mean voted unanimously to consider giving first reading to the following bill:

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding \$14,600,000 Special Obligation Redevelopment Bond (Charleston Neck Redevelopment Project Area), Series 2022, of the City of Charleston, South Carolina, and other matters relating thereto.

5. FIRE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AFTER-THE-FACT THE 2021 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT FOR \$4,526,172 FOR 15 FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS OVER 3 YEARS TO STAFF A LADDER COMPANY ON JOHNS ISLAND. DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS, THIS GRANT WAS SUBMITTED ON FEBRUARY 3, 2022. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIRED.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Waring, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve submittal of an after the fact grant of the 2021 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant for \$4,526,172 for 15 firefighter positions over 3 years to staff a Ladder Company on Johns Island.

Mayor Tecklenburg said the application was after the fact due to time constraints. He said the City usually applied to a number of grants for the Fire Department that were mostly to renovate buildings, but not often were they to fund salaries and firefighter positions. Mayor Tecklenburg said he understood the concerns of the citizens and employees and felt there was a decent shot at the grant as it would be a terrific allocation to the City for three years and funding new positions at the new Johns Island station.

Vice-Chairman, Councilmember Seekings said Councilmember Gregorie, absent from the meeting, usually was not a fan of after the fact approvals, but since there was no City match for the item, they felt he would be pleased with its approval.

6. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: REQUEST THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL APPROVE \$126,618 IN 2020 PROGRAM YEAR HOPWA FUNDING FOR THE REHABILITATION OF TWO (2) RENTAL APARTMENTS LOCATED AT 60 NASSAU STREET AND OWNED BY ST. LUKE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH. THE APARTMENTS WILL BE DEDICATED TO AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING FOR THIRTY (30) YEARS. THE PARTNERSHIP WITH ROPER HOSPITAL INC., IS TWENTY (20) YEARS AND WILL SERVE PERSONS OR HOUSEHOLDS WITH HIV/AIDS.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve \$126,618 in 2020 Program Year HOPWA funding for the rehabilitation of two (2) rental apartments located at 60 Nassau Street and owned by St. Luke Reformed Episcopal Church.

Councilmember Mitchell said the proposed complex was in his District, located on Nassau Street. He said the church was did a lot for the community and saw a need to further help the surrounding area, and for those reasons, Councilmember Mitchell supported the item.

7. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE FFY22 SCDPS SRO GRANT FOR FUNDING FOR TWO SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS IN CONNECTION WITH CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$186,756.60. THE AMOUNT WILL COVER SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS FOR THE TWO OFFICERS. THIS IS AN ANNUAL RENEWAL. THIS APPLICATION IS DUE ON FEBRUARY 25, 2022. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIRED FOR THIS GRANT.

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted to approve an application for the FFY22 SCDPS SRO Grant for funding for two School Resource Officers in connection with Charleston County School District in the amount of \$186,756.60.

Councilmember Sakran recused himself from the vote and completed a Conflict of Interest form, filed in the Clerk of Council's office.

8. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF LOW BATTERY SEAWALL REPAIRS – PHASE II CHANGE ORDER #7 WITH GULF STREAM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,258.51 FOR ADDITIONAL REPAIRS AND

CONCRETE SHEET PILE REPAIRS. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #7 WILL INCREASE THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BY \$73,258.51 (FROM \$11,998,112.91 TO \$12,071,371.42). FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: HOSPITALITY FUNDS (\$17,077,901.53), MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDS (\$15,651,479.68), AND CHARLESTON COUNTY ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FEES (\$400,000).

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Appel, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve Low Battery Seawall Repairs – Phase II Change Order #7 with Gulf Stream Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$73,258.51 for additional repairs and concrete sheet pile repairs.

Vice-Chairman Seekings briefly added that the Change Order represented \$75,000 of a little less than \$100,000 in Change Orders for Phase II of the Low Battery Seawall, which was a project that's contract amount is \$12,000,000. The contract has went over the course of a year and a half and has been an amazing accomplishment of rebuilding the wall, which had not been touched since 1912 or 1916. Chairman Seekings also encouraged members to visit the wall while it underwent construction, which would close out in March. Amazingly, with the current bid, the price for linear foot had not increase from Phase I. He said friends at the Charleston Water System helped with Phase II and Phase II to the tune of \$1,500,000. Phase III would be about \$2,750,000. Chairman Seekings said he felt the Change Order represented a very small amount on a big project.

9. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF BARBERRY WOODS IMPROVEMENT FEE AMENDMENT #3 WITH W.K. DICKSON & CO., INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$714,353 FOR DESIGN SERVICES FROM 30% COMPLETION TO FINAL DESIGN AND PERMITTING AS WELL AS REAL ESTATE SERVICES AND APPRAISALS. APPROVAL OF FEE AMENDMENT #3 WILL INCREASE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BY \$714,353 (FROM \$719,895 TO \$1,434,248). FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT IS THE DRAINAGE FUND.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Waring, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve Barberrry Woods Improvement Fee Amendment #3 with W.K. Dickson & Co., Inc., in the amount of \$714,353 for design services from 30 % completion to final design and permitting as well as real estate services and appraisals.

10. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A LWCF (LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND) GRANT FOR PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS AT THE FORT PEMBERTON SITE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$261,000. THIS IS A FEDERAL GRANT OFFERED BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND ADMINISTERED THROUGH SCPRT. THIS IS A 50/50 GRANT. APPLICATIONS ARE DUE 3/04/2022. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE A SMALL PARKING AREA, ACCESSIBLE TRAILS, IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING DOCKS, AND HISTORIC INTERPRETATION. THIS APPLICATION PROPOSES TO USE AN EXISTING GREENBELT ALLOCATION FOR LIMITED IMPROVEMENTS ON SITE AS MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE WORK. IF SELECTED, FUNDS WILL BE AWARDED IN OCTOBER 2022. FUNDING FOR THE CITY MATCH OF \$261,000 WILL COME FROM THE EXISTING COUNTY GREENBELT ALLOCATION FOR LIMITED IMPROVEMENTS, AWARDED MAY 30, 2019.

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve submittal for a LWCF (Land & Water Conservation Fund) Grant for public access improvements at the Fort Pemberton site in the amount of \$261,000.

11. TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION: APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY OF CHARLESTON MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE CROSSING AND FLEMING ROAD SIDEWALK.

On a motion of Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve authorization for the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement for the City of Charleston Municipal Golf Course Crossing and Fleming Road sidewalk.

Mayor Tecklenburg said mentioned for record that during discussion at the Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting, little to contrary when the County reported that the Agreement only included a study for the crosswalk. In fact, it was for the construction of the crosswalk and for the construction of the first segment of sidewalk along Fleming Road.

12. TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION: APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, TO ALLOW BERKELEY CHARLESTON DORCHESTER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (BCDCOG), THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SCDOT), AND CHARLESTON COUNTY TO PERFORM CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS ON HAGOOD AVENUE, SPRING STREET, LOCKWOOD DRIVE, BEE STREET, COURTENAY DRIVE, CALHOUN STREET, MEETING STREET, MEETING STREET ROAD, AND KING STREET EXTENSION TO FACILITATE THE LOWCOUNTRY RAPID TRANSIT.

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Brady, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to consider approval of the following Resolution:

Resolution on behalf of the City of Charleston, to allow Berkeley Charleston Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG), the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), and Charleston County to perform construction and improvements on Hagood Avenue, Spring Street, Lockwood Drive, Bee Street, Courtenay Drive, Calhoun Street, Meeting Street, Meeting Street Road, and King Street extension to facilitate the Lowcountry Rapid Transit.

13. TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION: APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN BERKELEY COUNTY AND CITY OF CHARLESTON REGARDING CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENTS ON SEVEN FARMS DRIVE.

On a motion of Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve authorization for the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between Berkeley County and City of Charleston regarding crosswalk improvements on Seven Farms Drive.

Mayor Tecklenburg thanked Berkeley County's, Supervisor Johnny Cribb and his staff that worked on the project. At another meeting of a different matter, Berkeley County's team mentioned they would pave the section of Seven Farms Drive and the City already had the crosswalk project in the works. The team responded immediately, collaborated with the City, and

saved the City some money while doing so, all just in time for the reopening of the Tennis Center's tournament.

14. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR \$15,000 FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDING, TO SUPPORT THE 2022 MOJA ARTS FESTIVAL. THE PROJECT PERIOD IS 9/15/2022-11/15/2022. THERE IS NO CITY MATCH REQUIRED.

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Appel, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve \$15,000 from Charleston County Local Accommodations Tax Funding, to support the 2022 MOJA Arts Festival.

15. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR \$10,000 FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDING, TO SUPPORT THE 2022 FREE VERSE POETRY FESTIVAL. THE PROJECT PERIOD IS 10/15/2022 – 11/15/2022. THERE IS NO CITY MATCH REQUIRED.

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Appel, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve \$10,000 from Charleston County Local Accommodations Tax Funding, to support the 2022 Free Verse Poetry Festival.

16. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR \$10,000 FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDING, TO SUPPORT THE 2022 HOLIDAY MAGIC IN HISTORIC CHARLESTON. THE PROJECT PERIOD IS 12/1/2022 – 12/31/2022. THERE IS NO CITY MATCH REQUIRED.

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Appel, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve \$10,000 from Charleston County Local Accommodations Tax Funding, to support the 2022 Holiday Magic in Historic Charleston.

17. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR \$15,000 FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY LOCAL ACCOMMODATION TAX FUNDING, TO SUPPORT THE 2023 PICCOLO SPOLETO FESTIVAL. THE PROJECT PERIOD IS 5/26/2023 – 6/19/2023. THERE IS NO CITY MATCH REQUIRED.

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Appel, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve \$15,000 from Charleston County Local Accommodations Tax Funding, to support the 2023 Piccolo Spoleto Festival.

18. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR \$17,000 FROM SOUTH ARTS TO SUPPORT DANCE PROGRAMMING FOR THE 2022 MOJA ARTS FESTIVAL. THE PROJECT PERIOD IS MARCH THROUGH OCTOBER 2022. A 2:1 CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED. FUNDING IS ALREADY SECURED FROM PRIVATE DONATION.

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Appel, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve \$17,000 from South Arts, to support dance programming for the 2022 MOJA Arts Festival.

19. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR \$6,000 FROM SOUTH CAROLINA PRT'S TOURISM ADVERTISING GRANT PROGRAM, TO SUPPORT THE 2022 MOJA ARTS FESTIVAL. A 2:1 CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED. MATCHING FUNDS WILL COME FROM CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP AND PRIVATE DONATION.

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Appel, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve \$10,000 from South Carolina PRT's Tourism Advertising Grant Program, to support the 2022 MOJA Arts Festival. A 2:1 City match is required.

20. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE (MEETING WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M., CITY HALL, 80 BROAD STREET, CONFERENCE CALL: 1-929-205-6099; ACCESS CODE: 835 678 884)

- a. An ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City a lease between the City of Charleston and Marina Variety Store. The property is owned by the City of Charleston. (9 Lockwood Dr.) (TMS No. 460-14-00-016).
- b. Request the Mayor to execute the necessary documents for the purchase of 11 Cunnington Avenue, a 0.08-acre property, which includes a recently renovated building of 3,316 total square feet, located in the Neck Area of the City, for \$1,300,000 subject to the conditions outlined in the attached Agreement of Purchase and Sale. (TMS No, 464-14-00-118) (11 Cunnington Avenue, Charleston, SC 29405).
- c. Please consider the following annexation:
 - (i) 1939 Piper Drive (0.25 acre) (TMS# 350-09-00-067), West Ashley, (District 5). The property is owned by Susan J. Vigen.

Councilmember Appel, Chairman of the Committee on Real Estate said the meeting was the first in person Committee meeting held and represented a mile forward. The first item discussed was a lease extension of a lease between the City of Charleston and the Marina Variety Store. He encouraged members to go to the Marina Variety Store because it was a great Charleston institution for a good time and its apart of the small local businesses. Chairman Seeking asked what the term of the lease on the Marina Variety Store was. Chairman Appel said there was a five year renewal that included a rent escalator of 3% a year.

Item 'b' was a lengthy, robust discussion regarding potential acquisition of 11 Cunnington Avenue, a piece of property in the Neck Area for \$1,300,000 for the new HOPE Center. The goal was to move the administration staff from 526 Meeting Street. Item 'c' was an annexation in District 5.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the Committee on Real Estate report as presented and considered giving first reading to the following bills:

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City a lease between City of Charleston and Marina Variety Store.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 1939 Piper Drive (0.25 acre) (TMS# 350-09-00-067), 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 5. The property is owned by Susan J Vigen.

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Velvett Simmons
Assistant Clerk of Council