

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

February 26, 2019

A meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means was held this date beginning at 4:59 p.m.

PRESENT (13)

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember White	District 1	Councilmember Waring – <i>arrived at 5:03 p.m.</i>	District 7
Councilmember Shealy	District 2	Councilmember Seekings	District 8
Councilmember Lewis	District 3	Councilmember Shahid	District 9
Councilmember Mitchell	District 4	Councilmember Griffin	District 10
Councilmember Wagner	District 5	Councilmember Moody	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie	District 6	Councilmember Jackson	District 12

1. INVOCATION:

The meeting was opened with an invocation provided by Councilwoman Jackson.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the February 12, 2019 Committee on Ways and Means meeting were deferred.

3. BIDS AND PURCHASES:

Councilmember Griffin asked Steve Kirk, Project Manager, to provide details on the change order for the Concord Street pump station. Mr. Kirk said when they needed to replace the dewatering pump discharge pipe brackets, it was discovered that the brackets were not installed per the as built conditions. Originally, they were going to reuse the stainless studs, but because the brackets were not installed per the as built plans, the contractor needed to do additional work to reinstall the new brackets in a proper fashion.

Councilmember Griffin asked who installed the brackets backwards and if it was the same company that fixed them. Mr. Kirk said it was not the same company. It was the original contractor who built the pump station in 2000. Councilmember Griffin asked if there was a way they could go back to the company to have them reimburse the City the cost since they did not do it correctly. Mr.

Kirk said he did not know.

Chairman White asked if it was constructed in 2000. Mr. Kirk said it was constructed around 2000. Councilmember Griffin said he would like legal staff to look into it because it did not make sense that they were paying the bill when something was not done correctly. Susan Herdina, Corporation Counsel, said they could look into it, but she thought the statute of limitations had probably passed and other options for them to pursue that had probably expired. Councilmember Griffin suggested that they make a note of this if they looked at hiring the company again in the future.

Councilmember Waring arrived to the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Councilmember Wagner said that he did not think there was a statute of limitation when something like that was done. Ms. Herdina said they would look into the matter.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the bids and purchases as follows:

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: ACCOUNT:230000-52206 APPROPRIATION: \$75,190

Approval of Annual Maintenance and Support for Police Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) Services from Charleston County, Sole Source Vendor, for consolidated dispatch Mobile CAD Operations

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION: ACCOUNT:230000-58015 APPROPRIATION: \$55,340.39

Approval to purchase a Thermoplastic Kettle & Trailer from M-B Companies, Inc., 1615 Wisconsin Ave., New Holstein, WI 53061; Solicitation #18-B052R

RESILIENCY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: ACCOUNT:193010-52204 APPROPRIATION: \$194,000

Approval to establish a contract for Vulnerability Assessment Consultant with Fernleaf Interactive, 1 Haywood St., Ste. 401, Asheville, NC 28803; Solicitation #18-P037R; 2019 Stormwater Budget

PUBLIC SERVICE: ACCOUNT:193010-53036 APPROPRIATION: \$22,449.16

Approval to process a change order for additional work at the Concord Street pump station with Salmon's Dredging by an increase of \$22,449.16. The original amount was \$46,303. 2019 Stormwater Budget

FLEET MANAGEMENT: ACCOUNT:062019-58010 APPROPRIATION: \$40,692

Approval to purchase two (2) 2019 Ford Escape 4x2 vehicles from Santee Automotive, 3501 Paxville Hwy., Manning, SC 29102; SC Contract #4400019795; 2019 Lease Purchase Funds

POLICE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT:062019-58010 APPROPRIATION: \$63,102

Approval to purchase two (2) each 2019 Ford F250 Pick Up Trucks from Vic Bailey Ford, 501 E. Daniel Morgan Ave., Spartanburg, SC 29302; State Contract #4400019971; 2019 Lease Purchase Funds

POLICE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT:062019-58010 APPROPRIATION: \$98,247

Approval to purchase three (3) each 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe Vehicles from Love Chevrolet, 100 Parkridge Dr., Columbia, SC 29212; State Contract #4400017323; 2019 Lease Purchase Funds

FLEET MANAGEMENT: ACCOUNT:062019-58010 APPROPRIATION: \$69,372

Approval to purchase three (3) 2019 Ford Escape 4x4 Vehicles from Santee Automotive, 3501 Paxville Hwy., Manning, SC 29102; SC Contract #4400019795; 2019 Lease Purchase Funds

FLEET MANAGEMENT: ACCOUNT:062019-58010 APPROPRIATION: \$575,100

Approval to purchase two (2) 2019 Mack LP 65R Chassis with Hell Python 28 Yard Auto Eject Side Loader from Carolina Environmental Systems, 306 Pineview Dr., Kernersville, NC 27284; Sourcewell Contract #112014-THE; 2019 Lease Purchase Funds

FLEET MANAGEMENT: ACCOUNT:062019-58010 APPROPRIATION: \$124,860.45

Approval to purchase a 2019 Low-Boy Tractor, HX520 SFA 6x4 (HX52F) from Carolina International, 1619 Bluff Road, Columbia, SC 29201; SC Contract #4400017275; 2019 Lease Purchase Funds

FLEET MANAGEMENT: ACCOUNT:062019-58015 APPROPRIATION: \$179,952.96

Approval to purchase a John Deere 135G FT 4 Excavator from Flint Equipment Co., 136 Acres Dr., Ladson, SC 29456; Sourcewell Contract #83922; 2019 Lease Purchase Funds

FLEET MANAGEMENT: ACCOUNT:062019-58010 APPROPRIATION: \$241,282.85

Approval to purchase an Air Street Sweeper from Public Works Equipment, 4519 Charlotte Hwy., Monroe, NC 28110; Sourcewell Contract #022017-FSC; 2019 Lease Purchase Funds

FLEET MANAGEMENT: ACCOUNT:062019-58010 APPROPRIATION: \$246,035.85

Approval to purchase an Air Street Sweeper with Catch Basin Nozzle from Public Works Equipment, 4519 Charlotte Hwy., Monroe, NC 28110; Sourcewell Contract #022014-FSC

FLEET MANAGEMENT: ACCOUNT:062019-58010 APPROPRIATION: \$280,914.99

Approval to purchase three (3) MV607 SBA Chassis with 27 Yard Scow Body from Carolina International Truck, Inc. 1619 Bluff Rd. Columbia, SC 29201; SC Contract #4400019807; 2019

Lease Purchase Funds

FLEET MANAGEMENT: ACCOUNT:062019-58010 APPROPRIATION: \$285,668.24

Approval to purchase a Vactor 2112 Plus Single Engine from Public Works Equipment, 4519 Charlotte Hwy., Monroe, NC 28110; Sourcewell Contract #122017-FSC; 2019 Lease Purchase Funds

FLEET MANAGEMENT: ACCOUNT:062019-58010 APPROPRIATION: \$106,599

Approval to purchase a 2019 HV607 SBA Chassis w/14 yard Dump Body from Carolina International Truck, Inc., 1619 Bluff Road, Columbia, SC 29201; SC Contract #4400017275

4. PARKS: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE 2019 KEEP SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUTIFUL PALMETTO PRIDE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,800. PROGRAM FUNDS WILL GO TOWARDS LITTER CLEANUP AND BEAUTIFICATION SUPPLIES, AS WELL AS EDUCATION PROGRAM COSTS. THE PALMETTO PRIDE GRANT WAS DUE NOVEMBER 2018 AND ACCEPTED DECEMBER 2018. THIS IS AFTER-THE-FACT DUE TO KCB STAFF BEING OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND A CHANGE IN FORMAT OF THE GRANT APPLICATION/AWARD PROCESS. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve to accept the 2019 Keep South Carolina Beautiful Palmetto Pride Grant in the amount of \$14,800.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVE THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 WITH KYLON MIDDLETON MINISTRIES, LLC TO PERFORM CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2019 ILLUMINATION PROJECT.

Councilmember Moody said it seemed like they approved a \$10,000 contract a couple of months ago. Steve Ruemelin, Assistant Corporation Counsel, said that last year's contract was with Seidler & Associates, which was for \$25,000. Margaret Seidler stepped down, and Kylon Middleton took over her responsibilities, so the City executed a new contract with Reverend Middleton and terminated the agreement with Mrs. Seidler. The \$10,000 was what was remaining on the contract. Now, Reverend Middleton would be doing the consulting services for the Illumination Project this year, so the entire \$25,000 contract would be with Kylon Middleton. Councilmember Moody asked what the City was expecting out of the contract. Mr. Ruemelin said that he did listening sessions in the community with the Chief of Police. He was also the moderator for the City's Citizen Advisory Council. They had a recent event at one of the churches with the Solicitor and Chief Reynolds. There was also a hate crimes community forum in which he participated in. He coordinated the listening sessions and worked closely with Chief Reynolds on community issues and relations. Councilmember Moody asked how this dovetailed with the bias audit the City was completing and if it was a part of it. Mr. Ruemelin said this would be a part of the information that would be provided to the company that was conducting the audit.

Councilwoman Jackson said there was a very healthy scope of services in their agenda packet, and it seemed like the time that was spent and the diversity of experience would benefit the community, and she was supportive of the contract.

Councilmember Seekings asked if it was a lump sum contract, or if the services were provided on an hourly basis. Mr. Ruemelin said it was a lump sum they paid out monthly at \$2,500 a month until they reached \$25,000.

Mayor Tecklenburg said he wanted to remind everyone that the Illumination Project came up with a very comprehensive program of various things the City's Police Department did, but also the facilitator conducted, monitored, and helped them keep track of it, as well. They always helped when there was an area of concern. After there were a number of gun violence incidents on James Island, the City conducted with the Town of James Island a joint listening session and community forum to address gun violence. They called upon Reverend Middleton and the Illumination Project to help facilitate that, and it was very beneficial to all involved.

Councilmember Lewis said Reverend Middleton would be working with the racial bias consultants. One of his responsibilities would be to make sure that when the consultants came back to Charleston, the community would be engaged.

Councilmember Griffin said he wanted to make sure the \$25,000 was annual, and Mr. Ruemelin confirmed.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement in the amount of \$25,000 with Kylon Middleton Ministries, LLC to perform consulting services in connection with the 2019 Illumination Project.

Councilmember Mitchell abstained from voting and completed a Conflict of Interest Form which is on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council.

6. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CPD AND CCSD TO ALLOW CPD TO CONDUCT EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING AT FRASER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 63 COLUMBUS STREET, CHARLESTON, SC 29403.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Moody, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve of a Memorandum of Understanding between CPD and CCSD to allow CPD to conduct emergency services training at Fraser Elementary School, 63 Columbus Street, Charleston, SC 29403.

7. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AND THE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY (PHA) OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS FOR THE PHA AS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, PURSUANT TO THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT OF 1969. THE CITY OF CHARLESTON'S DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AS THE LOCAL JURISDICTION RECEIVING THE HUD FUNDING HAS ACTED IN THIS CAPACITY FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IN THE PAST AND SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR ANY COSTS RELATED TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SECURED IN THE CONDUCT OF THESE SERVICES, BUT WILL HAVE OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES TO ENSURE ACTIONS ARE TAKEN COMPLIANT TO THE REGULATIONS.

On a motion of Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Moody, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Charleston and the Public Housing Authority (PHA) of the City of Charleston for the management and oversight of the Environmental Review Process for the PHA as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

8. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO APPROVE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BETWEEN HOWELL AND HOWELL CONTRACTORS, INC., AND THE CITY OF CHARLESTON FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES TO BUILD THREE HOMES, KNOWN AS THE KATRINA COTTAGES ON PARCELS OWNED BY THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AT 4 NUNAN STREET, 4 GRANTS COURT, AND 87 COOPER STREET LOCATED IN THE WEST AND EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON. THESE HOMES WILL BE SOLD TO FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS EARNING ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY (120%) PERCENT AND BELOW THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME. THE CONTRACT AMOUNT IS \$666,215 WHICH INCLUDES A TEN (10%) PERCENT CONTINGENCY AND WILL BE DERIVED FROM FUNDING IN THE FEE-IN-LIEU ACCOUNT. THE OVERALL BUDGET FOR THE DEVELOPMENT THE THREE LOTS IS \$730,745 AND IS ATTACHED FOR YOUR INFORMATION. THE BID FOR SERVICES WAS RELEASED DECEMBER 5, 2018 WITH RESPONSES RECEIVED JANUARY 25, 2019.

Councilmember Moody asked if the proceeds received from the sale of the properties went back into housing. Chairman White said he believed they remained as a subsidy. Geona Shaw Johnson, Director of Housing and Community Development, confirmed and said that typically they left in their acquisition and other predevelopment costs as permanent subsidy because it transferred to every owner that bought the property, and it lessened what they had to mortgage. With these properties, once they were sold, the money came back to the City. Councilmember Moody said he knew they would have an item on Real Estate where the City would buy some property, and the money was available. Mrs. Shaw Johnson confirmed and said the money would keep coming back.

Mayor Tecklenburg asked Mrs. Shaw Johnson to explain to the Committee what the Katrina cottages were. Mrs. Shaw Johnson explained they were a specific design that came out of the tragedy with Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. From that, Marianne Cusato designed a house that was in remembrance of the type of house that would have been found there. Three houses, two on the Westside and one of the Eastside, would be in this design. It was new to Charleston, but not new to the Lowcountry.

Councilmember Waring asked Mrs. Shaw Johnson to expand on the cost of the property and how that would be diminished by placing multiple units on it. Mrs. Shaw Johnson explained the City had three lots, and the lots were originally transferred to the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. They were not in a position to continue or finalize the development, so the City took the properties back about a year to two years ago. They looked at a full development budget that included acquisition costs and architectural design. If they paid \$25,000 on the design of the houses, they would split that between the three or allocate it specific to the house. They then backed out some of the costs and left them in as permanent subsidy which would be recorded with a deed, and that amount reduced the amount the end buyer had to finance. If the house cost \$200,000, and they left \$50,000 in, \$50,000 was the permanent subsidy. Then, they were actually financing \$150,000 in a house. When they went to the bank and received the money, then that amount of money also went back to the City and went back to be used for affordable housing purposes.

Councilmember Gregorie asked if any of the subsidy went away after staying in the property for a long time. Mrs. Shaw Johnson said that under the first time home ownership program, they had 90 year restrictive covenants that were recorded with the deed and two ten year successive covenants beyond the 90, so they never went away, and they never diminished. They were permanent subsidies. Councilmember Gregorie asked what the average square footage was of the Katrina Cottages. Mrs. Geona Shaw Johnson said they were slightly over 1,000 square feet.

Chairman White said that the cost to build downtown was substantial with the type of construction that had to be done, so they had more houses, but it was costly to build downtown.

On a motion of Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Moody, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a Construction Contract between Howell and Howell Contractors, Inc., and the City of Charleston for construction services to build three homes, known as the Katrina Cottages on parcels owned by the City of Charleston at 4 Nunan Street, 4 Grants Court, and 87 Cooper Street located in the West and Eastside neighborhoods of the City of Charleston.

9. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO APPROVE A REALLOCATION OF FUNDING FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK PROGRAM INCOME FUND TO THE FEE-IN-LIEU ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$351,721 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ASHLEYVILLE/MARYVILLE HOUSES. THIS WOULD REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS DERIVED FROM THE

FEE-IN-LIEU ACCOUNT FROM \$1,027,000 TO \$675,279. PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Councilmember Moody asked why they were reallocating the funds. Mrs. Shaw Johnson said when the City had CDBG money allocated to it, they could not have any more than 1.5 times that amount on hand. They had a number of projects in the que because they were waiting for environmental review clearances, but they were coming very close to what HUD called a sweep, where they analyzed what cities had on hand. Because the City had not spent a certain amount of money, if the City had the money on hand, HUD would ask why the money was not being spent and if they had appropriate projects, which the City did. The City had to make sure that they received program income funds back in their coffers. In order to make sure they stayed in compliance with the 1.5 percent, they were requesting that funds from their program income dollars be allocated towards the expenses that had already been incurred by the Ashleyville/Maryville development. Previously, they pulled this from the fee-in-lieu account. The money would go back into fee in lieu and replace those monies that were spent.

Mayor Tecklenburg said that the City was looking at their programs because even if they were spending \$10,000 of Federal money to help someone repair their roof, there were a number of Federal agencies with which they had to receive clearance before they could spend the \$10,000. They were going to try to focus more on bigger ticket items like this program where they were spending hundreds of thousands of dollars at a time, so there was more efficiency when it came to getting the approvals and Federal clearances.

Councilmember Shahid asked if these were homes that were already being constructed, and Mrs. Shaw Johnson confirmed.

Councilmember Lewis said he had heard of cases where the City's construction supervisor had problems getting the project approved because staff dragged their feet. He said it was important that they worked with Mrs. Shaw Johnson's office to make sure that when they were building the houses, everybody worked together to get the approvals completed.

On a motion of Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a reallocation of funding from the Community Development Block Program income fund to the Fee-in-Lieu account in the amount of \$351,721 for the construction of the Ashleyville/Maryville houses.

10. BUDGET FINANCE AND REVENUE COLLECTIONS: APPROVAL OF THE BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD HRA ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT. IN AUGUST, THE 2019 HEALTHCARE BUDGET WAS APPROVED WHICH INCLUDED THE HRA ADMINISTRATION. THIS IS AN INCREASE (\$6500) TO THE ORIGINALLY APPROVED VENDOR.

On a motion of Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the Blue Cross/Blue Shield HRA Administration Contract.

11. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE: (MEETING WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2019 AT 3:00 P.M., CITY HALL, 80 BROAD STREET, FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM)

- a. Approval to apply for 2019 Charleston County Greenbelt funds in the amount of \$6,100,000 for the purchase of an 8.46 acre waterfront property on James Island (Fort Pemberton). Application deadline is February 29, 2019. There are no matching funds for this grant and funding of the grant comes from the "Urban" Greenbelt allocated to the City.
- b. Approval to apply for 2019 South Carolina Conservation Bank Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$600,000 to be used in the purchase of an 8.46 acre waterfront property on James Island (Fort Pemberton). This funding source is to supplement the application of Charleston County Greenbelt Funds for the purchase of the property. The deadline for this application was 1/31/2019 and this is an after-the-fact approval for application. This grant has no matching fund requirement.
- c. Request approval of the Fourth Amendment to Lease Agreement for police forensics unit at 1023 Wappoo Road whereby extending Suites A-14 and A-15 one additional month to April 30, 2019 and Suite B-48 up to six additional months to September 30, 2019
- d. Request approval of the Lease Agreement for 2093 Executive Hall Road for the relocation of police forensics unit
- e. Request approval of the Lease Agreement for 12-C Farmfield Avenue for the relocation of police forensics unit
- f. Request authorization for the Mayor to execute an Agreement of Purchase and Sale in the amount of \$70,000 for the property known as 36 Cooper Street. The goal in the acquisition of this site is to demolish the current structure and maximize the lot size for the construction of additional for-sale housing to persons earning 120% or below the Area Median Income. The property is owned by Benjamin Green Jr. and Shakayla Simmons. (TMS: 459-06-01-008; 36 Cooper Street)
- g. Request approval of a Resolution expressing the City's intention to make a loan to WestEdge supporting WestEdge's obligation pursuant to the Infrastructure Development Agreement to pay certain costs incurred by 99 West Edge Developer, LLC for the installment of public improvements supporting the redevelopment of the WestEdge District, such loan to be secured by a Promissory Note in the form attached to the Resolution in the amount of \$4,124,290.61 , which shall be repaid by TIF Revenues, and to terminate the Guaranty Agreement, previously approved by City Council which capped

the amount to be paid by the City of such public improvements at \$3,735,536. (TMS: Portion of 400-00-00-013; 99 West Edge)

h. Consider the following annexation:

214 Rice Mill Place (TMS# 269-01-05-023) 0.24 acre, Cainhoy (District 1). The property is owned by Matthew Hunter Baker and Chelsea Baker.

- i. Executive Session in accordance with Section 30-4-70(a)(2) of the South Carolina Code to discuss contractual negotiations and receive legal advice regarding the acquisition of a new drainage easement over property owned by St. Andrews Playground Commission (Charleston County TMS No. 350-04-00-002) as part of the Forest Acres Drainage Improvements Project. The Committee may or may not take action after returning to open session. **(After coming out of Executive Session, the Committee voted to approve the purchase of the easement for \$600)**
- j. Approval of a Resolution to submit the Greenbelt Funding Application to pay for one half of the acquisition of the Brantley Park site

Councilmember Moody, Chair of the Real Estate Committee, reported that they had an extensive meeting. The Committee approved item 'a,' which was an application for \$6.1 million for the purchase of 8.46 acres, Fort Pemberton, on James Island. There was \$3.1 million in Greenbelt money currently, and they would use that and pay it back over the next three years with Greenbelt money and future applications. Item 'b' was a South Carolina Bank Trust Fund Grant. They learned they had received \$400,000 of the \$600,000 for which they applied, and that would be available to pay off and free up some money in the conservation fund.

Items 'c,' 'd,' and 'e' were related to the City's forensic lab on Wappoo Road. They had three suites and a building. For two of those suites, the City approved an extension of 30 days. They approved an extension for the third suite until September 30th. The City's plan was to move all of these out by the end of April, and a portion would be placed on Executive Hall Road. The administrative part of the forensic lab would be placed at Farmfield. They had entered into two triple-net leases on both of the properties for about three years. This would get them to the point that they could move. They would have their forensic lab on Bees Ferry Road completed by that time.

Item 'f' was the purchase of property at 36 Cooper Street. It was a 5300 square foot lot, a good size lot, and they would be able to tear the building down and put in a minimum of four affordable housing units. He thanked Mrs. Geona Shaw Johnson and her team.

The additional \$700,000 for Item 'g' was approved, which would bring the money up to \$4,124,290.61. Item 'h,' which was an annexation, which was also approved. They went into Executive Session for Item 'i.' When they came out of Executive Session, they voted to purchase the easement for \$600. Item 'j' was the Resolution to submit a Greenbelt Funding application. Brantley Park was a little less than an acre site on James Island that was on a tidal creek and marsh area. This would be a joint venture with the Town of James Island. The City's piece of the joint

application was \$233,500. The property was in the City of Charleston, and the City would own the property, and the Town of James Island would maintain and take care of the park.

They also heard discussion on the Lowline, but no action was taken.

Councilwoman Jackson said they needed to put on record that the approval of Brantley Park was not for acquisition, but for being able to submit the application for funding by the Greenbelt funds because they would be coming back to Real Estate and Ways and Means for the acquisition of the property. Councilmember Moody added that this was the same for Fort Pemberton. It was approval of the application, not the actual acquisition.

Councilmember Lewis said he would not be voting for Item 'g,' but would support the remainder of the report. Chairman White said he would also be voting against Item 'g.' His vote was in opposition to the fact they were extending past the cap they committed to, and he felt at some point, they were going to have to stop spending when they did not have the money.

On a motion of Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, the Committee on Ways and Means voted to approve the report of the Committee on Real Estate as presented and recommended giving first reading to the following bill:

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of a vacant lot on Stinson Drive (0.99 acre) (TMS# 350-05-00-095), 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 11. The property is owned by Rale MGMT LLC.

The vote was not unanimous. Chairman White and Councilmember Lewis voted nay on item 'g.'

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Jennifer Cook
Assistant Clerk of Council