

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Monday, May 9, 2022

A meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee was held this date A meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee was held this date held this date using Conference Call Number: 1-929-205-6099 and Access Code: 592 385 519 beginning at 4:03 pm. Notice of this meeting was sent to the news media.

PRESENT

Committee Members: Councilmember Perry K. Waring, Chair, Mayor John J. Tecklenburg, Councilmember A. Peter Shahid, Jr., Councilmember Ross A. Appel, Councilmember Mike Seekings and Councilmember Stephen M. Bowden.

City Staff: Mr. Tom O'Brien Director of Public Service, Mr. Matthew Fountain, Director Storm Water Management, s. Julia Copeland, Corporation Counsel, Ms. Mallary Scheer, Assistant Corporation Counsel, Mrs. Magalie Creech, Assistant Corporation Counsel, Mr. Richard Jerue, Senior Advisor to the Mayor, Mr. Jeremy Collins, Network Engineer and Ms. Jennifer Cook, Clerk of Council.

A. Invocation

Councilmember Shahid opened the meeting with an invocation.

B. Approval of Public Works and Utilities Committee Minutes:

1. April 25, 2022

On motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Mayor Tecklenburg the April 25, 2022 minutes were unanimously approved as distributed.

C. Request to Set a Public Hearing

None

D. Old Business

None

E. Acceptance and Dedication of Streets

1. Point Hope a portion of Foundation Street (R/W varies), a portion of Hopewell Driver (57' R/W) and Pulitzer Street (50' R/W)
 - a. Title to Real Estate
 - b. Exclusive Stormwater Drainage Easement Agreement
 - c. Affidavit for Taxable or Exempt Transfers
 - d. Plat

Mr. O'Brien conveyed all infrastructures were completed and inspected by staff. Approval was recommended.

On motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Seekings, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the acceptance and dedication of Point

Hope a portion of Foundation Street (R/W varies), a portion of Hopewell Driver (57' R/W) and Pulitzer Street (50' R/W).

- F. Temporary Encroachments Approved by the Department of Public Service (For information only)
1. **43 Cannon Street**, Holey City Bagels - Install right-angle sign in the City r/w- This encroachment is temporary.
 2. **109 River Landing Drive**, Suite 100B, Cluver Psychiatric Group - Install right-angle sign in the City r/w- this encroachment is temporary.
 3. **177 King Street**, Antinori Italian Shoes - Install right- angle sign in the City r/w- This encroachment is temporary.
 4. **78 Line Street**, Harrison Blackford Studio - Install right-angle sign in the City r/w- This encroachment is temporary.
 5. **178 King Street**, Madison Mathews - Install right-angle sign in the City r/w- This encroachment is temporary.
 6. **1405 Miles Drive** - Install sanitary sewer line in the City r/e. This encroachment is temporary.
 7. **93 Society Street** - Install stormwater pipe and box in the City r/w. This encroachment is temporary.
 8. **38 Queen Street**, Corrigan Gallery - Install right-angle sign in the City r/w- This encroachment is temporary.

Mr. O'Brien stated all of the encroachment were reviewed and approved by staff.

Mayor Tecklenburg conveyed it was not typical to see a request for a sewer lines, stormwater pipes and boxes. Mr. O'Brien replied there was a portion of these items located within the City's right-of-way. Hence the encroachment ensured the owner's acceptance of responsibility and having met the requirements.

He added anytime there was a request dealing with stormwater it's reviewed by Mr. Fountain and his staff.

Councilmember Seekings asked once the temporary encroachment permits were approved was there a monitoring system in place to determine when the approved time period ended. Mr. O'Brien replied affirmatively stating and with the assistance of Mr. Dan Ricco's Livability Staff. Should a situation arise whereby a temporary encroachment needed to be removed the owner of the property would be asked to do so. Staff maintains a running list in a data base. Mr. O'Brien stated his staff along with the Legal Department worked together to ensure encroachments were temporary thus allowing the City to maintain control of the affected area.

G. **Public Service Department Update**
None

H. **Stormwater Management Department Update**

1. Church Creek- Recommend Approval to Award the Church Creek Denaturalization and Flood Protection Project at Mowler Court Construction Contract to IPW Construction, LLC for \$246,604 25 Funding

for this project is a combination of a National Fish and Wildlife Implementation Grant and the Drainage Fund.

On motion of Councilmember Bowden, seconded by Councilmember Shahid the Committee voted unanimously to approve Church Creek - Awarding the Church Creek Denaturalization and Flood Protection Project at Mowler Court Construction Contract to IPW Construction, LLC for \$246,604 25 Funding for this project is a combination of a National Fish and Wildlife Implementation Grant and the Drainage Fund.

The Chair stated he appreciated the efforts of Mr. Fountain and his staff, stating funding was arriving right on time.

In response to a question from Councilmember Shahid, Mr. Fountain replied the National Fish and Wildlife Implementation Grant was for the basket of projects in Church Creek. The Combined contribution was approximately \$1.3M with a City match of approximately 50%. Councilmember Shahid thanked Mr. Fountain.

Councilmember Bowden also thanked Mr. Fountain and on behalf of his neighbors stating though the projects were a long way from completion, it would make a significant difference.

I. Miscellaneous or Other New Business

The Chair asked Mr. Fountain to give a brief overview of the King/Huger Street project.

Mr. Fountain conveyed the City reached a final lease agreement with Charleston County Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the portion of the property needed in order to install the wet-well and pump station at the front of the William Enston Home Homes, north side of Huger Street. The Charleston County Housing and Redevelopment Authority was granting the City use the property without charge.

The Chair mentioned the Mayor Tecklenburg gave a report on this at the Real Estate Committee. He asked if he would do the same at this meeting. Mayor Tecklenburg replied the price of the property was free. A valuable piece of property and for the City's partners to be willing to give a permanent easement for the duration of this project was very valuable. The City's partnership with the Housing Authority was critical, both ways. He stated a real thank you was in order.

The Chair mentioned some years ago when the City was working on the Market Street drainage project the State Ports Authority charged over \$700K to use as laydown for equipment to complete the drainage work. However when you have allies coming to the table resulting with free use of their property, that's a good ally.

Councilmember Seekings asked about the pump. Mr. Fountain replied the pump station and surface civil work went through the first step of the Board of Architectural Review (BAR) process. They have concept approval to include mass and scale and orientation. Currently, staff was working on the following; finalizing the BAR architectural design process, continuing with the Technical Review Committee (TRC),

working the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) pipe placement under the roadway and working with U.S. Corps of Engineers (USACE) on the discharge into the creek. He felt there was probably another year of permitting before beginning construction by the end of 2023.

For the purpose of the new Councilmembers, Bowden and Appel, the Chair stated there was a John Boat, standard equipment, in this area to ferry people out of the water due to the flooding.

Mayor Tecklenburg asked if it was the pleasure of the Committee he would make a brief report from the Ad Hoc Budget Committee. The green projects were discussed and some were shown to be underfunded. With the existing drainage fund over the next five-years the TIF District funds could cover some of the currently known shortfalls. Then approximately \$17M for the following projects; improvement Central Park, drainage basin on James Island, DuWap West Ashley, small project in Port Royal Neighborhood, brick Arch restoration projects until funds are received from SCDOT and \$1.5M for long lake along Calhoun Street and similar amount to start the design for the Long Branch Basin. He felt this was a reasonable path forward addressing some of the worse areas. He noted it was a good meeting and would be bringing something more official in regards to the budget and allocations in the near future.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Vanessa Ellington
Clerk of Council's Office