

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

May 24, 2022

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

PRESENT (12)

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor (virtual)

Councilmember Gregg	District 1	Councilmember Waring <i>absent</i>	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	District 5	Councilmember Appel	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie	District 6	Councilmember Parker	District 12

1. INVOCATION:

The meeting opened with an invocation provided by Councilmember Gregorie.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means approved the minutes of the May 10, 2022 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 unanimously to approve the following bids and purchases:

a. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: ACCOUNT: 161000-52206 AMOUNT: \$804,236.91

Approval to renew Microsoft Enterprise Agreement for City computers and servers through SHI in the amount of \$804,236.91. State Contract #4400017751. This licensing renewal is required to maintain all Microsoft licensing for all City computers, servers, and Mobile Data Terminals to include Windows desktop operating systems, Office applications, network Active Directory, database software, Exchange/email, Windows server operating systems, Mobile Device Management, and related cyber security for licensing and future upgrade requirements.

b. POLICE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 240134-58015 AMOUNT: \$126,603.41

Approval to purchase two (2) Logos X-Ray Systems in the amount of \$126,603.41 from Logos Imaging, LLC, PO Box 576, Windsor, Colorado 80550. Solicitation #22-B010W. Funding will be through the Port Security Grant. A 25% match is required to be allocated through DOJ seized funds.

c. POLICE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 240136-58015 AMOUNT: \$75,000

Approval to establish a contract for Gas Chromatograph Interface in the amount of \$75,000 from Thermo Electron North America, 1400 Northpoint Pkwy., Ste. 10, West Palm Beach, FL 33407. Solicitation #21-P037R. Excess will come from seized asset funds.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF THE BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM CONTRACT WITH WORKPLACE SOLUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,648, IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE CITY LEGAL DEPARTMENT. WORKPLACE SOLUTIONS WAS APPROVED BY THE HR COMMITTEE ON MAY 12, 2022 AS THE CITY'S NEW BENEFITS ADMINISTRATOR SYSTEM VENDOR. THIS IS FOR BUDGET YEAR 2023. APPROVAL IS REQUESTED NOW SO THAT THE CITY CAN MEET THE IMPLEMENTATION FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT IN OCTOBER 2022.

On a motion of Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve of the Benefits Administration System contract with Workplace Solutions in the amount of \$70,648, in a form approved by the City legal department.

5. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUESTED TO ALLOCATE FUNDING TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON TEMPORARY HOPE CENTER AT 529 MEETING STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155,494. THE BUDGET REFLECTS UP-FRONT AND ANNUAL COSTS TO OPERATE THE CENTER. THE HOPE CENTER WILL PROVIDE SERVICES TO THOSE WHO ARE UNSHELTERED AND ARE AT RISK OF BECOMING UNSHELTERED IN THE CHARLESTON COMMUNITY. THE BUDGET IS ATTACHED. FUNDING WILL COME FROM VARIOUS SOURCES. BY APPROVING THIS BUDGET, COUNCIL IS APPROVING THE USE OF \$65,031 IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS FOR VARIOUS ONE-TIME EXPENDITURES RELATED TO THE CENTER, \$34,170.52 IN CDBG-CV FUNDS, AND A BUDGET TRANSFER OF \$56,292.48 FROM NON-DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES IN THE GENERAL FUND. THE NON-DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES INCLUDE \$48,000 THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY BUDGETED FOR THE CENTER AND \$8,292.48 FROM CONTINGENCIES. ALL OF THIS WILL BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE BUDGET AMENDMENTS. IN ADDITION, THIS WILL IMPACT FUTURE BUDGETS. ESTIMATED IMPACT OF THE 2023 BUDGET IS APPROXIMATELY \$155,000.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by the Mayor Tecklenburg, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to allocate funding to the City of Charleston temporary HOPE Center at 529 Meeting Street in the amount of \$155,494.

6. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO APPROVE \$543,000 TO THE GATEWAY COMPANIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SIXTY-NINE (69) SENIOR, AFFORDABLE RENTAL APARTMENTS IN THE WEST ASHLEY COMMUNITY FOR PERSONS EARNING SIXTY (60%) PERCENT AND BELOW THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME. FUNDING WOULD COME FROM THE BALANCE OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND APPROVED IN NOVEMBER 2017. THE DEVELOPER HAS EXPERIENCED INCREASED COSTS ON THE PROJECT LEAVING A FINANCIAL GAP; CITY FUNDING WOULD FILL THAT FINANCING GAP.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously approve \$543,000 to The Gateway Companies for the

development of sixty-nine (69) senior, affordable rental apartments in the West Ashley community for persons earning sixty (60%) percent and below the Area Median Income.

7. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ARE ASKED TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AWARD OF \$4,000,000 TO HUMANITIES FOUNDATION FROM \$4,000,000 TO \$4,487,782. THE FUNDS WERE AWARDED FROM THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND APPROVED IN NOVEMBER 2017; COMMITTED IN 2019; AWARDED IN 2020. THE DEVELOPER HAS EXPERIENCED INCREASED COSTS DUE TO INTEREST RATE SPIKES IN INTERIM AND PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION FINANCING, CONSTRUCTION AND INCREASED FLOOD INSURANCE COSTS. THE INITIAL DEVELOPMENT BUDGET WAS \$29M; THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENT BUDGET IS \$42M. THIS DEVELOPMENT HELPS TO MEET THE CRITICAL NEEDS FOR AFFORDABLY PRICED SENIOR RENTAL HOUSING IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON.

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve an amendment to award \$4,000,000 to Humanities Foundation from \$4,000,000 to \$4,487,782. The funds were awarded from the General Obligation Bond approved in November 2017: committed in 2019: awarded in 2020.

8. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHARLESTON DORCHESTER MENTAL HEALTH CENTER (CDMHC) AND CHARLESTON POLICE DEPARTMENT (CPD), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000, FOR ONE FULL-TIME MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve an agreement between Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center (CDMHC) and Charleston Police Department (CPD), in the amount of \$20,000, for one full-time mental health professional to provide mental health service to children and families in domestic violence cases.

9. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD OF \$17,500 FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS BIG READ, A PARTNERSHIP WITH ARTS MIDWEST, TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY LITERARY EVENTS. A 1:1 CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED. FUNDING WILL COME FROM PRIVATE DONATIONS.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to accept a grant award of \$17,500 from the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read, a partnership with Arts Midwest, to support community literary events.

10. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE (MEETING WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022 AT 2:00 P.M., CONFERENCE CALL: 1-929-205-6099; ACCESS CODE: 835 678 884)

- a. Request approval for the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Charleston and the Anson Burial Memorial Project Committee.

b. Request authorization for the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City of Charleston, the Amended Lease Agreement between KQC Investors, LLC and the City of Charleston, extending the term of the lease to April 30, 2023. (529 Meeting Street, SC 29401)

c. Please consider the following annexation:

- (i) 2863 Maybank Highway (1.83 acre) (TMS# 313-00-00-135 and 138), Johns Island, (District 5). The property is owned by Mabank Group LLC.

Councilmember Appel, Chair of the Real Estate Committee, reported that all items passed unanimously. He stated he recused himself from voting on Item c of the report.

Councilmember Shahid said he had spoken with Scott Watson yesterday, and he had stated that the Anson Burial Memorial had been before the History Commission, which was not correct. It had actually gone before the Committee on Special Facilities.

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

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 2863 Maybank Highway (approximately 1.83 acre) (TMS# 313-00-00-135 and 138), 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 Maybank Group LLC.

Councilmember Appel recused himself from voting on Item 'c' of the report 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 4:37 p.m.

Brittany Pinckney
Assistant Clerk of Council