

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

June 21, 2022

A meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means was held this date beginning at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT (12)

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember Gregg <i>arrived @ 4:02 p.m.</i>	District 1	Councilmember Waring <i>arrived @ 4:07 p.m.</i>	District 7
Councilmember Shealy	District 2	Councilmember Seekings <i>absent</i>	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 <i>absent</i>	District 12

1. INVOCATION:

The meeting opened with an invocation provided by Councilmember Shahid.

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 24, 2022 Committee on Ways and Means meeting.

3. BIDS AND PURCHASES:

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

a. **POLICE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 52023 AMOUNT: \$107,968.86**

Approval to purchase light and siren equipment for marked vehicles in the amount of \$107,968.86 from Campbell-Brown, 1131 White Horse Rd., Greenville, SC 29604. SC Contract #4400025321.

b. **POLICE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 58015 & 52300 AMOUNT: \$1,587.18**

Approval to process a change order to increase the amount of the Logos X-Ray System from \$126,603.41 to \$128,190.59 for taxes and training that was omitted from the total with Logos

Imaging, LLC. The difference in the amount is \$1,587.18. This was previously approved by Council on May 24, 2022.

c. FIRE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 52008 AMOUNT: \$333,095.28

Approval to purchase 84 sets of Globe PPE Turnout Gear in the amount of \$333,095.28 from Newton's Fire and Safety Equipment, P.O. Box 13, Swepsonville, NC 27359. CCPA Contract #2020001104. The total dollar amount \$166,547.64 is coming from 210000-52008 and \$166,547.64 is coming from 211000-52008.

**d. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: ACCOUNT: 161000-52206 AMOUNT:
\$42,453.30**

Approval of renewal of annual agreement with SecureLink, the sole source vendor to provide maintenance and support services for the City's secure access system in the amount of \$42,453.30. The annual agreement provides annual maintenance and support services, including software updates, for the City's access control system used to provide secure and managed external access into internal City network systems.

**e. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: ACCOUNT:162000-52206 AMOUNT:
\$126,876.00**

Approval to renew ESRI ArcGIS enterprise licensing agreement in the amount of \$126,876.00. Sole source purchase. This renewal of the Enterprise Licensing Agreement (ELA) covers year one of a new three-year renewal period to provide GIS licensing resources in support of City operations to include Police, Fire, Planning, Public Service, Traffic & Transportation and Parks. It consists of three annual payments (2022, 2023, 2024) of \$126,876.00 each.

f. PUBLIC SERVICE: ACCOUNT: 52206

Approval to amend the existing contract for Waste Collection Services with Trident Waste & Recycling, LLC, 2701 Rourk St., North Charleston, SC 29405. Solicitation# 20-P029R. This is on an as-needed basis. Funding will come through a future budget amendment from the use of savings from vacant positions.

4. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUESTED FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE (SF 424 FORMS) AND THE CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR THE 2022-2023 PROGRAM YEARS. ATTACHED IS THE 424 FORMS, HUD CERTIFICATION FORMS AND THE BUDGET. THIS REQUEST HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (CD) COMMITTEE OF CITY COUNCIL. THE CD COMMITTEE OF CITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDED APPROVAL TO THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE OF CITY COUNCIL. APPROVAL IS ALSO REQUESTED FOR THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS FOR EACH ORGANIZATION BASED ON THE APPROVED BUDGETS/AWARDS. THE CONTRACTS WILL BE REVIEWED AND VETTED BY CITY OF CHARLESTON CORPORATION COUNSEL PRIOR TO THE DISSEMINATION OF THE CONTRACTS TO THE NONPROFIT AGENCIES. CONTRACT TEMPLATES ARE ALSO ATTACHED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the request for the submission of the Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424 Forms) and the corresponding documents to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 2022-2023 program years.

5. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUESTED FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S AGREEMENT WITH S&ME, INC. THE AMENDMENT EXTENDS THE AGREEMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS AND PROVIDES AN ADDITIONAL \$32,382 IN FUNDING TO FACILITATE THE REMOVAL OF CONTAMINATED SOIL AT THE CITY OF CHARLESTON'S LOWLINE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SITE. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FROM THE CITY OF CHARLESTON STORM WATER DIVISION AND SUB-CONTRACTOR STAFFING REQUIREMENTS CAUSED UNANTICIPATED DELAYS IN THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve an amendment to the City's Agreement with S&KE, Inc. The amendment provides an additional \$32,382 to facilitate the removal of contaminated soil at the City of Charleston's Lowline Affordable Housing Site.

6. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF WEST ASHLEY GREENWAY IMPROVEMENTS-STINSON TO PARKDALE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH TRULUCK CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$396,304 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE LONG CREEK BRIDGE ALONG THE WEST ASHLEY GREENWAY. WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT BUDGET, STAFF IS AUTHORIZED TO AWARD AND/OR AMEND CONTRACTS LESS THAN \$40,000, TO THE EXTENT CONTINGENCY FUNDS EXIST IN THE COUNCIL APPROVED BUDGET. APPROVAL OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WILL INSTITUTE A PROJECT BUDGET OF \$734,047.70 OF WHICH THE CONTRACT WILL OBLIGATE \$396,304. FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: 2013 GENERAL FUND RESERVES (\$214,016.57), 2016 GENERAL FUND RESERVES (\$100,000), 2018 GENERAL FUND RESERVES (\$235,000), 2020 GENERAL FUND RESERVES (\$125,031.13) AND A CWS CONTRIBUTION (\$60,000).

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Sakran, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve \$396,304 to Truluck Construction for the replacement of the Long Creek Bridge along the West Ashley Greenway.

7. TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION TO THE SIGNAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY. CONTRACT IS BEING AMENDED TO ADD ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO ALLOW THE CITY TO MAINTAIN ADDITIONAL SCDOT SIGNAL LOCATIONS.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a modification to The Signal Maintenance Agreement between the South Carolina Department of Transportation and the City. The contract is being amended to allow the City to maintain additional SCDOT signal locations.

Councilmember Gregg arrived.

8. BFRC: APPROVAL TO ALLOCATE AN ADDITIONAL \$2,950,000 IN ARPA FUNDS TO SPECIFIC PROJECTS/SERVICES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE AD HOC BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THEIR MEETING ON 5/26/22. SEE DETAIL ATTACHED. FORMAL APPROPRIATION OF THESE FUNDS WILL COME IN A FUTURE BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Councilmember Gregorie said that there was an omission, and the item needed to be amended to reflect the contribution of \$173,361 for the Roper Senior Center.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the allocation of additional ARPA funds, as amended.

Mayor Tecklenburg asked if it was the Roper Senior Center or the Waring Senior Center. Councilmember Gregorie stated it was for the Roper St. Francis Senior Centers.

Councilmember Shahid said the very first item was the repeal of the property tax increase of 3.7 million. He presumed that was what they passed in case they were not able to get those funds and they could increase their millage. As promised, they repealed that property tax increase because the funds did come through. They were saving their taxpayers the equivalent of 3.7 million dollars in total tonight. They made that promise to their citizens, and they were following through on that promise.

9. RECREATION DEPARTMENT: AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO OFFER THE USDA SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM. THE EFFECTIVE DATE WILL BE JUNE 6, 2022. FUNDING IS PROVIDED THROUGH THE SC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AS THE LOCAL SPONSORING AGENCY. THIS IS AN AFTER-THE-FACT APPROVAL. DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS, THE GRANT WAS SUBMITTED ON MAY 25,2022.

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously for approval to submit a grant application to offer the USDA Summer Food Service Program.

10. RECREATION DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN CITY OF CHARLESTON AND THE CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,400 TO PURCHASE MEALS TO BE SERVED DURING THE SUMMER FOR CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL FREE/REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM. FUNDING IS PROVIDED THROUGH THE SC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AS THE LOCAL SPONSORING AGENCY. THIS IS AN AFTER-THE-FACT APPROVAL. DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS, THIS WAS SUBMITTED AS PART OF THE SUMMER FEEDING APPLICATION PROCESS. THIS PROGRAM COMMENCED ON JUNE 6TH AND ENDS ON AUGUST 5TH 2022.

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the contract in the amount of \$48,400 between the City of Charleston and the Charleston County School District, to purchase meals to

be served during the summer for children who participate in the school free/reduced lunch programs.

11. FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF THE 2022 PORT SECURITY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$796,926, FOR RETROFIT OF THE SAFE BOAT VESSEL, EQUIPMENT FOR UNDERWATER RESPONSE TEAM, QUICK REACTION KITS, BOMB SUIT AND TRAINING. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTING A HAZ-MAT RESPONSE MOBILE TRAINING AND AN UPGRADE TO ELECTRONICS ON MARINE 101. A CASH MATCH OF \$199,232 IS REQUESTED FOR 2023. THIS IS AN AFTER-THE-FACT APPROVAL. DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS, THE GRANT WAS SUBMITTED MAY 27, 2022.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to accept a grant award of \$796,926 from the 2022 Port Security Grant for the retrofit of the SAFE boat vessel, equipment for underwater response team, quick reaction kits, bomb suit and training.

12. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE 2022 DUKE ENERGY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,000 FOR PUBLICATION OF HURRICANE PREPARATION GUIDES AND PROMOTIONAL PENS. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIRED FOR THIS GRANT.

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to accept a grant award of \$9,000 from the 2022 Duke Energy Grant for publication of hurricane preparation guides and promotional pens.

13. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR THE 2022 QUARTER 4 FIREHOUSE SUBS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,000 FOR SPECIALIZED TACTICAL MEDICAL TRAINING AIDS AND TOOLS. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIRED FOR THIS GRANT. GRANT APPLICATIONS OPEN JULY 7, 2022 AND CLOSE AUGUST 17, 2022.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously for approval to apply for the 2022 Quarter 4 Firehouse Subs Grant in the amount of \$16,000 for tactical medical training aids and tools.

14. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE FFY22 SCDPS SRO GRANT FOR FUNDING FOR TWO SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS IN CONNECTION WITH CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AN ANNUAL RENEWAL. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIRED FOR THIS GRANT.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to accept the FFY22 SCDPS SRO Grant for funding two school resource officers in connection with Charleston County School District.

15. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD OF \$17,000 FROM SOUTH ARTS, TO SUPPORT DANCE PROGRAMMING FOR THE 2022 MOJA ARTS FESTIVAL. THE PROJECT PERIOD IS FROM 1/15/22-6/30/22 AND 9/29/22-10/2/22. A 1:1 CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED. FUNDING WILL COME FROM PRIVATE DONATIONS.

On a motion of Mayor Tecklenburg, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to accept a grant award of \$17,000 from South Arts to support dance programming for the 2022 MOJA Arts Festival.

16. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL TO INCREASE LOW BATTERY SEAWALL RESTORATION-PHASE III P172438 WITH INSIGHT GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,250.00 FOR ADDITIONAL VIBRATION MONITORING THROUGH JANUARY 2023 DUE TO THE PROJECT SCHEDULING PROPOSED BY GULF STREAM CONSTRUCTION TO ACCOUNT FOR THE LENGTH OF THIS PHASE OF THE SEAWALL RESTORATION (~1,800'). THIS INCREASE IS TO HAVE 2 MONITORS FOR 25 WEEKS. APPROVAL P172438 WILL INCREASE THE PO AMOUNT BY \$16,250 (FROM \$31,150.00 TO \$47,400.00). THE FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: HOSPITALITY FUNDS (\$17,077,901.53), MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDS (\$15,651,479.68), CHARLESTON COUNTY ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FEES (\$400,000.00), CWS CONTRIBUTIONS (\$4,874,746.00) AND A FUTURE HOSPITALITY REVENUE BOND TO COVER THE REST OF THE PROJECT.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve \$16,250 to increase Low Battery Seawall Restoration-Phase III with Insight Group for additional vibration monitoring through January 2023.

17. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF SPRING-FISHBURNE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PHASE 4 FEE AMENDMENT #23 WITH DAVIS & FLOYD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,281,084.00 FOR EXTENDED CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR INCREASED CONSTRUCTION DURATION DUE TO WEATHER DELAYS AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION RELATED DELAYS, INCLUDING SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES. APPROVAL OF FEE AMENDMENT #23 WILL INCREASE THE PHASE 4 PORTION OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BY \$1,281,084.00 (FROM \$8,064,460.00 TO \$9,315,544.00). THE FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: KING STREET GATEWAY TIF (\$9,006,421.80) AND SC TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK (\$56,312,650.90).

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve \$1,281,084.00 for the Spring-Fishbourne Drainage Improvement Phase 4 Fee Amendment #23 with Davis & Floyd. For extended construction engineering and inspection services for inspection services for increased construction duration due to weather delays and other construction related delays, including supply chain issues.

Councilmember Waring arrived.

18. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF FOREST ACRES DRAINAGE PROJECT PHASE 2A/B CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH GULF STREAM CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,967,819.66 FOR THE FINAL PHASE OF THE FOREST ACRES PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES INCREASING THE DRAINAGE CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING SYSTEM BY ENLARGING EXISTING DITCHES AND BOX CULVERTS FROM THE COMPLETION OF PHASE 1, ACROSS PLAYGROUND ROAD NEAR ASHLEY RIVER ROAD AND ADJACENT TO RICE COURT. 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 THE CONSTRUCTION WILL INSTITUTE A PROJECT BUDGET OF \$25,458,872.29 OF WHICH \$10,967,819.66 WILL BE OBLIGATED FOR THE CONTRACT. FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: 2012 STORMWATER BOND (\$15,513,805.76), DRAINAGE FUND (\$4,943,566.65), LOCAL OPTION PERMIT INCOME (\$5,000,000.00) AND REFUNDS (\$1,499.88).

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve \$10,967,819.66 for the Forest Acres Drainage Project Phase 2A/B Construction Contract with Gulf Stream Construction. For the final phase which includes increasing the drainage capacity of the existing system by enlarging existing ditches and box culverts from the completion of Phase 1, across Playground Road near Ashley River Road and adjacent to Rice Court.

Councilmember Gregorie said this also includes the money for the Central Park drainage.

Mayor Tecklenburg stated this was coming from the Public Works Committee to City Council. It was a specific contract for Forest Acres. It was not for Central Park, but they would have an allocation of funding for Central Park, and that would be a part of the Public Works Committee report.

19. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE AND COMMITTEE ON RECREATION (MEETING WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022 AT 2:00 P.M., CITY HALL, 80 BROAD STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND CONFERENCE CALL: 1-929-205-6099; ACCESS CODE: 835 678 884)

- a. Discussion of Pool Waiver for rental of pool space for private swimming lessons at the WL Stephens Aquatic Center.
- b. Consider Rental Agreement to rent portions of the Daniel Island Recreation Center in the amount of \$33,000.00 a year to Point Hope Presbyterian Church for Sunday services and other special events. (160 Fairbanks Drive, Daniel Island, SC 29492) (Berkeley County TMS# 271-00-00-006)
- c. An ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a deed and any other necessary documents, approved as to form by the Office of Corporation Counsel, Quit-claiming to Children's Museum of Charleston the City of Charleston's right, title, interest, if any, to that certain portion of property bearing Tax Map Number: 460-16-02-010, and subject to certain exceptions and other matters to be approved by the Office of Corporation Counsel.
- d. Consider approval of *Joint Use Agreement* between the City and CCSD for the southeastern quadrant of Hampstead Square to be used as community park during non-school hours, with City to quitclaim its interest in same to CCSD in exchange for CCSD to quitclaim to the City its interests in the southwestern and northwestern quadrants of Hampstead Square. (TMS# 459-09-02-151, TMS #459-05-04-026, TMS# 459-09-02-125)
- e. Consider ordinance to devise and accept property rights, by quitclaim deed from the City to CCSD in the southeastern quadrant of Hampstead Square and by quitclaim deed from

CCSD to the City in the northwestern and southwestern quadrants of Hampstead Square. (TMS# 459-09-02-151, TMS #459-05-04-026, TMS# 459-09-02-125) [Ordinance]

- f. An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City an Amended and Restated Lease between the City of Charleston and Charleston Water System regarding the use of the recreational greenway.
- g. Update on Sumar Street MOU.
- h. Please consider the following annexation:
 - (i) 820 East Estates Blvd. (0.26 acres) (TMS# 310-02-00-152), West Ashley, (District 7). The property is owned by Leroy E. Waring, Sr. and Shelia W. Waring.
- i. Executive Session in accordance with S.C. Code Section 30-4-7(a)(2) to discuss proposed purchase of property associated with the Barberry Woods Project.

Councilmember Appel, Chairman of the Real Estate Committee, said the first item they discussed was a waiver agreement regarding the use of private swim lessons at the WL Stephens Aquatic Center, and that discussion blossomed into a very lively discussion about how they were going to get more kids into more pools in the City of Charleston across all socioeconomic backgrounds. He thought they had a lot of great ideas that were discussed earlier in the day, and Ms. Yarbrough promised to look into those and report back. As someone mentioned in the Committee meeting, it was a life and death issue. They needed to get as many children comfortable in the water as possible, as it was very important.

Item B was a rental agreement with Point Hope Presbyterian Church and the Daniel Island Recreation Center for \$33,000 a year. Mayor Tecklenburg identified this was new revenue, perhaps for funding some additional swim instructors. The item was approved.

Item C was deferred. The Children's Museum downtown was discussed and improving the building. Councilmember Appel stated the item was deferred so they could get more information and coordination to balance that without the City relinquishing title to the property.

Item D and E were approved, a Joint Use Agreement and quitclaim deed with Charleston County School District regarding Hampstead Square. They were going to clarify those issues on the Eastside to everyone's benefit.

Item F was approved, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Charleston Water System regarding the West Ashley greenway.

They also received an update from Eric Pohlman on the Sumar Street Project MOU.

The final item was an annexation that was approved in Councilmember Waring's district.

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

Resolution approving a Joint Use Agreement between the City and CCSD for the southeastern quadrant of Hampstead Square to be used as a community park during non-school hours

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City of Charleston, as Grantor, a Quit Claim Deed conveying the City's interest in a square within the Hampstead Mall located in the City of Charleston to the Charleston County School District, as Grantee, pursuant to that certain Joint Use Agreement adopted by the City and the Charleston County School District.

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City an Amended and Restated Lease between the City of Charleston and Charleston Water System regarding the use of the recreational greenway.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 820 East Estates Blvd. (0.26 acres) (TMS# 310-02-00-152), 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 7. The property is owned by Leroy E. Waring, Sr. and Shelia W. Waring

Councilmember Appel reported they had an executive session to discuss the Barberry Woods Project, and they voted to direct staff to proceed.

Mayor Tecklenburg said he wanted to share a couple of highlights. The approvals for the Housing and Community Development funding from HUD helped a number in the City with home repairs, roof repairs and also worked with non-profits to address some affordable housing and homelessness. Item 6 was further improvements to the Greenway which together with the lease amendment that they approved at Real Estate, showed real commitment in improving the Greenway, and both included their partnership with Charleston Water Systems. Charleston Water System approved \$60,000 to go to that expense.

Mayor Tecklenburg thanked Council for their approval of the items for the ARPA allocation, including \$1,000,000 to the Police Department for better technology and cameras in the City, \$1,000,000 for sidewalk improvements, and \$200,000 for Rosemont to really focus on resiliency efforts in the neighborhood.

Mayor Tecklenburg also discussed allocating \$11,000,000 to finish the Forest Acres Drainage Project. The Public Works Committee and others had worked on the project a long time. It was a little higher than they hoped in cost, but all infrastructure projects had seen increases. The important thing was they were going to get it finished finally. It covered about a 350-acre drainage basin part of West Ashley. The first phase won an award from state agencies for their design and engineering. He thought it was terrific to get phase two completed and wanted to thank everybody.

Councilmember Waring stated he voted on this item his second month on Council, and he had been on Council almost 11 and ½ years. He voted on the 2012 Stormwater bond. It was now finally being bid out, and this would be a lesson for Council. When they worked on a drainage project, they had to have tenacity.

Councilmember Gregorie asked if anything else was needed to be brought before Council. He wanted to thank Capital Projects and the Parks Department for the Susie Jackson Freedom Memorial Garden at 68 Calhoun Street. It was an unbelievable piece of work and design by their staff.

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Brittany Pinckney
Assistant Clerk of Council