

**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

July 19, 2022

A meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means was held this date beginning at 4:06 p.m.

**PRESENT (12)**

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

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| Councilmember Gregg    | District 1 | Councilmember Waring                   | District 7  |
| Councilmember Shealy   | District 2 | Councilmember Seekings                 | District 8  |
| Councilmember Sakran   | District 3 | Councilmember Shahid<br><i>virtual</i> | District 9  |
| Councilmember Mitchell | District 4 | Councilmember Bowden                   | District 10 |
| Councilmember Brady    | District 5 | Councilmember Appel<br><i>virtual</i>  | District 11 |
| Councilmember Gregorie | District 6 | Councilmember Parker                   | District 12 |

**1. INVOCATION:**

The meeting opened with an invocation provided by Councilmember Seekings.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means approved the minutes of the June 21, 2022, Committee on Ways and Means meeting.

**3. BIDS AND PURCHASES:**

Chair Gregorie said most of the items on the bids and purchase list were for the maintenance of the City's IT Division, updates on the Lowcountry Senior Center, and a contract increase for the Police Department for vehicle uplift.

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. **BFRC: AMOUNT: \$144,500.00**

Approval to establish a contract for Performance Assessment Consulting Services in the amount of \$144,500.00 with Raffelis Financial Consultants, Inc., 19 Garfield Place, Ste. 500, Cincinnati, OH 45202. Solicitation# 22-P002R.

b. **PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: ACCOUNT: 52410 AMOUNT: \$187,640.00**

Approval for the Lowcountry Senior Center CPM Upfit in the amount of \$187,640.00 with Satchell Construction, LLC., 2020 Cosgrove Avenue, Charleston, SC 29405.

**c. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:    ACCOUNT: 161000-52206    AMOUNT: \$101,731.95**

Approval of annual maintenance agreement renewal in the amount of \$101,731.95 with CISCO Systems from Internetwork Engineering to provide maintenance for all City network hardware. State Contract# 4400027242. The agreement provides hardware and software maintenance, replacement, and advanced problem resolution for all City network infrastructure components required to operate and maintain the City's network (switches, routers, firewalls, access control, wireless networking, email protection and content management).

**d. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:    ACCOUNT: 161000-52206    AMOUNT: \$60,493.95**

Approval of annual maintenance agreement renewal in the amount of \$60,493.95 with Internetwork Engineering to provide maintenance, support and licensing for all City VoIP telecom systems. State Contract# 4400016103 The agreement provides hardware and software maintenance, support, replacement, and licensing renewal for the City's Cisco Voice-over-IP (VoIP) telecommunications system. This agreement switched from an individual year-to-year renewal to a 5-year agreement that will save the City approximately \$30,000 in total costs over the 5-year period. Annual cost is \$60,493.96 (\$55,499.04+tax) for a total 5-year cost of \$302,469.80 (\$277,495.20+tax). This is for year 3 of 5.

**e. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:    ACCOUNT:161000-52206    AMOUNT: \$52,833.13**

Approval of annual maintenance agreement renewal in the amount of \$52,833.13 with Cisco Systems from Internetwork Engineering to provide maintenance for all City network security systems. State Contract# 4400016103. The agreement provides hardware and software maintenance, support, replacement, and licensing renewal for the City's Cisco Security Systems – firewalls, multi-factor authentication and access control. This agreement switched from an individual year-by-year renewal to a 5-year agreement that will save the City approximately \$20,000 in total costs over the 5-year period. Annual cost is \$52,833.13 (\$48,470.76+tax) for a total 5-year cost of \$264,165.65 (\$242,353.80+tax). This is for year 3 of 5.

**f. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:    ACCOUNT: 162000-52206    AMOUNT: \$42,317.07**

Approval to pay for updated aerial imaging for GIS data in the amount of \$42,317.07 with sole source vendor Eagleview. This payment represents the City of Charleston's piece of the total as a joint process with Charleston County as a joint imaging flight for the Pictometry oblique aerial image sets.

**g. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:    ACCOUNT: 062022-52740    AMOUNT: \$131,725.41**

Approval to purchase Getac MDT's in the amount of \$131,725.41 from Newcom for the Police Department vehicles. TIPS Contract# 200105. Provides thirty-four (34) Mobile Data Terminals (x33 semi-rugged laptops, x1 semi-rugged tablets) for Police vehicles to replace existing, aged and failing units. LEASE-PURCHASE.

**h. POLICE DEPARTMENT:    ACCOUNT: 52023    AMOUNT: \$40,000.00**

Approval to process an increase of the existing contract for Police Vehicle Upfit from \$200,000.00 to \$240,000.00 in the amount of \$40,000.00 with Dana Safety, 4601 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210. Solicitation# 20-P040R.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF THE CARTA-FY23 BUDGET**

Chair Gregorie asked Councilmember Seekings to discuss the approval of the CARTA budget since he was Chairman on the CARTA Board.

Councilmember Seekings said he wanted to give a couple highlights. The Council had been incredibly supportive of CARTA. Ron Mitchum, the Executive Director was there that night, and he would allow him to make a few comments. But before he did that, he just wanted to point out a few things.

He said it was important that they knew their ridership had continued to rebound from COVID-19, and they saw gains every month. He said some people may have read or participated in No Pay May, where they allowed passengers to ride free the entire month of May. They tracked their ridership, and it went up with no payments, and it introduced people to their system. He said that it would bring long-term benefits. They recently received a \$500 million federal grant to develop a downtown restoration plan, and to improve the post pandemic ridership. He thought they would see a lot of improvements on the peninsula. Councilmember Lewis was one of their biggest ambassadors; he still was on the Board. He was one of their most active riders and probably knew more about CARTA than anybody, and they were happy they had him.

He said the budget they were asking them to approve that night was lower than it was last year. That was because last year they built in millions of dollars to buy an electric fleet of busses. Those were coming that year and when they were done there was going to be a 100 Battery Electric Fleet. There would be up to 20 on the road that year. They approved their first Electric Bus Master Plan. They were currently operating the Beach Reach, and for the first time they now had cashless payment.

He said the Lowcountry Rapid Transit was coming sooner rather than later. They had just received a notice from the FTA to proceed with the next level of final design. They were the funding partner; the County had funded half of the project and the FTA had funded around \$375 million dollars. When they broke ground on the project, it would be with cash in hand. He thanked Mr. Mitchum and wanted everyone to know that one of the most important projects to the Council had been and continued to be the bridge across the Ashley. Mr. Mitchum played an important role. They realized that an additional \$14 million dollars was going to bridge the gap between the funds they had to make the project successful.

Mr. Mitchum said he would be very brief since he knew they had a full agenda. He hoped everyone looked at the budget. It was a little bit lower than last year and that was because the busses were on the budget last year. It was 27 Battery Electric Buses they were able to acquire with discretionary federal funds. Those were dollars they competed for and were able to receive.

He said they had one issue in the plan and that was COVID related. The Battery Electric Buses required a charging system. They had a smaller one, but they needed a larger one to accommodate the fleet to charge overnight. They were missing a switchgear and couldn't get one, but as soon as they did, they would be able to operate 50 chargers. They had to take what they had right now and work hard to maneuver buses around and it was a lot of manual effort to get that done. He said a lot of the older buses would be phased out at the end of the year as they

brought new buses online. The typical lifespan of a bus was 500,000 miles or 12 years and they were past that. He said they got their money's worth, but it was time to put them to rest. As Councilmember Seekings mentioned, the budget was stable, operations were stable, and things had continued to trend back up. When it came to ridership, they were heading in the right direction.

Mr. Mitchum also wanted to point out that they were adding air filtration systems to all their vehicles that could kill 98.9% of airborne pathogens. That included the flu and COVID. He said he would be able to answer any questions anyone had but appreciated the continued support. They did get a grant to look at additional service on the peninsula. They would be working with the City staff and the public and coming back talking about it in the future.

Chair Gregorie thanked Mr. Mitchum for his leadership and thanked Councilmember Seekings.

Mayor Tecklenburg thanked Mr. Mitchum on numerous levels. For CARTA, Lowcountry Rapid Transit, COG, and with the help of funds for the Ashley River Crossing. He asked Mr. Mitchum to give a little further briefing on the Lowcountry Rapid Transit and remind everyone of the timeframe, even though it was a few years out.

Mr. Mitchum said they had to go through a very intense process of evaluation with FTA, and they looked at the preliminary design, their capability, and their financial situation. They had a rating system where they ranked projects, and that determined if they moved forward. They needed at least a medium rank, and they ranked medium high. They felt strong about their project, and that allowed them to go forward. They could now secure a designer, an engineering firm consulting team that would design the final design and take them to construction. He said they had some work to do, and it would probably take them two years because they had a lot of issues to still deal with as it related to congestion and flooding. They had to make sure they were doing their best to mitigate the impact on the system. They were always looking for and striving for reliability and on time performance. If it was reliable and it got you where you were supposed to be on time, people would ride.

He said he didn't expect anything to go horribly wrong because they had already done the environmental review, and that was where you would see problems. They would enter into a Full Funding Grant Agreement, and they were looking at \$375 million and that was 6% of their worst-case cost estimate, by that he meant they went through two series of risk workshops. That was where they brought in different professionals to identify what could go wrong and attach a dollar amount and timeline to that. He said what happened was they asked for a dollar amount based on the project, which was 6% that they could qualify for that totaled \$375 million. That was the amount the feds were going to give them when they entered into a Full Funding Grant Agreement. They wanted their cost to be high to make sure if anything came up that they had to address, it wouldn't throw their budget out of balance.

He said they would be coming back to talk with the City when they got into design issues downtown. They had worked through on the grand scale of what they thought things would look like and what was going to happen. They may have needed to talk in more detail about how they navigate through an intersection. He said he was working with Mr. Somerville, and on the CHATS side they were going to put funding into retiming traffic signals on the peninsula, and that was good for the transit system, but also for the average person.

Councilmember Parker said in a few of their intergovernmental meetings they had discussed the Folly Trolley, and she asked if there was any room in the 23' budget, or if that would be something they looked at for 24'.

Mr. Mitchum said it wasn't currently in the budget, but their budget went from October to September. They had to go to each jurisdiction and present the budget, so they had to start early. They did mid-year budget reviews and revisions. He said if it continued to progress, and it looked like something they were going to do for the next summer, then they would address it in the budget.

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Mayor Tecklenburg, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the CARTA FY-23 budget.

**5. RESILIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE 2023 SC DHEC SOLID WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000 TO PURCHASE COMPOSTING EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, AND PUBLIC OUTREACH MATERIALS TO SUPPORT THE CITY'S COMPOSTING PROGRAM. 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 \$12,00 from the 2023 SC DHEC Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant for composting equipment, supplies, and public outreach materials to support the City's Composting Program.

**6. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD OF \$5,685 FROM SC PRT TOURISM ADVERTISING GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE 2022 MOJA FESTIVAL. THE MATCH AMOUNT WAS WAIVED BY SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM.**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Brady, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to accept a grant award of \$5,685 from SC PRT Tourism Advertising Grant Program to support the MOJA Festival.

**7. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS TO SUPPORT PUBLIC ART INITIATIVES IN THE SECOND HALF OF 2023 AND THE FIRST HALF OF 2024. THIS GRANT APPLICATION WILL BE SUBMITTED ON JULY 19, 2022, AS ACCESS TO THE NEA ONLINE PORTAL IS NOT YET AVAILABLE AND THE AGENDA HAS BEEN SET FOR CITY COUNCIL'S JULY MEETING. A 1:1 CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED. FUNDING TO MEET THE MATCH REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE FY23 BUDGET REQUEST.**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Sakran, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously for approval to apply for the National Endowment for the Arts in the amount of \$50,000 to support public art initiatives.

**8. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF THE LOW BATTERY SEAWALL REPAIRS-PHASE III CHANGE ORDER #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$221,680.00 WITH GULF STREAM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., FOR ADDITIONAL POLYURETHANE INJECTION NEEDED TO FILL MORE VOIDS FOUND IN THE GROUND COMPARED TO PREVIOUS PHASES OF THE PROJECT. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 WILL**

**INCREASE THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BY \$221,680.00 (FROM \$21,496,256.00 TO \$21,717,936.00). 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 2022 HOSPITALITY REVENUE BOND (\$37,417,402.35).**

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to take Items 8 and 9 together.

**9. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF THE LOW BATTERY SEAWALL REPAIRS-PHASE IV FEE AMENDMENT #11 WITH JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN & THOMPSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,718.00 FOR THE CONCEPTUAL STUDY DEVELOPMENT RELEVANT TO THE NEXT PHASE OF THE LOW BATTERY SEAWALL FROM KING ST. TO SOUTH BATTERY (~1,200 LF). APPROVAL OF FEE AMENDMENT #11 WILL INCREASE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT BY \$48,718.00 (FROM \$3,705,852.36 TO \$3,754,570.36). 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 2022 HOSPITALITY REVENUE BOND (\$37,417,402.35).**

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the Low Battery Seawall Repairs-Phase III Change Order #1 in the amount of \$221,680 with Gulf Stream Construction Company, Inc., for additional polyurethane injection needed to fill more voids found in the ground compared to previous phases of the project, and the Low Battery Seawall Repairs-Phase IV Fee Amendment #11 with Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson in the amount of \$48,718 for the conceptual study development relevant to the next phase of the Low Battery Seawall from King St. to South Battery.

**10. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE SCCB GRANT APPLICATION REQUESTING \$100,000 IN GRANT FUNDS AND A CITY MATCH OF \$276,200 FOR A TOTAL GRANT BUDGET OF \$376,200 TO SUPPORT PROPERTY ACQUISITION ACTIVITIES OF THE BARBERRY WOODS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON JOHNS ISLAND. THE APPLICATION IS DUE BY JULY 31, 2022. THE MATCH IS NOT REQUIRED, BUT IT IS RECOMMENDED TO BE COMPETITIVE. THE PROPOSED CITY MATCH IS AVAILABLE FROM THE DRAINAGE FUND.**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously for approval to submit the SCCB Grant Application in the amount of \$100,000 to support property acquisition activities of the Barberrry Woods Drainage Improvement Project on Johns Island.

**11. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: APPROVAL OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR WAPPOO CREEK DR. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,890.00 WITH FIRST CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, LLC. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE WITHIN THE FY22 SMALL PROJECT ALLOCATION. THE \$43,890.00 IS AVAILABLE WITHIN THE STORMWATER OPERATIONS BUDGET.**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Appel, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a construction contract for Wappoo Creek Dr. in the amount of \$43,890 with First Construction Management, LLC.

**12. PARKS – CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH CHARLESTON COUNTY TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CONDUIT AND POWER LINE TO THE SUSIE JACKSON MEMORIAL GARDEN FOUNTAIN. APPROVAL OF THIS MOA WILL OBLIGATE \$6,700.00 OF THE \$100,000.00 PROJECT BUDGET. FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: 2018 GENERAL FUND RESERVES (\$100,000.00).**

Mayor Tecklenburg thanked Chair Gregorie on his leadership on getting the Memorial completed. He said it was a partnership with the City, Charleston County, and the Charleston County Library System.

Chair Gregorie thanked Councilmember Mitchell for the role he had in getting it completed.

Councilmember Waring said he knew they had mentioned County Council, but Councilmember Pryor was very involved.

Chair Gregorie said above the \$100,000, a little over \$50,000 was raised from private funds including donations from the family.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve MOU with Charleston County to reimburse the County for the installation of conduit and power line to the Susie Jackson Memorial Garden Fountain in the amount of \$6,700.

**13. PARKS – CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF THE JOHNS ISLAND FIRE STATION #23 CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK CONTRACT WITH HILL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES OF CHARLESTON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,390.00 FOR PRECONSTRUCTION SERVICES INCLUDING SCHEMATIC DESIGN, DESIGN DEVELOPMENT, AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 3-BAY FIRE STATION LOCATED AT MAYBANK HIGHWAY AT JOHNS ISLAND. APPROVAL OF THE CMAR CONTRACT WILL OBLIGATE \$71,390.00 OF THE \$8,951,156.00 PROJECT BUDGET. FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: 2021 IPRB BOND (\$8,951,156.00).**

On a motion of Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve Johns Island Fire Station #23 Construction Manager at Risk Contract with Hill Construction Services of Charleston in the amount of \$71,390, for preconstruction services including schematic design, design development, and construction documents for the construction of a 3-bay fire station.

**14. POLICE DEPARTMENT: AFTER-THE-FACT APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR THE FY22 FIELD INITIATED: ENCOURAGING INNOVATION – DOJ, OJP, BJA GRANT TO ENHANCE AND ENLARGE CPD'S ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAM. THE GRANT WILL FUND \$999,999 FOR A VIOLENT OFFENDER ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAM. DUE TO**

**TIME CONSTRAINTS, THIS APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED ON JULY 11, 2022. THIS PROJECT DOES NOT REQUIRE A CITY MATCH.**

Councilmember Bowden said what he understood was that they were voting on this to have money available in case the grant came through to expand. He thought it was a great program. He said that there were countless problems they had with bail in the County and there were numerous articles about it. He wanted to see how this program would work out, but he knew it was just a pilot as of now. He had expressed to CPD and was still waiting on a final policy on the topic if whether a warrant was required to access that data. He didn't want to lose sight of the fact that to stop crime in the short term they had to get convictions once people were arrested. He said after an arrest nobody ever followed through with the process, and if it got dismissed it did irreparable harm to the trust in the system. He said it dragged victims through a process that they never should get dragged through. It was a false promise to the people who relied on the police to solve those problems, and if they used faulty evidence on the front end it would result in massive problems on the back end. While he was in favor of the program, he wanted to make sure it was done right.

Councilmember Shahid said he agreed with Councilmember Bowden regarding bail reform in the community and in the state. He said he spoke with Lieutenant King about the project, and it was an unfair system that they were currently dealing with. He also thanked Chief Reynolds. If they could get the grant, it would make a huge improvement on the criminal justice system and that was the idea to have a fair and efficient criminal justice system. He wanted to emphasize this was just the grant application, and he hoped they could get the money.

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously for approval to apply for the FY22 Field Initiated: Encouraging Innovation – DOJ, OJP, BJA Grant in the amount of \$999,999 to enhance and enlarge CPD's Electronic Monitoring Program.

**15. POLICE DEPARTMENT: AFTER-THE-FACT APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR THE FY23 PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM FOR TECHNOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENTS TO THE CHARLESTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FORENSIC SCIENCE DIVISION. THE GRANT WILL FUND \$37,050 FOR A PORTABLE LASER INVESTIGATION DEVICE. DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS, THIS APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED ON JULY 7, 2022. THIS PROJECT DOES NOT REQUIRE A CITY MATCH.**

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Mayor Tecklenburg, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously for approval to apply for the FY23 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program in the amount of \$37,050 for technological enhancements to the Charleston Police Department Forensic Science Division.

**16. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR THE FY22 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR TECHNOLOGIC IMPROVEMENTS TO CPD INFORMATION, IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION EFFORTS. THE GRANT WILL FUND \$42,980 FOR DATA-LINK SOFTWARE. THIS APPLICATION IS DUE ON AUGUST 8, 2022. THIS PROJECT DOES NOT REQUIRE A CITY MATCH. (SEE ALSO CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS – AGENDA ITEM E-1).**



On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously for approval to apply for the FY22 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$42,980 for technologic improvements to CPD information, identification, and investigation efforts.

**17. PLANNING, PRESERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY: APPROVAL OF THE NPS URC GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUESTING \$75,000 IN GRANT FUNDS WITH AN OPTIONAL CITY MATCH OF \$25,000 TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH; AND HISTORIC SURVEYS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN SETTLEMENT COMMUNITIES INTERESTED IN PURSUING NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION OR OTHER STATE/LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATIONS. THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 10, 2022. THE REQUESTED MATCH OF \$25,000 HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PPS 2023 BUDGET REQUEST TO SUPPORT THE LARGER PROJECT FOR WHICH THIS GRANT WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT.**

Mayor Tecklenburg said that the last update of the City's Comprehensive Plan was the first time that the City had recognized those settlement communities. He said the next step would be to carry forth some action items.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Sakran, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously for approval to apply for the NPS URC Grant in the amount of \$75,000 to support community education and outreach, and historic surveys of African American settlement communities interested in pursuing National Register nomination or other state/local historic designations.

**18. PLANNING, PRESERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY: APPROVAL OF A MOU WITH THE CHARLESTON DOWNTOWN ALLIANCE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE KING STREET BID. (FINAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 19, 2022.) (TO BE DISTRIBUTED UNDER SEPARATE COVER BY THE PLANNING, PRESERVATION, AND SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT).**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Seekings, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the MOU with the Charleston Downtown Alliance for the administration of the King Street BID.

**19. FIRE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF THE FORM ACQUIRED STRUCTURES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AND HOMEOWNERS.**

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Sakran, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the form Acquired Structures Agreement between the City of Charleston and homeowners.

**20. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF THE JAMES LEWIS, JR. AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT UNDERGROUNDING, OTHER WORK IN PROGRESS (OWIP) AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$739,512 WITH DOMINION ENERGY. \$500,00 OF THIS AMOUNT WILL BE PAID FROM THE COPPER RIVER BRIDGE TIF FUND, AS PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED AND APPROVED BY COUNCIL. \$119,756 WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE NON-**

**STANDARD SERVICE FUND. THE REMAINING \$119,756 WILL BE FUNDED BY DOMINION. (TO BE DISTRIBUTED UNDER SEPARATE COVER BY THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT.**

Mayor Tecklenburg said he wanted to point out to everyone the funding sources for the project. He said that was for the undergrounding of utilities near the affordable housing development James Lewis Apartments. They changed the protocol for undergrounding approvals, so they were able to come forward with an approval like this. He said \$119,756 would be funded by Dominion. That wouldn't have been possible without the work of Ms. McKee and Councilmember Appel that served on that Committee. They came up with the new protocol for the non-standard service funding.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Brady, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the James Lewis, Jr. affordable housing project undergrounding, Other Work in Progress (OWIP) Agreement in the amount of \$739,512 with Dominion Energy.

**21. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE (MEETING WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022, AT 3:00 P.M., CONFERENCE CALL: 1-929-205-6099; ACCESS CODE: 835 678 884)**

- a. Approval of a Second Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the City of Charleston, South Carolina, and TMP Epic Center, LLC. (2070 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., Charleston, SC 29407) (TMS# 310-04-00-009, TMS# 351-05-00-043 & 044, TMS# 351-09-00-015 & 053)
- b. Approval of a Third Amendment to the Management Agreement between the City of Charleston and Charleston Digital Corridor Foundation for the lease space at 22 West Edge on a month-to-month basis for no more than 12 months.
- c. A Resolution to approve Amendment of the Agreement for Development of a Joint County Industrial Park, by and between Charleston County, South Carolina and Colleton County, South Carolina, so as to include additional property in the City of Charleston as part of the Joint Industrial Park.
- d. A Resolution to approve Amendment of the Agreement for the Establishment of a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park for properties located in a redevelopment project area, by and between Charleston County, South Carolina and Colleton County, South Carolina, so as to include additional property in the City of Charleston as part of the Joint County Industrial Park.
- e. Authorization for the Mayor to execute a Lease Agreement between Marina Variety Store, Inc., and City of Charleston.
- f. Approval of the permit with National Parks Service for the First Day Festival, scheduled for Sunday, August 7, 2022.
- g. Approval of a Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Charleston and Landmark Enterprises Services, LLC., extending the August 1, 2022,

deadline to October 15, 2022. (14 Sumar Street, Charleston, SC 29407) (Final action will be taken at City Council on July 19, 2022.)

h. Please consider the following annexations:

- (i) 1989 Maybank Highway (1.52 acres) (TMS# 343-03-00-208), James Island, (District 11). The property is owned by Maywood, LLC.
- (ii) 1978 Maybank Highway (0.38 acre) (TMS# 343-03-00-198), James Island, (District 11). The property is owned by Brian Tanner and George Vasilos.
- (iii) 22 Oakdale Place (0.24 acre) (TMS# 418-10-00-104), West Ashley, (District 9). The property is owned by Kayley Seawright.
- (iv) 5 Oakdale Place (0.22 acre) (TMS# 418-15-00-042), West Ashley, (District 3). The property is owned by Allison and James Lutz.
- (v) 31 Avondale Avenue (0.35 acre) (TMS# 418-14-00-029), West Ashley, (District 9). The property is owned by James and Ashley Mackintosh.
- (vi) 4 Tovey Road (0.17 acre) (TMS# 418-10-00-109), West Ashley, (District 9). The property is owned by John Bouvette.

Councilmember Appel, Chairman of the Real Estate Committee, said the first item they discussed was an extension to the MOU between the City of Charleston and the Epic Center, that was approved.

Item B was an extension of a lease at 22 Westedge, for the Charleston Digital Corridor Foundation on a month-to-month basis for no more than 12 months. The item was approved.

Item C and D pertained to a Joint County Industrial Park with properties on Johns Island and elsewhere in the City. The items were approved.

Item E was approved, a lease agreement with the Marina Variety Store in the City of Charleston.

Item F was approved, a permit with the Nation Park Service for the First Day Festival.

Item G was an extension on an MOU with Landmark Enterprises that involved the Sumar Street Redevelopment Project in West Ashley. The item was approved.

The final Item H was 6 annexations that were approved. Councilmember Appel recused himself from H(i) and H(ii).

Councilmember Appel said they had a discussion at the Committee meeting about how they could encourage and incentivize property owners to annex into the City. He said they don't have the ability to cut checks like the state government did, but they could provide incentives for

developers in the form of zoning or the development review process. Councilmember Waring and Councilmember Shahid had a conversation about a property that was discussed at the West Ashley Revitalization Commission meeting, and they had a lot of exciting developments happening in West Ashley.

On a motion of Councilmember Appel, seconded by Councilmember, 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:

*A Resolution to approve Amendment of the Agreement for Development of a Joint County Industrial Park, by and between Charleston County, South Carolina and Colleton County, South Carolina, so as to include additional property in the City of Charleston as part of the Joint Industrial Park.*

*A Resolution to approve Amendment of the Agreement for the Establishment of a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park for properties located in a redevelopment project area, by and between Charleston County, South Carolina and Colleton County, South Carolina, so as to include additional property in the City of Charleston as part of the Joint County Industrial Park.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 1989 Maybank Highway (1.52 acre) (TMS# 343-03-00-208), James Island, 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 Maywood, LLC.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 1978 Maybank Highway (.38 acre) (TMS# 343-03-00-198), James Island, 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 Brian Tanner and George Vasilos.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 22 Oakdale Place (.24 acre) (TMS# 418-10-00-104), 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 9. The property is owned by Kayley Seawright.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 5 Oakdale Place (0.22 acre) (TMS# 418-15-00-042), 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 3. The property is owned by Allison and James Lutz.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 31 Avondale Avenue (0.35 acre) (TMS# 418-14-00-029), 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 9. The property is owned by James and Ashley Mackintosh.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 4 Tovey Road (0.17 acre) (TMS# 418-10-00-109), 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 9. The property is owned by John Bouvette.*

Councilmember Sakran said he didn't see the Performance Consulting Service on the Ways and Means Agenda, but he received it in his packet. He asked if it was a staff assessment.

Chair Gregorie said it wasn't a performance assessment for staff.

Ms. Wharton said it was for processes.

Mayor Tecklenburg said they would also be utilizing them for the purpose of employee surveys that they did every other year.

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Brittany Pinckney  
Assistant Clerk of Council