



JOURNAL of the PROCEEDINGS of the CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, July 20, 2026

at 7:00 P.M.

Council Chambers – City Hall – Charleston, West Virginia

OFFICIAL RECORD

Amy Shuler Goodwin
Mayor

Miles C. Cary II
City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER*

The Council met at 7:00 P.M., for the second meeting in the month of July on the 20th day, in

the year 2026, and was called to order by the Honorable Mayor, Amy Shuler Goodwin. The invocation was delivered by Councilmember Kerns, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Ferrell. City Clerk, Miles C. Cary II, called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at the time:

ANNIE		BURTON
CEPERLEY		FAEGRE
FERRELL	GARDNER	GIANOLA
HAAS	HOOVER	JENKINS
JONES	KERNS	KING
MOORE	OVERSTREET	PEPPER
PHARR	ROBINSON	
	SNODGRASS	SOLOMON
STEELHAMMER	TAYLOR	MAYOR GOODWIN

With twenty-five members being present, the Mayor declared a quorum present.

Pending the reading of the Journal of the previous meeting, the reading thereof was dispensed with and the same duly approved.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Jonathon Jones – Spoke about general safety.

Hash Khadim – Spoke about flock cameras.

Tara Raymo – Read a passage from the Bible.

CLAIMS

1. A claim of Jarrell Edward Fulks II, Charleston, WV; alleges damage to vehicle.

PROCLAMATIONS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, STREETS AND TRAFFIC

Councilmember Hoover, Chair of the Council Committee on Planning, Streets and Traffic, submitted the following reports:

1. Your committee on Planning, Streets and Traffic has had under consideration the following bill, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Bill No. 8082 do pass.

Bill No. 8082 – A Bill to amend and reenact Ordinance number 1800, passed by Council June 7, 1976, relating to Removing the designation of Staunton Avenue, S.E. as an established “through” street; Stop Signs at the intersection of Staunton Avenue, S.E. and 44th Street, S.E. by requiring vehicles eastbound on Staunton Avenue, S.E. to stop and requiring vehicles westbound on Staunton Avenue, S.E. to stop; and amending the Traffic Control Map and Traffic Control File, established by the code of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, two thousand and three, as amended, Traffic Laws, Section 263, Division 2, Article 4, Chapter 114, to conform therewith.

Be it Ordained by the Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia:

Section 1. The designation of “through” streets previously established by Ordinance Number 1800 is hereby adjusted such that it shall remove Staunton Avenue, S.E. as an established “through” street.

Section 2. The Stop Sign at the intersection of Staunton Avenue, S.E. and 44th Street, S.E. previously established by Ordinance Number 1800 requiring vehicles southbound on 44th Street, S.E. to stop and requiring vehicles northbound on 44th Street, S.E. to stop is hereby adjusted such that it shall require vehicles eastbound on Staunton Avenue, S.E. to stop and requiring vehicles westbound on Staunton Avenue, S.E. to stop in all instances.

Section 3. The Traffic Control Map and Traffic Control File, established by the code of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, two thousand and three, as amended, Traffic Laws, Section 263, Division 2, Article 4, Chapter 114, shall be and hereby are amended, to conform to this Ordinance.

Section 4. All prior Ordinances, inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of said inconsistency.

Councilmember Hoover added the bill will remove the designation of that portion of the street as an established through street and will add two stop signs to the area.

Councilmember Hoover moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion.

A roll call was taken:

YEAS: Annie, Burton, Ceperley, Faegre, Ferrell, Gardner, Gianola, Haas, Hoover, Jenkins, Jones, Kerns, King, Moore, Overstreet, Pepper, Pharr, Robinson, Snodgrass, Solomon, Steelhammer, Taylor, Mayor Goodwin

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Burka, Cook, Rubio, Salango,

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Bill No. 8082 as passed.

COMMITTEE ON URBAN RENEWAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilmember Moore, Chair of the Council Committee on Urban Renewal and Economic Development, submitted the following reports:

1. Your committee on Urban Renewal and Economic Development has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-084 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-084 - Declaring a need and authorizing Charleston Urban Renewal Authority to develop and implement a workable plan of action for elimination, prevention, or spread of deteriorated or deteriorating conditions and blight, and for conservation and rehabilitation within a certain area of the East End Community, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 16, Article 18 of the Code of West Virginia.

WHEREAS, Chapter 16, Article 18, Section 29 of the Code of West Virginia authorized the governing body of the community, or such public officer or public body as it may designate, to prepare a workable program, which may include an official plan of action, for the establishment and preservation of a well-planned community with well-organized residential neighborhoods of decent homes and suitable living environment for adequate family life, for utilizing appropriate private and public resources to eliminate and prevent the development or spread of deterioration or blight, to encourage needed urban rehabilitation, to provide for the redevelopment of deteriorated or blighted areas, and for the undertaking of feasible activities to achieve the objectives of such a program;

WHEREAS, Chapter 16, Article 18, Section 25, of the Code of West Virginia specifically provides that urban renewal projects may include undertakings and activities for the elimination of deteriorated or deteriorating or blighted areas, or to otherwise prevent an area from becoming deteriorated or blighted;

WHEREAS, Chapter 16, Article 18, Section 27, of the Code of West Virginia eliminates the requirement of Chapter 16, Article 18, Section 4, of the Code of West Virginia, that an area must first be declared “blighted” before authorizing an urban renewal authority to exercise powers, function and duties permitted under said Article, and additionally amends and redefines the terms “slum” and “blighted” as used throughout the Article to also mean and include deteriorated or deteriorating areas for the purpose of urban renewal plans and projects;

WHEREAS, City Council is cognizant of certain factors that warrant a plan of action and exercise of the powers, function, and duties of the Charleston Urban Renewal Authority for the elimination, prevention, and spread of deteriorated or deteriorating conditions or blight and to otherwise implement conservation and rehabilitation with respect to the area so designated herein;

WHEREAS, the area addressed by this resolution is located within the Boundaries of the former East End

Community Renewal Plan, enacted in December 2005, as amended through April 2, 2016, which Plan declared the area within the Boundaries thereof as being in need of a workable plan of action for the elimination, prevention or spread of deteriorating conditions, slum or blight, which, as to the area designated by this resolution, was not accomplished prior to the expiration of said former Plan on January 1, 2025, and the area subject to this resolution remains in need of a workable plan of action for the elimination, prevention or spread of deteriorating conditions, slum or blight and continue to be in need of a plan for the redevelopment of deteriorated or blighted areas;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia:

1. That the City Council hereby finds and declares that the requisite conditions exist to make it necessary; in the interest of the public health, safety, morals or welfare of the residents of that certain area of the Community shown in Exhibit 1A attached hereto, to designate and authorize the Charleston Urban Renewal Authority to develop a workable plan and project for implementing action as contemplated and authorized by Chapter 16, Article 18, of the Code of West Virginia for said Area as may be necessary for the elimination, prevention, or spread of deteriorated or deteriorating conditions or blight within the Community of said Area and for the conservation and rehabilitation of the Community within said Area.

2. In the course of developing a workable plan the Charleston Urban Renewal Authority shall endeavor to involve as many residents and business owners of the Community shown in Exhibit 1A as possible by using the following methods to encourage participation:

- a. Direct contact with as many businesses as possible;
- b. Public announcements in both the newspaper and radio as available;
- c. Attempt to engage operators of businesses where folks typically congregate (i.e. convenience stores, barber shops, bars) to assist in publicizing planning events;
- d. Contact the local landlord association and enlist their assistance in having tenants participate in planning events;
- e. Contact and participate in meetings held by the East End Neighborhood Association.

3. Most of the planning events shall be held in the Community shown on Exhibit 1A.

4. City Council shall not approve any urban renewal plan that proposes giving the Charleston Urban Renewal Authority the power of eminent domain over any residence that is occupied by the same individuals who are the owners as shown in the real estate records maintained by the Office of the Clerk of Kanawha County, West Virginia at the time the plan is adopted or amended.

Councilmember Moore added that the resolution is to end blight in certain areas on the East End to revitalize the area. A study showed that thirty-eight properties are contributing to the blight.

Councilmember Moore moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 26-084 adopted.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Councilmember Jenkins, Chair of the Council Committee on Finance, submitted the following reports:

1. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-085 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-085 - Authorizing approval of Amendment No. 1 of the FY 2026-2027 General Fund Budget as indicated on the attached list of accounts.

Be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia:

That Amendment No. 1 of the FY 2026-2027 General Fund Budget as indicated on the attached list of accounts is approved.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the amendment rolls over funds from the previous budget for authorized purchases such as equipment that have not yet been purchased.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion.

A roll call was taken:

YEAS: Annie, Burton, Ceperley, Faegre, Ferrell, Gardner, Gianola, Haas, Hoover, Jenkins, Jones, Kerns, King, Moore, Overstreet, Pepper, Pharr, Robinson, Snodgrass, Solomon, Steelhammer, Taylor, Mayor Goodwin

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Burka, Cook, Rubio, Salango

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 26-085 as adopted.

General Fund FY 2026-2027 Budget Amendment No. 01 - July 20, 2026

Revenues and Fund Balances					
Account No.	Department	Account Description	Current Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Amended Amount
1001 00 00000 000 000 329500	Fund Balance	Non-Spendable Fund Balance	-	298,622	298,622
1001 00 00000 000 000 430500	Revenue	Business & Occupation Tax	53,660,000	(298,622)	53,361,378
Net Increase/(Decrease) to Revenues				-	
Expenditures					
Account No.	Department	Account Description	Current Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Amended Amount
Net Increase/(Decrease) to Expenditures				-	
Description: Nonspendable Fund Balance - To recognize nonspendable fund balances for Prepaid Insurance expenses.					

Revenues and Fund Balances					
Account No.	Department	Account Description	Current Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Amended Amount
1001 00 00000 000 000 329500	Fund Balance	Restricted Fund Balance - Debt Service	-	57,068	57,068
1001 00 00000 000 000 430500	Revenue	Business & Occupation Tax	53,361,378	(57,068)	53,304,310
Net Increase/(Decrease) to Revenues				-	
Expenditures					
Account No.	Department	Account Description	Current Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Amended Amount
Net Increase/(Decrease) to Expenditures				-	
Description: Restricted Fund Balance - To recognize funds restricted for Ball Park Debt Service.					

Revenues and Fund Balances					
Account No.	Department	Account Description	Current Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Amended Amount
1001 00 00000 000 000 329500	Fund Balance	Unassigned Fund Balance	3,000,000	851,854	3,851,854
Net Increase/(Decrease) to Revenues				851,854	
Expenditures					
Account No.	Department	Account Description	Current Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Amended Amount
1001 10 41200 000 000 522300	City Manager's Office	Professional Services	329,000	100,000	429,000
1001 10 41700 000 000 522900	City Attorney	Claims & Damages	750,000	450,000	1,200,000
1001 10 42100 000 000 510310	MOECD	Salaries & Wages - Part Time	20,000	157,319	177,319
1001 10 42100 000 000 510400	MOECD	FICA	34,753	12,035	46,788
1001 10 42400 000 000 556800	Main Streets Program	Contributions to Others	75,000	62,500	137,500
1001 80 98000 C18 000 645900	Capital Outlay - Social Services	Cemetery - Equipment	90,000	70,000	160,000
Net Increase/(Decrease) to Expenditures				851,854	
Description: Unassigned Fund Balance - To recognize the unassigned balance for items budgeted but not purchased in FY 2026					

2. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-086 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-086 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to approve and execute multiple Change Orders collectively referred to as Cumulative Change Order No. 3, relating to the Charleston Fire Department station renovation project in the total amount of \$60,285.40 to address multiple changes due to unforeseen conditions discovered during the course of the project.

Now Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia:

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to approve and execute multiple Change Orders collectively referred to as Cumulative Change Order No. 3, relating to the Charleston Fire Department station renovation project in the total amount of \$60,285.40 to address multiple changes due to unforeseen conditions discovered during the course of the project. The pricing details related to Cumulative Change Order No. 3 are indicated in Exhibit A. The new total contract price approved is \$4,352,070.74.

Councilmember Jenkins added that most of the change orders are for Stations #1 and #5. The work includes replacement of duct work and additional waterproofing.

Councilmember Snodgrass confirmed that the amount of \$60,285.40 was within the allocated budget.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion.

A roll call was taken:

YEAS: Annie, Burton, Ceperley, Faegre, Ferrell, Gardner, Gianola, Haas, Hoover, Jenkins, Jones, Kerns, King, Moore, Overstreet, Pepper, Pharr, Robinson, Snodgrass, Solomon, Steelhammer, Taylor, Mayor Goodwin

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Burka, Cook, Rubio, Salango

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 26-086 as adopted.

3. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-087 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-087 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into one or more agreements with the Regional Intergovernmental Council (“RIC”) and the west Virginia Division of Highways in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit, to administer various grant funds related to a lighting improvement project in the downtown Business Improvement District (“BID”), and authorizing a related MOU between the City, CURA, and the BID for the same. Per the Agreements, the City will receive \$252,000 of funding from the WV DOH via the RIC, while CURA and the BID will provide the remaining funding including any necessary fiscal match.

Be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia:

The Mayor or City Manager is authorized to enter into one or more agreements with the Regional Intergovernmental Council (“RIC”) and the west Virginia Division of Highways in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit, to administer various grant funds related to a lighting improvement project in the downtown Business Improvement District (“BID”), and authorizing a related MOU between the City, CURA, and the BID for the same. Per the Agreements, the City will receive \$252,000 of funding from the WV DOH via the RIC, while CURA and the BID will provide the remaining funding including any necessary fiscal match.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the design work has already been completed.

Councilmember Faegre spoke in favor of the resolution, and added that the DOH needed to take better care of their roads.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 26-087 adopted.

4. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-088 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-088 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into one or more agreements with the Regional Intergovernmental Council (“RIC”) and the west Virginia Division of Highways in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit, to receive and administer \$2,000,000 of funding related to a sidewalk improvement design and construction project, where the City’s matching funds will total \$500,000 as approved by Resolution No. 924-24 on February 5, 2024.

Be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia:

The Mayor or City Manager is authorized to enter into one or more agreements with the Regional Intergovernmental Council (“RIC”) and the west Virginia Division of Highways in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit, to receive and administer \$2,000,000 of funding related to a sidewalk improvement design and construction project, where the City’s matching funds will total \$500,000 as approved by Resolution No. 924-24 on February 5, 2024.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the funds will be used to repair sidewalks that are the most in need and in high trafficked areas.

Councilmember Faegre spoke in favor of the resolution, and added that the DOH needed to take better care of their roads and sidewalks.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 26-088 adopted.

5. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-089 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-089 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into one or more agreements with the Regional Intergovernmental Council (“RIC”) and the west Virginia Division of Highways in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit, to receive and administer \$1,139,200 of funding for the paving of approximately 4.6 miles of City Streets designated as Federal Aid Non-State routes (“FANS Routes”), and approving the City’s 20% matching funds of \$284,800.

Be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia:

The Mayor or City Manager is authorized to enter into one or more agreements with the Regional Intergovernmental Council (“RIC”) and the west Virginia Division of Highways in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit, to receive and administer \$1,139,200 of funding for the paving of approximately 4.6 miles of City Streets designated as Federal Aid Non-State routes (“FANS Routes”), and approving the City’s 20% matching funds of \$284,800.

Councilmember Jenkins that funds will pave an additional 4.6 miles of road.

Councilmember Snodgrass confirmed that the money from RIC is guaranteed.

Councilmember Faegre spoke in favor of the resolution, and added that the DOH needed to take better care of their roads.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 26-089 adopted.

6. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-090 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-090 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Kanawha-Charleston Humane Association for animal sheltering services. The Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Agreement will be in effect for an initial three-year period, starting July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2029.

Be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia:

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to enter into an Agreement with Kanawha-Charleston Humane Association for animal sheltering services. The Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A. This Agreement will be in effect for an initial three-year period, starting July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2029.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the new agreement removes some services that the KCHA could not provide. There is a renewal period of three additional years if needed.

Councilmember Faegre wanted to know how many animals from the City have been taken in by the shelter.

Councilmember Snodgrass commended the shelter. She confirmed that the funds have increased over the past seven years. She confirmed that the three Humane Officers that service the City report to the Police Department.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 26-090 adopted.

7. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-091 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-091 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into an MOU with Mountwest Community and Technical College to provide textbooks and three semesters of paramedic training courses for 6 members of the Charleston Fire Department, where the prices are set forth in the MOU and the anticipated total cost is \$37,000.

Be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia:

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to enter into an MOU with Mountwest Community and Technical College to provide textbooks and three semesters of paramedic training courses for 6 members of the Charleston Fire Department, where the prices are set forth in the MOU and the anticipated total cost is \$37,000.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for the normal training for the Fire Department to train as paramedics.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 26-091 adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Municipal Court Report to City Council Month Ending June 2026.

City Treasurer’s Report to City Council Month Ending June 2026.

Report of the City of Charleston Payroll Variance Analysis; June 2026.

NEW BILLS

Introduced by Councilmember Beth Kerns

June 20, 2026:

Bill No. 8086 – A Bill to amend an ordinance related to a No Parking Area on Garrison Avenue to include both easterly and westerly sides of Garrison Avenue and amending the Traffic Control Map and Traffic Control File

Refer to Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Councilmember Gardner commended the Police and Fire Departments who organized an incredible week for kids to learn what they do.
2. Councilmember Snodgrass requested that Council receive reports regarding the state of abandoned homes in the City. She requested an update on the Sports Complex.
3. Councilmember Jones requested an update on the Municipal Auditorium and the Town Center Mall.
4. Councilmember Pepper stated that he will be sending a letter to the Department of Environmental Protection concerning a chemical facility burning plastics for Councilmember to sign.
5. Councilmember Faegre thanked the Police Department. She requested a spreadsheet with updated ARPA fund information. She advocated safe haven boxes.
6. Councilmember Moore stated that the Resource Officer does a wonderful job.
7. Councilmember Annie thanked the paving vendor for their excellent and professional work. He added that it is a major accomplishment for the Administration to receive millions of dollars in Federal money.
8. Councilmember Solomon asked what process should Councilmembers use when they want to publicly ask questions of the Administration.

9. Councilmember Jenkins stated that something must be on the floor for a public discussion. Open debates should happen in Committees, and Councilmembers who are not on a specific Committee can communicate that desire to the appropriate Chair.
10. Councilmember Snodgrass stated that it is difficult to get things on the floor. Bills should be going to Council for votes.

ADJOURNMENT

City Clerk, Miles C. Cary II, called the closing roll call:

YEAS: Annie, Burton, Ceperley, Faegre, Ferrell, Gardner, Gianola, Haas, Hoover, Jenkins, Jones, Kerns, King, Moore, Overstreet, Pepper, Pharr, Robinson, Snodgrass, Solomon, Steelhammer, Taylor, Mayor Goodwin

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Burka, Cook, Rubio, Salango

At 8:01 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, August 3, 2026, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk