



**JOURNAL of the PROCEEDINGS
of the
CITY COUNCIL**

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, June 1, 2020

at 7:00 P.M.

* – 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 first meeting in the month of June on the 1st day, in the year 2020, and was called to order by the Honorable Mayor, Amy Shuler Goodwin. The invocation was delivered by Councilmember Adams and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Goodwin. The Honorable Clerk, Miles C. Cary II, called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at the time:

**ADAMS
BURTON
COOK
HOOVER
KING
MCKINNEY
PERSINGER
ROBINSON
STEELE**

**BAILEY
CAMPBELL
FAEGRE
JENKINS
KNAUFF
MINARDI
PHARR
SHEETS
WESLEY-PLEAR**

**BAYS
CEPERLEY
HAAS
JONES
LAIRD
OVERSTREET
REISHMAN
SNODGRASS
MAYOR GOODWIN**

With twenty-seven 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.

*In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting of Council was conducted electronically. The City Clerk and Mayor Goodwin were physically present, while the remaining members of Council attended via conference call. The meeting was made available to the public as a live stream via Zoom and CivicClerk (per the agenda).

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

NONE

CLAIMS

1. A claim of Linda Meszaros, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to property.
Refer to City Solicitor.
2. A claim of Jeffry Matthews, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to property.
Refer to City Solicitor.

PROCLAMATIONS

1.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: The health and safety of all citizens in Charleston is important to the happiness, prosperity and well-being of our families, communities and economy; and

WHEREAS: Currently, more than 38,000 West Virginians are living with Alzheimer's disease, and more than 107,000 family and friends are providing care; and

WHEREAS: Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disease that slowly deteriorates brain cells, affecting one's reasoning skills and abilities to perform simple tasks, ultimately leading to memory loss—robbing men and women of their cherished memories; and

WHEREAS: Organizations such as the Alzheimer's Association, West Virginia Chapter provide education and support to those facing Alzheimer's and other dementias throughout our community, including those living with the disease, caregivers, health care professionals and families; and

WHEREAS: It is important to recognize the stories, strengths, and efforts of the individuals, families, friends, and caregivers impacted by Alzheimer's disease, as well as the tireless work of the researchers who are seeking a cause and cure.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby proclaim June 2020, as

ALZHEIMER'S & BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

in Charleston, West Virginia and encourage all citizens to stand with those who have known the pain of this devastating illness and extend our support to those living with Alzheimer's.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1st day of June 2020.




Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

The proclamation was virtually presented to Councilmember King.

2.



The proclamation was virtually presented to Chris Grosses (Rainbow Pride of WV) and Billy Wolfe (LGBTQ Working Group)

COMMUNICATIONS

1.

**CITY OF CHARLESTON
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**



**TO: MILES CARY
CITY CLERK**

**FROM: AMY SHULER GOODWIN
MAYOR**

RE: CHARLESTON BUILDING COMMISSION

DATE: JUNE 1, 2020

I recommend Kimberly Covert (R), 2510 Kanawha Avenue SE, Charleston, WV 25304 and David Gardner (N), 1415 Oakmont Road, Charleston, WV 25314, be appointed to the Charleston Building Commission with their initial term to expire July 20, 2025. Both Covert and Garner are filling vacant seats.

I respectfully request City Council's approval of this recommendation.

ASG/mls

Councilmember Ceperley moved to approve the appointment. Councilmember Hoover seconded that motion. By unanimous vote, the appointment was confirmed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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. 344-20 do pass.

Resolution No. 334-20 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to submit a grant application to the Division of Administrative Services Justice and Community Services Division in the amount of \$56,000 and administer any funds awarded. These funds will provide partial salary reimbursement for the two Charleston Police Department Prevention Resource Officers (PRO) assigned to Stonewall Jackson Middle School and Capitol High School. There is a 25% required match that will be met by the un-reimbursed officer salary portion absorbed by the police department's salary and wage budget.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to submit a grant application to the Division of Administrative Services Justice and Community Services Division in the amount of \$56,000 and administer any funds awarded. These funds will provide partial salary reimbursement for the two Charleston Police Department Prevention Resource Officers (PRO) assigned to Stonewall Jackson Middle School and Capitol High School. There is a 25% required match that will be met by the un-reimbursed officer salary portion absorbed by the police department's salary and wage budget.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is continuing a grant that the City has applied to every year regarding the Resource Prevention Officers that are placed in Stonewall Jackson Middle School and Capitol High School. A third such Officer is not supplemented by this grant. This program has served as a model to other cities.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With a majority of members present recorded thereon as voting in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 334-20 adopted.

2. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 335-20 do pass.

Resolution No. 335-20 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Kanawha County Board of Education for continued placement of three Prevention Resource Officers at schools in Charleston – Stonewall Jackson Middle School, Capitol High School and George Washington High School.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Kanawha County Board of Education for continued placement of three Prevention Resource Officers at schools in Charleston – Stonewall Jackson Middle School, Capitol High School and George Washington High School.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is a renewal of the agreement with the Kanawha County Board of Education for the three Prevention Resource Officers.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With a majority of members present recorded thereon as voting in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 335-20 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. 336-20 do pass.

Resolution No. 336-20 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to submit a grant application to the Division of Administrative Services Justice and Community Services Division in the amount of \$112,000 and administer any funds awarded. These funds will provide partial salary reimbursement for four members of the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT) from Charleston, Nitro, St. Albans and South Charleston Police Departments. There is a 25% required match that will be met by the un-reimbursed officer salary portion absorbed into each of those city's police salary and wage budgets.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to submit a grant application to the Division of Administrative Services Justice and Community Services Division in the amount of \$112,000 and administer any funds awarded. These funds will provide partial salary reimbursement for four members of the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT) from Charleston, Nitro, St. Albans and South Charleston Police Departments. There is a 25% required match that will be met by the un-reimbursed officer salary portion absorbed into each of those city's police salary and wage budgets.

Councilmember Storage added that this grant is submitted every year to obtain grant funds for assistance with salary reimbursement for the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With a majority of members present recorded thereon as voting in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 336-20 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. 337-20 do pass.

Resolution No. 337-20 - Authorizing the Mayor to enter in to a Housing Consortium Cooperation Agreement between The City of Charleston, The Kanawha County Commission, The Town of Belle, The Town of Cedar Grove, The Town of Clendenin, the Town of Marmet, the City of Nitro, the City of St. Albans, the City of Dunbar, and the City of South Charleston to renew the Charleston/Kanawha County Housing Consortium.

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

That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter in to a Housing Consortium Agreement between the City of Charleston, the Kanawha County Commission, the Town of Belle, the Town of Cedar Grove, the Town of Clendenin, the Town of Marmet, the City of Nitro, the City of St. Albans, the City of Dunbar, and the City of South Charleston to renew the Charleston/Kanawha County Housing Consortium.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution renews the Housing Consortium Cooperation Agreement, which is for home buying not public housing.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With a majority of members present recorded thereon as voting in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 337-20 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. 338-20 do pass.

Resolution No. 338-20 - Authorizing the Finance Director to amend the 2018 and 2019 Community Development Block Grant Budgets as indicated on the accounts listed below. This is contingent upon no adverse citizen comments being received during the 5-day comment period required through the MOECD Citizen Participation Plan.

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

That the Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2018 and 2019 Community Development Block Grant Budgets as indicated on the accounts listed below:

AMENDMENT TO THE 2018 and 2019 CDBG BUDGETS

PROJECTS TO BE CANCELLED – FUNDS MOVED TO CONTINGENCIES:

009-018-00-002-0-999	Mel Wolf CDC Renovations	(11,659.24)
009-018-00-002-0-999	Roark Sullivan Lifeway Ctr Ren.	(2,097.20)
009-018-00-199-0-999	Contingencies	13,756.44
009-019-00-002-0-999	Roark Sullivan Lifeway Ctr Ren.	(10,000.00)
009-019-00-002-0-999	Smith Street Station Renovations	(10,000.00)
009-019-00-002-0-999	Mel Wolf CDC Renovations	(10,000.00)
009-019-00-059-0-999	Roosevelt Community Center	(2,500.00)
009-019-00-059-0-999	Slack Plaza Park	(150,000.00)
009-019-00-199-0-000	Contingencies	182,500.00

NEW PROJECTS – FUNDS TRANSFERRED FROM CONTINGENCIES:

009-018-00-199-0-999	Unprogrammed Funds	(113,200.70)
009-019-00-002-0-999	Sojourners Hot Water Tanks	45,000.00
009-019-00-054-0-999	Fire Station #2 Roof	68,200.70
009-019-00-199-0-999	Unprogrammed Funds	(166,799.30)
009-019-00-054-0-999	Fire Station #2 Roof	11,799.30
009-019-00-059-0-999	Skate Park	150,000.00
009-019-00-013-0-999	HVAC Study P & R	5,000.00

The city proposes to cancel CDBG funding for the Slack Plaza Park, the 2018 and 2019 CDBG-funded city-owned buildings, Roosevelt Center Parks and Rec activity and re-allocate CDBG funds for the replacement of the roof at Fire Station #2, replacement of industrial sized hot water heaters at the YWCA Sojourners shelter, development of a skate park and an HVAC study for North Charleston Community Center and the MLK Center.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution provides a shift in the budgets because of rules from HUD regarding how the funds must be appropriated and addressed, instead of carrying over from year to year. Funds from projects that have been cancelled or slowed down will be placed into programs that are planned to take place. The funds will go to replacing the hot water tanks for Sojourners, replacing the roof at Fire Station #2 and the construction of a skate park.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With a majority of members present recorded thereon as voting in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 338-20 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. 339-20 do pass.

Resolution No. 339-20 - Authorizing the Mayor to submit a substantial amendment to the City of Charleston's 2019 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development. The amendment will include \$892,222 in Community Development Block Grant CV (CDBG-CV) funds, made available by the CARES Act. Further authorizing the Mayor to sign all required forms and certifications related to the CDBG-CV amendment. Funds will be used for activities as indicated below.

This is contingent upon no adverse citizen comments being received during the 5-day comment period required through the MOECD Citizen Participation Plan.

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

That the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit a substantial amendment to the City of Charleston's 2019 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development. The amendment will include \$892,222 in Community Development Block Grant CV (CDBG-CV) funds, made available by the CARES Act. Further authorizing the Mayor to sign all required forms and certifications related to the CDBG-CV amendment. Funds will be used for activities as indicated below.

Funds may be used for the following activities:

Economic Development- activities to prevent job loss for low- and moderate-income workers; stabilize micro-businesses that provide medical, food delivery, cleaning, and other services to support home health and quarantine. \$250,000

Family Relief Funds - activities to provide one-time or short-term (no more than three months) emergency payments on behalf of individuals or families, in response to COVID-19. Examples include utility payments to prevent cutoff of service, and rent/mortgage payments to prevent eviction.. \$250,000

Public Service - activities to assist homeless and low- to- moderate income individuals or households in response to Covid-19.

\$213,778

General Administration – Costs incurred for the general management, oversight, and coordination of the CDBG-CV grant funds. \$178,444

Councilmember Jenkins added that this will implement funds from the CARES Act, recently passed by Congress in the amount of \$892,222 to be used for pandemic related expenses. The resolution lists the general idea for the funds, but specific organizations will be applying for them. A specific break down of the funds will follow, most likely at the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Minardi asked if there was a requirement that the funds be evenly split between the listed “activities.” Director of MOECD, Larry Malone, replied that the City is allowed to use up to 20% of the funds for Administrative purposes, so they worked backwards from that number. They allocated the funds based on the areas they believed would be a priority, although the numbers listed are not set in stone, as the City has up to two (2) years to spend the funds. Malone added that the bulk of the funds will go to Citizen and Housing. There will also be a second round of applications later in the summer. Councilmember Minardi confirmed that any substantial readjustment of the budget would be approved by Council.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With a majority of members present recorded thereon as voting in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 339-20 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. 340-20 do pass.

Resolution No. 340-20 - Authorizing the City of Charleston to amend its Citizen Participation Plan for the City's CDBG and HOME Programs. Copy of the proposed amendment of the Citizen Participation Plan is available for review at: <https://www.charlestonwv.gov/>. This is contingent upon no adverse citizen comments being received during the 5-day comment period required through the MOECD Citizen Participation Plan.

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

Authorizing the City of Charleston to adopt the amended Citizen Participation Plan for the City's CDBG and HOME Programs. Copy of the proposed amendment of the Citizen Participation Plan is available for review at: <https://www.charlestonwv.gov/>. This is contingent upon no adverse citizen comments being received during the 5-day comment period required through the MOECD Citizen Participation Plan." The amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan is the following:

Declaration of an Emergency

When a Declaration of an Emergency has been ordered by the President of the United States, or the Governor of West Virginia, the City of Charleston will follow the following process concerning public comment periods for substantial amendments, Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plans:

- *A summary of any substantial amendment will be published in local, general circulation newspapers, followed by no less than a 5-day public comment period, reduced from the 30-day comment period, which will be defined in the public notice.*
- *All comments will be considered. In the event that adverse comments are received during the 5-day comment period, the amendment must be presented at the next meeting of Charleston City Council's Finance Committee for action. A summary of all comments pertaining to amendments including comments not accepted and the rationale for their rejection will be included in the annual performance report.*

All other sections of the Citizen Participation Plan will not be amended at this time and shall remain in full force and effect.

Councilmember Jenkins added that Council recently approved a short amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan, allowing for video conferences and remote public hearings, etc. There is now a requirement to shorten the comment period from thirty (30) to five (5) days.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With a majority of members present recorded thereon as voting in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 340-20 adopted.

8. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 341-20 do pass.

Resolution No. 341-20 - Adopting the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Parking System budget as indicated on the attached document.

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

The proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Parking System budget is adopted as indicated on the attached document.

Councilmember Jenkins added that there is an anticipated decrease in the first quarter of the new fiscal year because of decreased activity due to the pandemic.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With a majority of members present recorded thereon as voting in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 341-20 adopted.

**City of Charleston
Municipal Budget
FY 2021
Parking System Revenue Summary**

Rev. Code	Description	Actual FY 2019	Original FY 2020	FY 2020 YTD Amendments	Current FY 2020	YTD April Actual FY 2020	Estimated FY 2021
Parking Building Revenues							
Building #1 - City Service Center							
343-01-0801	Daily	1,911	-	-	-	-	-
343-01-0809	Meter - SMART - Credit Card	346	800	-	800	1,445	1,600
343-01-0810	Meter - SMART - Park Mobile	135	400	-	400	1,090	1,100
343-01-0811	Meter - SMART - Coin	2,009	750	-	750	1,255	1,400
343-01-0812	Meter - Mechanical - Park Mobile	470	400	-	400	2,822	3,200
343-01-0813	Meter - Mechanical- Coin	1,936	1,000	-	1,000	3,637	4,100
343-01-0802	Monthly	311,177	310,000	-	310,000	260,090	287,400
343-01-0805	Commercial	146,642	145,000	-	145,000	121,707	132,300
343-01-0808	Special Rates	2,350	2,500	-	2,500	4	500
	Total Building #1	466,976	460,850	-	460,850	392,050	431,600
Building #2 - Washington							
343-02-0801	Daily	19,867	20,000	-	20,000	20,255	22,800
343-02-0813	Meter - Mechanical- Coin	40	-	-	-	-	-
343-02-0802	Monthly	138,847	130,000	-	130,000	127,213	136,900
343-02-0803	Theatre Parking	11,250	12,000	-	12,000	7,500	13,700
343-02-0805	Commercial	76,004	75,000	-	75,000	64,780	68,400
343-02-0807	Theatre Override	48,672	65,000	-	65,000	44,893	45,600
343-02-0808	Special Rates	46	500	-	500	644	500
	Total Building #2	294,726	302,500	-	302,500	265,284	287,900
Building #5 - Shanklin							
343-05-0801	Daily	5,511	-	-	-	-	-
343-05-0809	Meter - SMART - Credit Card	1,192	7,500	-	7,500	7,069	7,800
343-05-0810	Meter - SMART - Park Mobile	824	2,500	-	2,500	3,034	3,400
343-05-0811	Meter - SMART - Coin	32,057	13,000	-	13,000	14,019	15,500
343-05-0812	Meter - Mechanical - Park Mobile	1,802	4,000	-	4,000	3,562	3,900
343-05-0813	Meter - Mechanical- Coin	14,455	8,000	-	8,000	6,918	7,800
343-05-0802	Monthly	173,990	175,000	-	175,000	153,945	168,800
343-05-0808	Special Rates	88,020	90,000	-	90,000	68,038	74,800
	Total Building #5	317,850	300,000	-	300,000	256,584	282,000
Building #6 - Summers							
343-05-0801	Daily	3,045	-	-	-	-	-
343-05-0809	Meter - SMART - Credit Card	3,603	14,000	-	14,000	14,991	16,400
343-05-0810	Meter - SMART - Park Mobile	3,221	10,000	-	10,000	12,241	13,500
343-05-0811	Meter - SMART - Coin	37,310	9,000	-	9,000	9,952	11,000
343-05-0812	Meter - Mechanical - Park Mobile	2,481	7,000	-	7,000	9,305	10,300
343-05-0813	Meter - Mechanical- Coin	28,289	15,000	-	15,000	11,793	12,800
343-05-0802	Monthly	531,938	530,000	-	530,000	409,210	456,300
343-05-0808	Special Rates	280	500	-	500	-	500
	Total Building #6	610,167	585,500	-	585,500	467,492	520,800
	Total Building Revenue	1,689,719	1,648,850	-	1,648,850	1,381,410	1,522,300
Other Parking Revenue							
327-01-0000	Residential Permit Parking	5,570	5,000	-	5,000	4,750	5,000
342-00-0000	Meter - SMART - Credit Card	130,123	100,000	-	100,000	87,108	95,800
342-01-0000	Meter - SMART - Park Mobile	7,902	35,000	-	35,000	57,065	63,900
342-02-0000	Meter - SMART - Coin	313,607	200,000	-	200,000	187,548	205,300
342-03-0000	Meter - Mechanical - Park Mobile	12,714	50,000	-	50,000	42,008	45,600
342-04-0000	Meter - Mechanical- Coin	207,190	150,000	-	150,000	164,774	177,900
343-03-0805	Rent - Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
343-10-0000	Coupons	-	-	-	-	-	-
343-11-0000	Auditorium Lot (Spec. Ev.)	5,747	4,000	-	4,000	1,222	1,400
345-00-0002	Auditorium Lot (Monthly)	7,720	7,000	-	7,000	6,890	7,300
343-15-0000	Morris Square/Morris Street	41,753	35,000	-	35,000	19,620	21,900
343-16-0000	Old Farmers Market Lot	-	-	-	-	-	-
343-12-0000	Pennsylvania Ave. Lot	-	-	-	-	-	-
343-18-0000	West Side Parking Lot	-	-	-	-	-	-
343-14-0000	Smith Street Lot	5,000	-	-	-	-	-
343-20-0000	Union Building Parking Lot	28,825	30,000	-	30,000	15,770	18,300
343-21-0000	Special Events	-	-	-	-	13,837	14,600
345-00-0000	Rents/Concessions/Leases	78,200	80,000	-	80,000	66,397	73,000
320-00-0000	Police Fines/Court Costs	5,575	10,000	-	10,000	1,060	1,400
320-03-0000	Boat Fees	1,900	2,000	-	2,000	500	900
321-21-0000	Overtime Meter Violations	110,855	180,000	-	180,000	77,103	86,700
321-22-0000	All Other Parking Violations	261,004	200,000	-	200,000	158,810	173,400
321-23-0000	Warrants Payment Plan	-	-	-	-	-	-
321-24-0000	Bagged Meter Fees	-	-	-	-	1,485	1,400
381-00-0000	Reimbursements	-	-	-	-	-	-
381-11-0000	Energy Rebates	-	-	-	-	-	-
386-00-0000	Insurance Claims	5,524	-	-	-	-	-
391-00-0000	Recycling Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
399-00-0000	Miscellaneous Revenue	17,410	2,000	-	2,000	17,121	1,800
	Total Other Revenue	1,246,619	1,090,000	-	1,090,000	923,068	995,600
	Total Operating Revenue	2,936,338	2,738,850	-	2,738,850	2,304,477	2,517,900

**City of Charleston
Municipal Budget
FY 2021
Parking System Revenue Summary**

Rev. Code	Description	Actual FY 2019	Original FY 2020	FY 2020 YTD Amendments	Current FY 2020	YTD April Actual FY 2020	Estimated FY 2021
Non-Operating Revenue							
322-00-0085	Transfers from Other Funds	7,720			-		-
345-00-0000	Federal Grants	-			-		-
380-00-0000	Interest on Investments	95,274	90,000		90,000	61,273	68,400
380-00-0001	Interest on MBC deposits	21,149	20,000		20,000	14,274	-
399-05-0000	Cash Over/Short	-			-	[20]	-
379-00-0000	Gain/(Loss) Sale of Assets	20			-		-
Total Non-Operating Revenue		124,163	110,000	-	110,000	75,527	68,400
Total Parking System Revenue		3,060,501	2,848,850	-	2,848,850	2,380,005	2,586,300

**City of Charleston
Municipal Budget
FY 2021**

Fund	406	Parking System Revenue Fund	Full Time Employees				20
Department	571	Parking					
Unit	00	Administration					
Expense Object	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2020 YTD	FY 2020	FY 2020 YTD	FY 2021	
	Actual	Original	Amend.	Current	April Actual	Proposed	
Personal Services							
000-1-103 Salaries & Wages	622,122	661,563		661,563	506,063	777,321	
000-1-104 FICA	44,543	50,610		50,610	36,643	59,465	
000-1-105 Medical & Life Insurance	234,396	243,710		243,710	117,514	183,180	
000-1-106 PERS	57,975	61,056		61,056	47,707	72,632	
000-1-111 Dental & Optical Insurance	18,812	8,390		8,390	10,464	9,500	
000-1-112 Employee Insurance Cont.	(39,186)	(36,223)		(36,223)	(26,554)	(44,200)	
000-1-113 OPEB- Current	40,000	40,000		40,000	-	40,000	
Total Personal Services	978,663	1,029,106	-	1,029,106	691,837	1,097,898	
Contractual Services							
000-2-211 Telephone	11,695	15,000		15,000	10,167	15,000	
000-2-213 Utilities	167,988	200,000		200,000	120,261	200,000	
000-2-214 Travel	1,681	1,000		1,000	-	1,000	
000-2-215 Mtlce & Repair - Bldg/Ground	85,091	46,000		46,000	37,879	75,000	
000-2-216 Mtlce & Repair - Equipment	15,708	25,000		25,000	5,216	10,000	
000-2-217 Mtlce & Repair - Auto/Truck	2,299	9,700		9,700	11,302	9,700	
000-2-218 Postage	3,080	5,000		5,000	614	5,000	
000-2-219 Building & Equipment Rent	33,982	33,000		33,000	32,205	50,000	
000-2-221 Training	564	1,000		1,000	695	1,000	
000-2-222 Dues & Subscriptions	240	750		750	740	750	
000-2-223 Professional Services	245			-	336	500	
000-2-226 Insurance - WC & UC	15,552	17,495		17,495	9,406	19,540	
000-2-227 Insurance - Liability	88,038	92,000		92,000	66,671	52,000	
000-2-230 Contracted Services	265,121	275,799		275,799	171,962	275,000	
000-2-232 Bank Fees	1,827	2,500		2,500	837	2,500	
001-2-232 Electronic Meter Fees	36,703	55,000		55,000	20,915	55,000	
Total Contractual Services	729,813	779,244	-	779,244	489,205	771,990	
Commodities							
000-3-341 Materials & Supplies	52,958	50,000		50,000	25,113	50,000	
000-3-343 Gas, Oil & Tires	6,083	8,000		8,000	3,565	8,000	
000-3-345 Uniforms	3,250	7,500		7,500	4,961	5,000	
Total Commodities	62,291	65,500	-	65,500	33,639	63,000	
Capital Outlay							
000-4-458 Equipment Purchase	15,064	75,000		75,000	70,601	120,000	
Total Capital Outlay	15,064	75,000	-	75,000	70,601	120,000	
Contributions & Other							
000-5-566 Contributions to Other Funds	713,000	900,000		900,000	-	533,412	
Total Contributions & Other	713,000	900,000	-	900,000	-	533,412	
Total Parking	2,498,831	2,848,850	-	2,848,850	1,285,282	2,586,300	

**City of Charleston
Municipal Budget
FY 2021**

Fund 406 Parking System Revenue Fund
Department 571 Parking
Unit 00 Administration

Authorized Full Time Positions & Salary Schedule

FY 2020 Current Approved			FY 2021 Proposed		
Title	FLSA/Paygrade	FTE	Title	FLSA/Paygrade	FTE
Director Parking Operations	E/119	1	Director Parking Operations	E/119	1
Lead Parking Technician	N-OT/107	1	Meter Mntce. & Cllect. Crew Ldr.	N-OT/109	1
Lead Maintenance Worker	N-OT/107	1	Maintenance Crew Leader	N-OT/109	1
Lead Parking Enforcement Speciali	N-OT/107	1	Office Support Specialist	N-OT/107	4
Parking Technician	N-OT/105	9	Maintenance Worker	N-OT/107	1
Meter Maintenance	N-OT/105	1	Meter Mntce. & Collections Spec.	N-OT/107	1
Parking Collection & Support Tech.	N-OT/105	4	Parking Enforcement Specialist	N-OT/107	1
			Parking Enforcement Technician	N-OT/105	4
			Security Custodian	N-OT/105	4
			Parking Technician	N-OT/105	2
		Total 18			Total 20

FY 2020 Current Approved		FY 2021 Proposed	
Pay Type	Amount	Pay Type	Amount
Elected Wages & Salaries	-	Elected Wages & Salaries	-
Regular Wages & Salaries	594,563	Regular Wages & Salaries	709,521
Irregular Part Time (IPT)	51,000	Irregular Part Time (IPT)	51,000
Overtime	16,000	Overtime	16,800
Tool Allowance	-	Tool Allowance	-
Total	661,563	Total	777,321

Projected Capital Equipment Acquisitions

Unit # Equipment		FY 2021				FY 2022	FY 2023
		Direct Purchase	Lease Purchase	New Lease Payment	Total Lease Payment ¹	Estimate	Estimate
606	Maintenance Vehicle	30,000					
607	Maintenance Vehicle	30,000					
609	Maintenance Vehicle	30,000					
613	Maintenance Vehicle	30,000					
Total		120,000	-	-	-	-	-

¹Total Lease Payment includes all payments from outstanding lease purchase cycles that will be paid in FY 2021.

9. ~~Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 342-20 do pass.~~

10. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 343-20 do pass.

Resolution No. 343-20 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to renew an excess workers' compensation insurance policy with Safety National for \$226,065.56 based on the results of a competitive insurance quote review process. The effective date of the policy will be from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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

The Mayor or City Manager is authorized to renew an excess workers' compensation insurance policy with Safety National for \$226,065.56 based on the results of a competitive insurance quote review process. The effective date of the policy will be from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution renews the City's current excess workers' compensation insurance policy. The City is self-insured for workers' compensation up to \$600,000, and this policy is for amounts beyond that figure, however the true deductible is \$300,00 when the City's other insurance policy is included. The amount is less than last year due to the fact that the City's exposure is less (due to payroll, etc.). Jenkins added that under a claim disability statute in West Virginia, firefighters are covered to where there is a presumption that an injury was caused by the job (certain cardiopulmonary diseases, smoke inhalation, etc.).

Councilmember Burton abstained from voting as his firm helps provide this coverage.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With a majority of members present recorded thereon as voting in the affirmative (with one abstention), the Mayor declared Resolution No. 343-20 adopted.

Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance Quotation

City of Charleston

7-1-2020/2021 Renewal

CONTRACT TERMS	EXPIRING 2018-2019	EXPIRING 2019-2020	SAFETY - 1 YR QUOTE 2020-2021	SAFETY - 1 YR QUOTE 2020-2021 (\$500K Loss Limit)	MIDWEST - 1 YR QUOTE 2020-2021	SAFETY - 2 YR QUOTE 2020-2021 – not bindable **	SAFETY - 2 YR QUOTE 2020-2021 (\$500K Loss Limit) - not bindable **
Based on Annual Payroll of:	\$36,937,643	\$36,775,377	\$35,031,048	\$35,031,048	\$35,031,047	\$35,031,048	\$35,031,048
Employer's Liability Limit	\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence and Aggregate	\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence and Aggregate	\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence and Aggregate	\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence and Aggregate	\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence and Aggregate	\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence and Aggregate	\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence and Aggregate
Aggregate Excess Limit	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Specific Excess Limit	Statutory	Statutory	Statutory	Statutory	Statutory	Statutory	Statutory
Self-Insured Retention	\$600,000 All Other \$1,000,000 USLH	\$600,000 All Other \$1,000,000 USLH	\$600,000 All Other \$750,000 Presump * \$1,000,000 USLH	\$600,000 All Other \$750,000 Presump * \$1,000,000 USLH	\$600,000	\$600,000 All Other \$750,000 Presump * \$1,000,000 USLH	\$600,000 All Other \$750,000 Presump * \$1,000,000 USLH
Estimated Aggregate Retention	2 Year Est. = \$4,402,926 (can't show as 2 one year retentions)		\$1,997,062	\$1,854,414	\$1,670,516	\$3,994,123	\$3,708,829
Loss Limitation	\$600,000 All Other \$1,000,000 USLH		\$600,000 All Other \$750,000 Presump * \$1,000,000 USLH	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$600,000 All Other \$750,000 Presump * \$1,000,000 USLH	\$500,000
Premium Rate (per \$100 Payroll)	0.6292	0.6292	0.6418	0.6418	0.4049 ***	0.6418	0.6418
Deposit Premium	\$232,412	\$231,391	\$224,829	\$224,829	\$263,989	\$224,829	\$224,829
0.55% WV Surcharge	\$1,278.27	\$1,272.65	\$1,236.56	\$1,236.56	\$1,451.94	\$1,236.56	\$1,236.56
Total Annual Premium (Incl. Tax)	\$233,690.27	\$232,663.65	\$226,065.56	\$226,065.56	\$265,440.94	\$226,065.56	\$226,065.56

5/05/2020

* Class codes 7710 Police/7720 Fire/7705 Ambulance

** Safety National's two year options are currently not bindable pending internal review of all 2 year quote terms and conditions.

*** Midwest Employers calculates their excess rate as a percentage of manual premium and Safety National bases their excess rate on payroll.

11. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 344-20 do pass.

Resolution No. 344-20 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase a new transport vehicle for the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT) from Stephens Auto Center of Danville, WV, in the amount of \$31,719 as a result of a competitive bidding process.

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

The Mayor or City Manager is authorized to purchase a new transport vehicle for the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT) from Stephens Auto Center of Danville, WV, in the amount of \$31,719 as a result of a competitive bidding process.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the van will assist MDENT in drug eradication and enforcement.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With a majority of members present recorded thereon as voting in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 344-20 adopted.

Purchase of MDENT Transport Van			
Project No. 2020-010			
Bid Opening: May 27, 2020 @ 10:30 a.m.			
	Stephens Auto Center	Peach State Ford	
	PO Box 278	2076 Rockmart Hwy	
	Danville, WV 25053	Cedartown, GA 30125	
	P: (304) 369-2411	P: (256) 2047-8066	
	mballard@stephensauto.com	PeachTrucks@outlook.com	
Project Total	\$31,719.00	\$32,065.00	
Local Vendor Preference (4%)	\$30,450.24	N/A	
Project Completion		60-120 days	
Successful Bidder	✓		

12. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 345-20 do pass.

Resolution No. 345-20 - Authorizing approval of Amendment No. 10 in the FY 2019-2020 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. 10 in the FY 2019-2020 General Fund Budget as indicated on the attached list of accounts is approved.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution equalizes the current fiscal year budget to correct for health and medical costs. This will take funds from departments that were under spent and transfer to ones that were over.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. A roll call was taken:

YEAS: Adams, Bays, Bailey, Burton, Campbell, Ceperley, Cook, Faegre, Haas, Hoover, Jenkins, Jones, King, Knauff, Laird, McKinney, Minardi, Overstreet, Persinger, Pharr, Reishman, Robinson, Sheets, Snodgrass, Steele, Wesley-Plear, Mayor Goodwin

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

With a majority of members present recorded thereon as voting in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 345-20 adopted.

General Fund FY 2019-2020 Budget Amendment No. 10 - June 1, 2020

Account No.	Department	Account Description	Amount
001 700 00 000 1 105	Police Department	Medical & Life Insurance	(800,000)
001 706 00 000 1 105	Fire Department	Medical & Life Insurance	(1,250,000)
001 750 00 000 1 105	Street Department	Medical & Life Insurance	(150,000)
001 754 00 000 1 105	Equipment Maintenance	Medical & Life Insurance	(100,000)
001 800 00 000 1 105	Refuse & Recycling	Medical & Life Insurance	(165,000)
001 410 00 000 1 105	City Council	Medical & Life Insurance	70,000
001 418 00 000 1 105	Accounting	Medical & Life Insurance	15,000
001 566 00 000 1 105	Public Works	Medical & Life Insurance	15,000
001 567 00 000 1 105	Public Grounds	Medical & Life Insurance	90,000
001 440 93 000 1 105	Regular Retirees	Medical & Life Insurance	400,000
001 700 93 000 1 105	Police Retirees	Medical & Life Insurance	325,000
001 706 93 000 1 105	Fire Retirees	Medical & Life Insurance	1,550,000

To adjust and reallocate various departmental expense accounts to align budgets with actual expenses for medical claims.

13. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 346-20 do pass.

Resolution No. 346-20 - Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with other participating agencies comprising the Metro Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT), consistent with Attachment A hereto, that assists the Charleston area offices of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to achieve maximum cooperation in combined law enforcement efforts to address drug and related violent crime offenses in Charleston and surrounding communities. The MOU is in effect for a one-year period starting July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021.

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

The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding, consistent with Attachment A hereto, with other participating agencies comprising the Metro Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT) that assists the Charleston area offices of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to achieve maximum cooperation in combined law enforcement efforts to address drug and related violent crime offenses in Charleston and surrounding communities. The MOU is in effect for a one-year period starting July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021.

Councilmember Jenkins added that this is a renewal of the same MOU that governs and authorizes the MDENT taskforce between the City of Charleston and several other municipalities.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With a majority of members present recorded thereon as voting in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 346-20 adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

NONE

NEW BILLS

Introduced by Councilmember Mary Beth Hoover on June 1, 2020:

Bill No. 7872 – A Bill closing, abandoning and discontinuing as public streets two parcels and transferring ownership to the State of West Virginia Department of Administration: a portion of Michigan Avenue and a portion of the alleyway from Washington Street to the railroad tracks at the State Capitol Complex, to include the abandonment of any City sewer and stormwater lines within this tract.

Refer to Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee

Introduced by Councilmember Joseph Jenkins on June 1, 2020:

Bill No. 7873 – A BILL to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston all relating to prohibiting insurance subsidies for retirees who were hired on or after July 1, 2020.

Refer to Finance Committee

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Mayor Goodwin thanked Councilmember Adams for his prayer for all families of color.

Mayor Goodwin added that testing for COVID-19 continues, and the Administration hosts daily calls with the Health Department. There is currently limited access to City Hall. The Administration has been working on the City's submission to the CARES Act, which was completed earlier that evening. City Manager, Jonathan Storage, added that the State of West Virginia received \$1.25 billion in CARES fund allotments. Just recently, the Governor's Office has started receiving applications from local governments to apply for reimbursements funds. It was originally thought that the CARES Act funds would be fairly restrictive in how they could be used (cannot be used to back-fill the City's anticipated budget shortfall for revenue loss, etc.), however the US Department of Treasury has updated those guidelines to include a well thought out document that allows for reimbursement for a wide range of things (including certain substantial payroll costs, etc.). He added that the timeframe allows for reimbursement from March 1, 2020 to December 30, 2020. The Governor's Office has created a web portal where applicants can submit requests on an ongoing basis. The current deadline is June 15, 2020. Since the Administration has been keeping records of all of those costs, they were able to submit their application well in advance of the deadline. Storage added that the City had made the decision to not furlough any employees, so staff would work remotely as much as possible.

Councilmember Persinger confirmed that the review process for the distribution of those funds will happen at the State level from the Governor's Office, and expressed concern over their qualifications. Mayor Goodwin added that the Administration has been in constant contact with the Governor's Office and Senator Capito's Office, and they expect to be a source of information for other municipalities with less resources.

2. Councilmember Wesley-Plear stated:

Thank you for allowing me the time to speak tonight regarding recent events. I wrote something that I would like to share with the council. I'm tired, exhausted, at a loss of what to do or what to say. I will not beg to be treated humanely. The incidents that happen nationally directly affect West Virginia. Even though so many people believe they do not. I know you've heard or read the words "I can't breathe" and immediately think of Eric Garner or more recently George Floyd. But I want to remind you of another prospective. Please understand, I, Tiffany Wesley Plear, can't breathe. I can't breathe every time my 4yr old son ask for a toy gun to play with in fear that it may be assumed to be real, even if its bright

orange. I can't breathe wondering when he will no longer be seen to society as a cute baby but as a threat. I can't breathe while waiting on my husband to travel dark roads on the way home from work in the middle of the night. I worry he will be pulled over and "assumed" to be someone else. By the way he is a police officer. I can't breathe as I see him uphold the law and call out those that are wrong but constantly hear ALL COPS ARE BAD. I can't breathe trying to explain to my children why I'm not comfortable with them walking around with more than 3 friends at a time, so it's not assumed they are up to no good. I can't breathe while knowing the description of my 13-year-old daughter matches the description of someone who was mishandled by police. I know I'm not alone, many of my neighbors and even council members share those same fears.

I called the Chief of Police and we had a very long discussion. I first thanked him for calling out the wrong he saw involving the murder of George Floyd. I also thanked him for taking time to remind our officers here in the city of proper tactics. Some of the main points we discussed were the need for our community to be updated on steps that have been taken in the last few months in the Charleston Police Department regarding training and how to create better relations between community and police. Many citizens don't know the entire city police department was shut down for training while other local departments covered their calls. Something that had not been done in over 20 years. I appreciate it, and just as I requested at the last council meeting all of our first responders need to have more training. We also discussed the need to acknowledge trauma experienced by minority officer. Society paints a picture of "us and them." Some officers are both "us" and them." It's hard carrying the weight of that while fighting injustice on both sides.

The PEACEFUL Protest within our city have been amazing to experience. The acknowledgment of why people are hurting and the agreement among so many diverse groups that something must be done is a step in the right direction. We must now figure out how to change. This must be an ongoing conversation and I hope the entire council, the city will contribute to making progress. Thanks to Billy Wolfe for the recommendation of a working group. That's actually something that was also discussed as well. So, at this moment, I want to encourage the entire Council, the entire City, for us to come together so we can make progress.

3. Councilmember Overstreet stated:

I'm going to say something that most of you won't be able to understand. Unless you're black, you totally won't be able to understand what I'm going to say. I was born in the '50s, went through some of this stuff in the '60s. I was raised by a Christian mom, always smiling. This one hit me to the core. We have sent black people to jail for killing dogs, and this man treated him like a dog. He cried out to him mom; my mom would have been, I mean, when I look back at how, and this is why these folks are going to keep on rioting, because so many times we get outraged and enraged by a football player kneeling on a piece of grass, not worshipping a piece of cloth. But we, flesh and blood, means hardly anything to us.

I'm so actually proud and glad of all the white people who have stood strong and courageous. That is the only way Civil Rights ever gets done. We've got to quit acting like, "well, Trayvon Martin, he must have been some kid running, oh he had to do something." When I was at the Fire Department, here's what enrages me and makes me sad, we had the minority hiring. We would discuss this, and it was good. People from all over the state and other places would discuss it. I didn't have my worst problem with guys from Jackson County or Lincoln County or somewhere like that. One of the guys I grew up with and played sports with and grew up a half mile from me, had some of the most racist remarks that I'd ever heard.

So, it's right in our neighborhoods sometimes, and we grow up with it. It saddens me, and this was just a powder keg waiting to happen. The things that are said matter, from the very top, it matters. These folks need to know, especially younger folks, need to know that they matter. I just need to say that. But I am glad and proud that this one hasn't been pushed aside like all the others, that people are coming our en masse. I haven't heard somebody make excuses like, "He must have done something," or "Look at his record." I think this is a time that's really going to change some things, and I hope it does because if it doesn't, this country is going to blow up.

Mayor Goodwin replied that the entire Administration will help and work with him, Councilmember Wesley-Plear and others as we move forward together.

4. Councilmember Jenkins motioned that the comments of Councilmembers Wesley-Plear and Overstreet be included in the Journal.

5. Councilmember Pharr stated:

I am going to be emotional as I speak tonight. I have watched, countless times, people that look like me, and most importantly, look like my 17-year-old son, beg for their lives for circumstances and situations, when you read it on paper, are trivial. People that you would hear things like, “There’s bad apples in bunches, and that’s not everyone,” and this is true. But until people start calling out the bad apples, until people start pointing fingers and saying, “No, that is not correct.”

I worry about my 17-year-old son also, Councilmember Plear, that’s in a challenge with his school right now where they have water guns. And I have to be concerned about my son having a water gun in his hand, for it to be mistaken for a real gun, for something that when I was a kid and played in my neighborhood was safe. So, I have to tell my 17-year-old son that he cannot participate in that. And that’s not fair, because even though we are multiracial, we’re considered black, all day every day twice on Saturdays. And it’s to the point where this child that I have, and I’m not saying this because I’m his momma, I’m saying this because I hear it from other people, he would give the shirt off of his back to someone that needs it. He has stood with a 5-year-old girl crying for their mother after school, and asked, “Can I hold your hand until your mother gets here?” to soothe this child that for someone that sees him, he’s just going to be seen as another black boy. And that could have been my son, because if he was in those restraints, he would have called for his black momma too. And it is to the point that if we do not start speaking up for these injustices, if you see George Floyd laying on the cement, that could have been Zion Ayers Suddet, and this black momma would have lost her mind.

So, if we do not do something, and if we do not do something swiftly, quickly and completely, it is going to be to the point where it is so completely outrageous that it will be beyond control and containment. For the first time ever in my 49 years, I am afraid to drive to Nashville, Tennessee to pick up my child. Afraid because of the skin that I am in and I can never take away, I can never wipe off. It will always be seen. And by some, it will be seen as a threat, especially when I am in the car with a 17-year-old boy that may not look 17.

It is time, that if we do not speak up, we are about to lose our community. I actually called someone out today for saying that the Martin Luther King Jr. Honorary Street renaming was something that we could not get, to let someone know that that's not true. We chose for that to be the way that it was. We worked hard for things to be that way. And if we do not check people for the slightest things, it will lead to things that could potentially blow up and be very, very dangerous. All that I ask is that you stand with people, to listen to what they have to say, because until you can embrace it and fully understand that some of these things are not exaggerated, people experience it and the experience it in 2020. I am so tired. I am so exhausted. And I am so frustrated that I have to worry about my son in a simple game with a water gun because I'm afraid someone is going to call me and they are going to tell me there's a tragedy. I appreciate you all listening to me. I am so sorry to be emotional. But again, I'm that black momma that if it's my son, it is going to be a very, very difficult thing for me to even understand. Thank you.

6. Councilmember Faegre stated:

I'm sitting here on my porch and I'm in near tears listening to this because I'm very emotional. I grew up with Chuckie Overstreet and his brothers, loved them, looked up to them, respected them, his mother, his stepfather Tom, and Chuckie Overstreet is one of the finest men I've ever known in my life. Listening to Tiffany, as she's like one of my daughters, it breaks my heart, that she lives in the fear because I have that closeness with her, and listening to Jennifer. I want to tell you a story real quick, and I know probably everybody wants to get off the call.

... there is a couple, she's black, her husband is white. They are the finest people in my neighborhood... their oldest son was walking to work... (I'm so glad you all can't see me because I'm shaking), and it was when the big drive by shooting happened about 4:30 in the morning down by the vape shop. And he was walking down Swarthmore with his phone out, and the Charleston Police squad car, if you think it's not real it's real, pulled over beside him, told him to hit the ground. And he had his phone in his hand and he threw it clear across the road because he was afraid that they thought he had a gun in his hand. So, it is indeed real, and I can't breathe. Thank you.

7. Councilmember McKinney stated:

Madam Mayor, I thank you for speaking to me earlier today, and you know of what I experienced over the weekend. I also have something that I wrote that I would like to share with Council. It's called "I can't sleep."

I can't sleep while gun fire goes over my head as I lay in bed.

I can't sleep as my grandchild plays right next to me.

I can't sleep while my neighbors scream and fight, giving me bad dreams.

I can't sleep, having sweet dreams, when woken up from a deadly scream.

I can't sleep.

I can't sleep when losing a life I helped come into this world by his brother who didn't have a kid in the world.

I can't sleep.

I am a mother who has lost her world, and I still can't sleep.

And I say that because I mourn for all those that are hurting all over the world and all different areas. We have a lot at home that we really need to address. We have a lot at home going on that has nothing to do with racism, unless it's racism against our own. And I'm asking that we really need to understand that the shooting and the violence that we are having in our community can be prevented with us stepping up more, doing more and working harder to really try to figure out how to help this. My heart goes out to everyone, but I can't sleep. Thank you, Madam Mayor.

Mayor Goodwin thanked Councilmember McKinney and noted that all comments would be added to Council records and distributed.

8. Councilmember Cook stated:

I think it's important that all of us take the words of our colleagues that are providing perspective, that those of us that are white we don't live that reality. Unfortunately, today in 2020, it is a very real reality for some of our colleagues, and especially their young sons their young, black men, that we let these words resonate us to action, and not just let it dissipate tonight.

9. Mayor Goodwin stated:

I thank you and I know we have taken up a little bit of your time tonight, but I think this is good. I think this is a conversation that we need to have, and to continue to have. I share Councilmember Wesley-Plear's and Jennifer's comments and Councilmembers Overstreet and McKinney and Cook that we need to come together, and it's not just action and it's not just concerted action, but it's consistent action always not just during times of tragedy. Thank you so much to everyone tonight, and thank you for all that you do for everybody in the City of Charleston. You certainly wouldn't have run or continue to serve unless you love every single person in this City, so I thank you.

... Chief Sutton just gave this to me. Chief Hunt, on a phone call that I had earlier with him tonight appreciates all of the peaceful protests that were going on, but was sharing some concern about children, young folks, in the street protesting in the street and laying down in the middle of the street. Chief Hunt sent out an email to the faith-based groups and leaders that we have been working with for the past couple of years. Some of them are 10-12 years of age, putting themselves in the middle of the street, and understandably they want to be heard and they want to protest, but they are asking all of you that if you could help in your communities know that there are safe ways to peacefully protest, we just don't want, especially as it gets dusk out tonight, and we don't want anyone to be hurt. Peacefully protest to be heard, absolutely... but we want to be sure to keep our family safe, and allow them that space to safely and peacefully protest.

Chief of Staff, Matt Sutton stated:

The last thing to add would be if there are individuals who do want to protest, whether it's in the street or not, it's more helpful if it's planned or at least the Police Department gets a heads-up so that they can come and help divert traffic so it's not so dangerous. ...He's asking to know a little about it so that we can help divert traffic to make sure everybody stays safe.

ADJOURNMENT

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

YEAS: Adams, Bays, Bailey, Burton, Campbell, Ceperley, Cook, Faegre, Haas, Hoover, Jenkins, Jones, King, Knauff, Laird, McKinney, Minardi, Overstreet, Persinger, Pharr, Reishman, Robinson, Sheets, Snodgrass, Steele, Wesley-Plear, Mayor Goodwin

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

At 8:20 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, June 15, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers in City Hall or electronically as needed.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk