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of the
CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, November 16, 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 second meeting in the month of November on the 16th day, in the year 2020, and was called to order by the Honorable Mayor, Amy Shuler Goodwin. The invocation was delivered by Councilmember Knauff 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	**BAILEY**	**BAYS**
BURTON	**CAMPBELL**	**CEPERLEY**
COOK	**FAEGRE**	**HAAS**
HOOVER	**JENKINS**	**JONES**
KING	**KNAUFF**	**LAIRD**
MCKINNEY	**MINARDI**	**OVERSTREET**
PERSINGER	**PHARR**	**REISHMAN**
ROBINSON		**SNODGRASS**
STEELE	**WESLEY-PLEAR**	**MAYOR GOODWIN**

With twenty-six 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

1. Ashley Switzer – against SOAR.

CLAIMS

NONE

PROCLAMATIONS

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

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. 394-20 do pass.

Resolution No. 394-20 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to renew the Agreement with WesBanco INC. for the City's commercial banking services to start on the date of execution and acceptance by WesBanco INC. and continue for an initial term of three (3) years with no fees, costs or expenses and a Floating Federal Funds Rate interest rate less .15 bps. The City shall have the option to renew this Agreement for additional three-year terms, up to a total of three additional three-year terms.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to renew the Agreement with WesBanco INC. for the City's commercial banking services to start on the date of execution and acceptance by WesBanco INC. and continue for an initial term of three (3) years with no fees, costs or expenses and a Floating Federal Funds Rate interest rate less .15 bps. The City shall have the option to renew this Agreement for additional three-year terms, up to a total of three additional three-year terms.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is a renewal with the bank that runs the City's banking accounts. The City Treasurer has determined that WesBanco provides the best rates and service. They also work with the City's workers compensation bond.

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. 394-20 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. 395-20 do pass.

Resolution No. 395-20 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase fifteen (15) Mobile Data Terminals (Dell Latitude 5424) for the Charleston Police Department from DELL, at a total price of $29,250.00. The purchase price was determined through a competitive bidding process. The successful vendor agreed to hold its prices firm for one year.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to purchase fifteen (15) Mobile Data Terminals (Dell Latitude 5424) for the Charleston Police Department from DELL, at a total price of $29,250.00. The purchase price was determined through a competitive bidding process. The successful vendor agreed to hold its prices firm for one year.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution will upgrade the mobile data terminals used by the CPD in patrol cars.

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. 395-20 adopted.

Mobile Data Terminals for CPD
Project No. 2020-023
Bid Opening: November 10, 2020 @ 11:30am

	Dell Marketing LP.	**Advantage Technology**	**Hypertech USA**
	One Dell way	501 Virginia Street	1753 East Broadway Road, ste 101
	Round Rock TX 78682	Charleston WV 25301	Tempe AZ 85282
	P: (512) 725-3007	P: (304) 348-8048	P: (866) 787-0426
	stacie_becker@dell.com	Gogrinz@advantagetech.biz	bidsus@hypertec.com
Project Total	$29,250.00	$41,452.05	$45,264.15
Local Vendor Preference (4%)		($1658.08) $39,793.97	Does not Qualify
Project Completion	30 days	30 days	30 days
Successful Bidder with Local Preference Consideration	✓		

3. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 396-20 do pass.

Resolution No. 396-20 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase and install three (3) Rudd Hot Water Heaters for Sojourners Women's Shelter from DSO Mechanical LLC, at a total price of $43,280.00. The purchase price was determined through a competitive bidding process, of the which the awarded bidder qualified for a one-time purchase.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to purchase and install three (3) Rudd Hot Water Heaters for Sojourners Women's Shelter, at a total price of $43,280.00. The purchase price was determined through a competitive bidding process, of the which the awarded bidder qualified for a one-time purchase.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution will replace some old hot water units in the building Sojourners Women's Shelter rents from the City.

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. 396-20 adopted.

Hot Water Tanks and Installation- Sojourner's Women's Shelter			
Project No. 2020-022			
Bid Opening: November 10, 2020 @ 11:00am			
	DSO Mechanical	**Alpha Mechanical**	
	515 3rd Avenue	7200 Distribution Drive	
	South Charleston WV 25303	Louisville KY 40258	
	P: (304) 744-8479	P: (502) 400-4600	
	mlaughlin@dsomech.com	sarah.wright@aamservice.com	
Project Total	$43,280.00	$44,470.00	
Local Vendor Preference (4%)	($1,731.20) $41,548.80	($1778.80) $42,691.20	
Project Completion	30 days	30 days	
Successful Bidder with Local Preference Consideration	✓		

4. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 397-20 do pass.

Resolution No. 397-20 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into an agreement with US Bank in the amount of approximately $994,500 for a five-year lease purchase period at a rate of 1.2515% for the purchase of various vehicles and equipment for City departments, and subject to review and final approval by legal counsel for the City. The vendor was selected through a competitive bidding process.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with US Bank in the amount of approximately $994,500 for a five-year lease purchase period at a rate of 1.2515% for the purchase of various vehicles and equipment for City departments, and subject to review and final approval by legal counsel for the City. The vendor was selected through a competitive bidding process.

Councilmember Jenkins added that these are the best rates as part of a competitive bidding process.

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. 397-20 adopted.

Project No. 2020-025
Bid Opening: November 10, 2020 @ 11:00am

	Bank Funding	**US Bank**	
	14024 Clopper Road	10 Smoke Rise Lane	
	Boyds, MD 20841	Annadale, NJ 08801	
	P: (301) 518-4360	p: (908) 894-5520	
	sol_droyd@comcast.net	lyn_nita@usbank.com	
Project Total	$994,500.00	$994,500.00	
Intrest Rate	5 years at 1.5400%	5 years at 1.2515%	
Payments	10 payments of $103,710.16	10 payments at $102,904.58	
Total Interest Cost	$42,601.60	$34,545.82	
Successful Bidder		✓	

5. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 398-20 do pass.

Resolution No. 398-20 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to contract with McNiel Fence Company in the amount of $44,452 for the construction of fencing for a new City skate park. The purchase price was determined through a competitive bidding process where McNiel Fence Company was the sole bidder.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to contract with McNiel Fence Company in the amount of $44,452 for the construction of fencing for a new City skate park. The purchase price was determined through a competitive bidding process where McNiel Fence Company was the sole bidder.

Councilmember Jenkins added that this will be for fencing for the new skate park, adding that the fencing will also serve as a barrier when construction on the park begins. The Administration expects to hear from the committee for the skate park by December, so the purchase is valid.

Councilmember Persinger confirmed that the skate park will be third and fourth bays from Magic Island under the interstate bridge.

Councilmember Bailey confirmed with City Manager, Jonathan Storage, that the fencing will be a ten-foot high chain link fence.

Councilmember King asked what the estimated project cost for the park is. Storage replied that the proposals are still being evaluated, but the cost is anticipated to be between $250,000 to $300,000.

Councilmember Snodgrass asked when the entire project is projected to be completed. Mayor Goodwin replied that the skate park will be completed Spring of 2021. Storage added that the proposed park does not require heavy construction as most everything is prefabricated. Councilmember Snodgrass asked where the funds would come from. Storage replied that a substantial bulk of the funding will come from CDBG funds.

Councilmember Steele expressed concern that the location of the proposed skate park could cause exposure to road salt, exhaust and loud noises. Councilmember Steele added that she has spoken to the Mayor about the possibility of moving the skate park.

Councilmember Minardi asked how much City funds would go into the park. Storage replied that he did not have that information at hand, and would follow up with Councilmembers.

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 three (3) NAYS from King, Minardi and Snodgrass, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 398-20 adopted.
*Councilmember Snodgrass requested that a roll call be taken. The Presiding Officer determined that would be inappropriate as a voice vote had already begun.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Municipal Court Report to City Council Month Ending October 2020.
   Received and Filed.

2. Report of the City of Charleston Payroll Variance Analysis; October 2020.
   Received and Filed.

3. City Treasurer's Report to City Council Month Ending October 2020.
   Received and Filed.

NEW BILLS

NONE

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. City Attorney, Kevin Baker, addressed Council with an update to the Charleston Land Reuse Agency. Baker stated that this time last year, the City began the Charleston Land Reuse Agency. They adopted by-laws during their first meeting in November 2019 and began the process of trying to acquire properties that have been abandoned, neglected or donated, and then getting that property back out in productive use. The CLRA recommended the adoption of the acceptance of the property in South Hills that was generously offered by Callen Jones McJunkin and her family. In November of 2019, they participated in the County tax sale and purchased liens on several properties that were of interest to the City, adding that most of the owners have redeemed those properties. They have purchased several properties not sold at the State tax sale, and are working to get those properties under the ownership of the CLRA. Donated properties include: 1514 2nd Avenue, 1502 and 1444 Washington Street West, 3000 2nd Avenue and 739 Central Avenue. Their current project is to get 739 Central Avenue into productive use. They accepted public input on the property, and will proceed to put out an expression of interest on the property to explore if any non-profit or for-profit entities are interested. Baker added that the CLRA helped to get a new bill that passed the Legislature that expands the authority of Land Reuse Agencies to purchase property, including the right of first refusal on properties that the City has a demolition lien on that is greater than the value of the tax lien. They are also accepting public input for the property on the corner of 30th Street and 2nd Avenue in North Charleston, and have received interest in the purchase of that parcel. Baker thanked Council President Ceperley for her guidance during a session to create a strategic management plan for the CLRA, and they have adopted a document that sets out some one-year goals that are available on the City's web site. Baker added that one of their goals is to get some dedicated staff to the CLRA which might appear in the next budget.

   Councilmember Adams stated, as a member of the CLRA, thanked Baker for his leadership and tireless work over the past year. Councilmember Ceperley agreed, adding that it is great when an entity takes the time and energy to strategically think about what they do. Councilmember Laird also commended that Agency and Baker's leadership and others in the Administration such as

John Butterworth, Dan Vriendt and Tony Harmon for their hard work. Councilmember Laird stated that, as a member, the CLRA is one of the most exciting things the City has done over the last few years that will yield lasting results.

2. Councilmember Steele stated that she and Councilmember Wesley-Plear attended a meeting with the CPD on their emotional intelligence training, adding that she thought it was a great educational experience.

3. Councilmember Persinger asked is there was an update on the open SOAR investigation. Mayor Goodwin replied that it is still under investigation per Chief Hunt.

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, Snodgrass, Steele, Wesley-Plear, Mayor Goodwin
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: Sheets

At 7:39 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, December 7, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers in City Hall or electronically as needed.

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Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

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Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk