



JOURNAL of the PROCEEDINGS of the CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, March 15, 2021

at 7:00 P.M.

* – Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center, West Hall 1 –
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 March on the 15th day, in the year 2021, and was called to order by the Honorable Mayor, Amy Shuler Goodwin. The invocation was delivered by Councilmember Campbell and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Adams. 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
	CAMPBELL	CEPERLEY
COOK	FAEGRE	HAAS
HOOVER	JENKINS	JONES
KING	KNAUFF	LAIRD
MCKINNEY		OVERSTREET
PERSINGER*	PHARR	REISHMAN
ROBINSON	SHEETS	SNODGRASS
STEELE	WESLEY-PLEAR	MAYOR GOODWIN

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

*Councilmember Persinger arrived late; his first vote was for Resolution No. 439-21.

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

*The meeting of Council was conducted in person, adhering to all medical guidelines. The meeting was made available to the public in person and as a live stream via Zoom (per the agenda).

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Before the public speakers were announced, Mayor Goodwin stated there were seven (7) public speakers. There were no objections.

1. C. David Brown – Representing the Church of God in Christ
2. Ben Call - Spoke in favor in the skate park changes
3. Brandon Kline – Spoke in favor of the skate park
4. Blair Burns – Spoke in favor of the skate park
5. Christy Day – Spoke against a needle distribution program in the West Side
6. Martec Washington – Spoke about various issues within the City
7. Greg Shavers – Spoke against the needle exchange program on the West Side

CLAIMS

1. A claim of Rene Bevino, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to property.
Refer to City Solicitor, Please.
2. A claim of George J. Breeden, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to vehicle.
Refer to City Solicitor, Please.
3. A claim of Loc Lam, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to property.
Refer to City Solicitor, Please.
4. A claim of Charles Kirk Lilly, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to property.
Refer to City Solicitor, Please.
5. A claim of Amanda Miller, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to vehicle.
Refer to City Solicitor, Please.
6. A claim of Meridith Stevens, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to property.
Refer to City Solicitor, Please.

PROCLAMATIONS

1.



The Proclamation was presented to Rob Rosano.

COMMUNICATIONS

1.

Amy Shuler Goodwin
Office of the Mayor
City of Charleston



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**TO: MILES CARY
CITY CLERK**

**FROM: AMY SHULER GOODWIN
MAYOR** *ASG*

RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: MARCH 15, 2021

The recently enacted American Rescue Plan Act calls for the City of Charleston to receive \$37.81 million in direct federal aid from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to assist our community in its recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. 50% of these funds will be disbursed to the City within 60 days, followed by the remaining 50% in 12 months.

In anticipation of our receipt of these funds, my Administration is committed to an open and transparent allocation process. Accordingly, I hereby establish the American Rescue Plan Act Advisory Committee to perform the following tasks:

- (1) draft and propose to Council a resolution establishing a special revenue fund that will govern the City's receipt and use of federal aid under the American Rescue Plan;
- (2) establish a process for holding at least one public hearing regarding how the funds may be appropriated based on categories of use;
- (3) draft and propose a general budget for the special fund by recommending fund allocations to expense categories allowable under § 603 of the American Rescue Plan Act;
- (4) submit a proposed general budget to the full City Council that conforms with the requirements of item (3); and
- (5) dissolve following Council's approval of the special revenue fund's general budget.

The following individuals are appointed to serve on the Advisory Committee:

Mayor Amy Shuler Goodwin – Chair
Councilwoman Becky Ceperley – Vice Chair
Councilman Ben Adams
Councilman John Kennedy Bailey
Councilman Brent Burton
Councilwoman Caitlin Cook
Councilwoman Mary Beth Hoover
Councilman Joe Jenkins
Councilman Will Laird
Councilman Bobby Reishman
Councilman Chad Robinson

ASG/mls

Received and filed.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

1.

Resolution No. 438-21 - Expressing support for “CROWN” non-discrimination legislation in the State of West Virginia.

WHEREAS, the word “CROWN” is an acronym which stands for the words “Create a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair”; and

WHEREAS, The City of Charleston has a long history of opposing discrimination in employment, housing, education and public accommodation in individual classes based on race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, blindness, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, familial status, citizenship, veteran status, and other protected status; and

WHEREAS, the State can legally protect persons of diverse protected classes from discrimination based on hair style of natural hair including use of textures and protective hairstyles; and

WHEREAS, hair does not define a person’s character, morals or values nor does hair define a person’s adherence or conformity to perceptions or stereotypes; and

WHEREAS, each student, employee, or service recipient, regardless of diversity in individual classifications, should not be penalized for the manner in which they choose to wear their natural hair; and

WHEREAS, CROWN bills have been adopted in multiple states and are being considered by many more state legislatures, including the West Virginia Legislature during the 2021 Regular Legislative Session through House Bill 2698 and Senate Bill 108.

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

That the City of Charleston hereby affirms its support for the adoption of CROWN and calls on our West Virginia state legislators to join other states in passing legislation that protects each student, employee and service recipient from discrimination regardless of diversity in personal classification so that no person shall be penalized for the manner in which they choose to wear their own natural hair.

Councilmember Wesley-Plear added that she has had natural hair for over fourteen (14) years. Her children know they have an option, and will not be discriminated against based on how they choose to wear their natural hair. Her natural hair does not make her unprofessional, unqualified or unmarketable. She added that she never wants to see any student, employee or child discriminated against based on how they choose to wear their natural hair.

Councilmember Wesley-Plear 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. 438-21 adopted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Councilmember Reishman, Vice 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. 439-21 be adopted.

Resolution No. 439-21 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to submit an application to the WV Division of Administrative Services under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant program for the Charleston Police Crime Victims Specialist in the amount of \$39,850 and administer any funds awarded. These funds will partially reimburse the City for an employee's salary, provide travel/training and bus vouchers for crime victims.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is hereby authorized to submit an application to the WV Division of Administrative Services under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant program for the Charleston Police Crime Victims Specialist in the amount of \$39,850 and administer any funds awarded. These funds will partially reimburse the City for an employee's salary, provide travel/training and bus vouchers for crime victims.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution continues a long-standing grant that the City has applied for and received funds for several years to help cover the costs for a detective focused on domestic matters and crimes.

Councilmember Reishman 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. 439-21 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. 440-21 do pass.

Resolution No. 440-21 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase 18 hand-held Kenwood IRP radios with accessories and 5 Kenwood IRP mobile radios from Billy C. McCalliser Electronic Services, Inc. in the amount of \$26,938.78, where the radios will be used by members of the Neighborhood Assistance Officers (NAO) program. The purchase will be made pursuant to a competitively sourced state-wide contract and grant funds will be used to make the purchase.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to purchase 18 hand-held Kenwood IRP radios with accessories and 5 Kenwood IRP mobile radios from Billy C. McCalliser Electronic Services, Inc. in the amount of \$26,938.78, where the radios will be used by members of the Neighborhood Assistance Officers (NAO) program. The purchase will be made pursuant to a competitively sourced state-wide contract and grant funds will be used to make the purchase.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is to purchase hand-held and mobile radios for the Neighborhood Assistance Officers program. He added that he is a Neighborhood Assistance Officer, and it is a great program.

Councilmember McKinney stated that she was recently informed that CPD Officers do not carry tasers, and wanted to know why the City had not invested in tasers for its Officers. Chief Hunt added that this purchase has been allotted for radios. There are tasers available, the Officers just need to receive training, which the pandemic has halted.

Councilmember Faegre confirmed with Councilmember Jenkins that there are currently about sixteen (16) NA Officers that are volunteers. Councilmember Jenkins added that they do not carry body cams or weapons, and they help with events and crowds and direct traffic at crashes etc.

Councilmember Wesley-Plear asked how the NA Officers were separated throughout the City. Councilmember Jenkins replied that it is volunteer position with at least ten (10) hours a month required. They are free to patrol whatever area, or take whatever call that comes in; they are not limited to a specific area. Councilmember Wesley-Plear encouraged Councilmembers to participate in the program.

Councilmember Reishman 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. 440-21 adopted.

Billy C. McCallister Electronic Services Inc.
 PAYMENT REMIT ADDRESS: PO BOX 56
 SPENCER, WV 25276
 8800 STATE ROUTE 34, PO BOX 474
 WINFIELD
 WV 25213
 304-586-0024
 support@esiwv.net
 www.esiwv.net



Estimate

ADDRESS

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 United States

SHIP TO

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 Charleston, WV 25301
 United States

ESTIMATE # 1853

DATE 01/27/2021

SKU	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
NX-5800K2	NX-5800K2	UHF (380-470MHz), 45 Watts NXDN Conventional / TYPE-C (Gen1/Gen2) Trunking	5	600.00	3,000.00T
KWD-5100CV	KWD-5100CV	License Key for P25 Conventional	5	210.00	1,050.00T
KWD-5101TR	KWD-5101TR	License Key for P25 Phase 1 Trunking (requires KWD-5100CV) Note: Required for Link Layer Authentication	5	185.00	925.00T

SUBTOTAL	4,975.00
TAX	0.00
TOTAL	\$4,975.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date

3. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 441-21 do pass.

Resolution No. 441-21 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase various items of body armor for 19 members of the Charleston Police Department's SWAT Team from Galls, LLC, in the amount of \$62,805.50, where the purchase will be made pursuant to a competitively sourced state-wide contract and where asset forfeiture funds will be used to cover the purchase expense.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to purchase various items of body armor for 19 members of the Charleston Police Department's SWAT Team from Galls, LLC, in the amount of \$62,805.50, where the purchase will be made pursuant to a competitively sourced state-wide contract and where asset forfeiture funds will be used to cover the purchase expense.

Councilmember Jenkins added that this will be to purchase the specialized body armor that is used for entries and SWAT Team deployment that is different from the normal body armor. It is replacing equipment that has recently expired.

Councilmember Reishman 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. 441-21 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. 442-21 do pass.

Resolution No. 442-21 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with Specialty Groups, Inc. in the amount of \$633,750 for the repair or replacement of various streetlights along Kanawha Boulevard, East, as the result of a competitive bidding process. The work will include repairing pole foundations, repairing electrical systems, and painting.

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 contract with Specialty Groups, Inc. in the amount of \$633,750 for the repair or replacement of various streetlights along Kanawha Boulevard, East, as the result of a competitive bidding process. The work will include repairing pole foundations, repairing electrical systems, and painting.

Councilmember Jenkins added that many of the lights that were about to fall over on the Boulevard were temporally replaced. This resolution will replace those temporary lights. He added that there are also lights located on the North and West sides of the Boulevard.

Councilmember Hoover added that that she is excited for this resolution as it has been a long time coming.

Councilmember Reishman 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. 442-21 adopted.

			Specialty Groups Inc. PO Box 96 Bridgeport WV 26330 (304) 623-3843 service@SGIWV.com		Stealth LTD. PO Box 7617 (304) 776-0047 Cross Lanes, WV 25356 bmondy@suddenlinkmail.com		New River Electrical 15 Cloverdale Place Cloverdale WV (540) 966-1699 24077 ahartsfield@nrec.net	
Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Price per Unit	Total Cost	Price per Unit	Total Cost	Price per Unit	Total Cost
Item No. 1.01 Light Pole Foundation	EA	90	\$5,100.00	\$459,000.00	\$2,165.00	\$194,850.00	\$1,629.19	\$146,627.10
Item No. 1.02 Sidewalk Concrete	SF	1800	\$25.00	\$45,000.00	\$84.50	\$152,100.00	\$141.91	\$255,438.00
Item No. 1.03 Electrical Work	LF	720	\$30.00	\$21,600.00	\$34.75	\$25,020.00	\$192.57	\$138,650.40
Item No. 1.04 Junction Boxes	EA	44	\$500.00	\$22,000.00	\$800.00	\$35,200.00	\$1,774.81	\$78,091.64
Item No. 1.04 Painting	EA	90	\$735.00	\$66,150.00	\$2,335.00	\$210,150.00	\$2,469.98	\$222,298.20
Item No. 1.05 Tieback Allowances	LS	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST			\$633,750.00		\$637,320.00		\$861,105.34	
Vendor Preference 4%			4% (\$25,350) \$608,400.00		4% (\$25,492) \$611,827.20		Did not request	

5. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 443-21 do pass.

Resolution No. 443-21 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a renegotiated one-year agreement with J. Arthur Dail, Inc. for the provision of ongoing health benefit plan management assistance services, where the City will pay \$1.75 per “Benefit Eligible Active Employee” per month and \$3.00 per benefit “Eligible Pre and Post 65 Retired Employee” per month.

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

Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a renegotiated one-year agreement with J. Arthur Dail, Inc. for the provision of ongoing health benefit plan management assistance services, where the City will pay \$1.75 per “Benefit Eligible Active Employee” per month and \$3.00 per benefit “Eligible Pre and Post 65 Retired Employee” per month. The agreement is attached as Exhibit A hereto.

Councilmember Jenkins added that although the City switched to PEIA for insurance, there is still management needed for the retired employees on the self-insured plan. The management company also helps with the City’s dental and vision plans. The resolution decreases this cost since there is less management involved now.

Councilmember Campbell asked what J. Arthur Dail, Inc. is doing for the City since they have moved the insurance plan to PEIA. Maria Church, representing Human Resources, responded that they do a lot of reporting, manage the dental/vision plan as well as the clinic charges and ensure compliance, etc. She added that they review every claim for those still active on the self-insured plan. Councilmember Campbell asked for an estimated monthly cost. Church replied that the per month fee for the new bill is approximately \$3100/month where previously \$3,900. They are a consulting firm from Charlotte, North Carolina, and the City has used them since at least 2007. She added that the City pays the company a flat fee instead of commission. They are currently conducting a market check for the pharmacy plan for retirees. Councilmember Campbell asked if they had ever considered creating a position within the City for that. Councilmember Reishman added that doing it this way saves the City a substantial amount of money, and the company was actually recommended by a local insurance company as it is very specialized. Councilmember Campbell confirmed that it hasn’t been out to bid during the current Administration.

Councilmember Reishman moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting in the majority as affirmative, with Nays from Campbell, Snodgrass and Knauff. the Mayor declared Resolution No. 443-21 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. 444-21 do pass.

Resolution No. 444-21 - Whereas, the City Council approved Resolution No. 404-20 on December 21, 2020, authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to contract with the American Ramp Company in the amount of \$253,518.69 for the construction of a new skate park;

Whereas, additional conversations have occurred between the City Administration and members of the skating community regarding the planned construction of the skate park;

Whereas, as a result of those ongoing conversations, the City Administration believes that the original skate park design lacked qualities that would facilitate use of the park by young and physically limited persons;

Whereas, the City Administration has worked with the American Ramp Company to re-design certain aspects of the skate park to better facilitate more inclusive use of this planned public facility;

Whereas, the re-designed skate park would exceed the contract price authorized in Resolution No. 404-20 by \$35,497.83; and

Whereas, the City Council believes the proposed changes to the skate park design are worthwhile and desired; now, therefore,

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 contract with the American Ramp Company in the amount of \$289,016.52 for the construction of a new City skate park, where the contract was sourced through a competitive City evaluation process.

Councilmember Jenkins added that there have been a few changes to the skate park plan to make it more accessible to all levels of skaters.

Councilmember Reishman 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. 444-21 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. 445-21 do pass.

Resolution No. 445-21 - Approving the Official Municipal Budget Document for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022, as proposed and included as Exhibit A hereto, inclusive of the Municipal Levy Rates Estimate for Current Expenses and Excess Levy purposes.

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

That the Official Municipal Budget Document for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022, as proposed and included as Exhibit A hereto, inclusive of the Municipal Levy Rates Estimate for Current Expenses and Excess Levy purposes.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the Administration had made a budget presentation two (2) weeks ago during the Finance meeting. He added that the pandemic hadn't impacted the City's revenues too heavily, although adjustments had to be made for it such as with the Rainy-Day Fund. Councilmember Jenkins added that the status-quo has been maintained for paving, the demolition of abandoned homes, adding two (2) positions, etc. He added that three (3) Municipal Auditorium employees will be moved to the Convention Center's budget. Councilmember Jenkins added that the proposed budget will allow to continue to move forward.

Councilmember Faegre asked where temporary workers appeared in the budget document. City Manager, Jonathan Storage, replied that there is not a specific line item in the budget for that. It would appear under Contracted Services. Typical departments that would use temporary employees are the Convention Center, Spring Hill Cemetery and Human Resources.

Councilmember Snodgrass added that the budget needed to be more transparent, and a presentation would have been helpful to understand its overall impact. She was disappointed to see that there was not a budgeted raise for the Police Department. It is crucial to be able to recruit and retain the police force.

Councilmember Robinson asked if there was a process to request a public hearing or discussion, and was there a request by any Councilmember to have one for the budget. Mayor Goodwin replied that is not drafted in the rules as such, however, the Administration has never refused such a request. The City Manager presented the budget during a Finance Committee meeting two (2) weeks ago, and has been available to access. No request had been made. Councilmember Robinson added that given the past year, the Administration has done a great job to maintain the budget.

Councilmember Jenkins added that, as the Finance Chair, he believes that keeping the budget transparent is key. He would have definitely allowed for extra meetings or discussions had those been requested. It has been a transparent process.

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

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

NAYS: Snodgrass, Knauff, Persinger

ABSENT: Burton, Minardi

With the votes of members present recorded in the majority affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 445-21 adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Municipal Court Report to City Council Month Ending February 2021.
Received and Filed, Thank You.
2. City Treasurer’s Report to City Council Month Ending February 2021.
Received and Filed, Thank You.
3. Charleston Police Department 2020 Synopsis
A copy of the presentation available from the Clerk’s Office upon request.

NEW BILLS

None

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Councilmember Faegre stated that she hoped those appointed to the American Rescue Plan Act Advisor Committee takes into consideration the poor lighting on the West Side that Councilmember McKinney had pointed out on numerous occasions. She also stated that she received a letter from twenty-two (22) business owners within the City in opposition to the needle distribution program on the West Side. They want a certified program that will be held accountable. She pointed to a correlation to increased crimes and overdoses and the program.
2. Councilmember Snodgrass requested that the members of the American Rescue Plan Act Advisor Committee put some of the 38 million into a new facility for the Police Department that was long overdue.
3. Councilmember Wesley-Plear wanted to stress the importance of a community approach to community policing, because they do not want people to feel targeted because they live in a certain community.
4. Councilmember Knauff stated that Charleston's best assets are its residents and future residents. He suggested that the American Rescue Plan Act Advisor Committee apply 28-30 million to the Convention Center bond obligations. With the savings and interest from that, there could be a yearly stimulus for the future.
5. Councilmember Robinson stated that he is frustrated over the conversation surrounding the harm reduction program. He found it ridiculous that members of Public Safety released the results of the employee needle survey to the news before full Council was able to receive it. He added that no one during Council had mention House Bill 2256, the elimination of the user fee, which means the City will lose 7 million, effectively defunding the police.

6. Councilmember Pharr stated that, in reference to the American Rescue Plan funds, she has heard many concerns over the sewer issues. She added that has also heard from business owners who are concerned over House Bill 2256. She added that once it is feasible for officers to interact in person with children and teens, business owners would like to host events at their businesses. Councilmember Pharr added the Fire Department recently responded to an incident at the Atlas Building. She commended the Fire Department and the Chief for their communication, caring attitude and professionalism. Councilmember Pharr stated that Ms. Day had told her of an incident of someone using a syringe on her porch, adding that they have to be realistic with the fear that is happening with some of the City's residents.
7. Councilmember McKinney echoed the sentiments of Councilmember Robinson concerning the survey results. She added that when one member speaks, it seems like they are speaking for the entire Committee. They should have discussed that beforehand.
8. Councilmember Ceperley added that while there are issues to deal with, they also need to realize that they have a wonderful opportunity with the American Rescue Plan Act, an Administration and Council that is working diligently for the City, business picking up and a wonderful group of youths interested in their Community. She added that they can deal with these issues, but they can't let themselves be petty.
9. Councilmember Snodgrass added that she takes personal pride in being able to finally get a survey out to the first responders etc. It is an issue that effects the entire City, and it is time that they listen to the first responders. She added that it was up to the Chair as to how the results were distributed, and usually once something is sent to the Clerk's Office it becomes public information. They have a right as individual Councilmembers to speak their minds and represent their constituents. She added that no one is against harm reduction, and they need to support the first responders.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Burton, Minardi

At 9:07 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, April 5, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in West Hall 1 at the Coliseum and Convention Center.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk