



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, June 22, 2021

at 7:00 P.M.

Council Chamber – 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 June on the 22nd day, in the year 2021, and was called to order by the Honorable Mayor, Amy Shuler Goodwin. The invocation was delivered by Councilmember Reishman, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Hoover. The Honorable Clerk, Miles C. Cary II, called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at the time:

COOK	BAILEY	CEPERLEY
HOOVER	CAMPBELL	HAAS
KING	JENKINS	JONES
MCKINNEY	KNAUFF	LAIRD
OVERSTREET	PERSINGER	MOORE
REISHMAN		PHARR
	STEELE	SHEETS
		MAYOR GOODWIN

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

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

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. James Reese – Spoke about the West Side.
2. Robin Godfrey – Spoke about the condition of Valley Road.
3. Martha Endres – Spoke about speeding on the East End.

CLAIMS

1. A claim of Gabriel Porter, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to vehicle.
Refer to City Solicitor, Please.
2. A claim of Nicholas Withrow, Poca, WV;
alleges damage to vehicle.
Refer to City Solicitor, Please.

PROCLAMATIONS

1.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: The young people of Charleston, West Virginia are tomorrow's leaders; and

WHEREAS: Professional youth development services help guide many young people in their journey to realizing and achieving their full potential; and

WHEREAS: Boys & Girls Clubs instill young people with the self-confidence to believe they can succeed in anything they put their minds to and stand at the forefront of efforts in the areas of child safety, academia, fair play, healthy lifestyles and character; and

WHEREAS: Hundreds of young people in our Capital City are served, annually by the Boys & Girls Club organization which is part of a nationwide movement that annually serves over two million children and teens; and

WHEREAS: Boys & Girls Clubs help ensure our young people have a safe, supportive place to spend time and provide quality youth development programming.

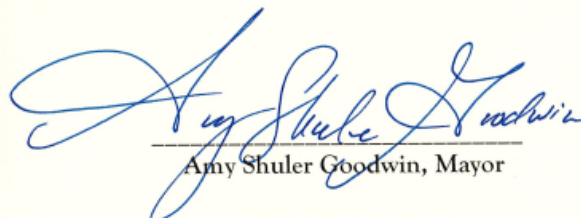
NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston,
do hereby proclaim June 21 - 25, 2021, as

National Boys & Girls Club Week

in Charleston, West Virginia and commit to helping further programming for our young people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22nd day of June 2021.




Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

2.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Pride Month is celebrated nationwide each year in the month of June to commemorate the demonstrations, led by transgender women of color, that took place 52 years ago at the Stonewall Inn the morning of June 28, 1969—fueling a worldwide civil rights movement for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people; and

WHEREAS: While Pride Month celebrates the many decades of hard work and progress toward equity for all LGBTQ citizens, we must also acknowledge the emerging challenges such as advocacy on behalf of transgender and transgender youth community members; and

WHEREAS: It is imperative all people in our community—regardless of sexual orientation, gender expression or gender identity—are supported, protected and empowered by their peers, educators and community leaders; and

WHEREAS: The City of Charleston was the first municipality in West Virginia to adopt a local nondiscrimination law to ensure no person is discriminated against in employment, housing, or public accommodations; and

WHEREAS: We have the unique opportunity—as members of the LGBTQ community and allies—to ensure diverse lived experiences are encouraged and celebrated.

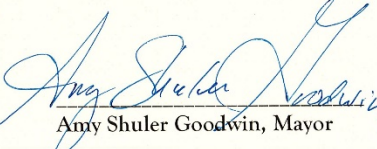
NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby proclaim June 2021, as

LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH

In Charleston, West Virginia and reaffirm our City's commitment to standing in solidarity with our LGBTQ community members and recognizing the valuable contributions they have made in our City, State and Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22nd day of June 2021.




Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

3.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: The Kanawha Garden Club was founded one-hundred-years ago on June 23, 1921, in Charleston, West Virginia by Louise Schoonmaker Chilton, Margaret Ward McCabe, Juliet Staunton Clay and Caroline Staunton Hill; and

WHEREAS: Its mission is to educate its members and the general public in the fields of horticulture, gardening, beautification, conservation, and the environment and to encourage and promote the protection and preservation of trees, wild and cultured flowers and birds; and

WHEREAS: The Club has enjoyed a membership of over 300 dedicated women, whose coordinated efforts and hours of time have left a lasting legacy through educational programming, conservation, and design and refurbishment of local gardens; and

WHEREAS: Over 35 community projects have been completed in its first 100 years including improvements to Ruffner Park, Spring Hill Cemetery, Davis Park, the Clay Center Sculpture Garden, Downtown flower boxes and more; and

WHEREAS: The Kanawha Garden Club currently boasts as active membership of 45 gardeners that promote and aid in civic improvements and beautification while contributing funds, time, effort and knowledge of its members to both public and private preservation activities.

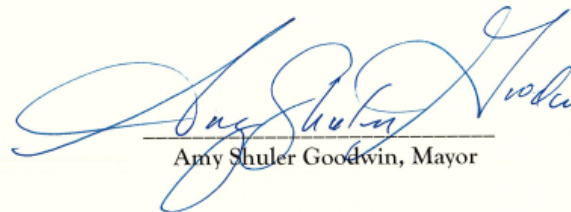
NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby proclaim June 23, 2021, as

**Kanawha Garden Club
Centennial Celebration Day**

in Charleston, West Virginia and ask its citizens to join in the mission of the Club by taking part in beautification, conservation and preservation efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22nd day of June 2021.




Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

4.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Academic studies show that engaging in at least twenty minutes of daily reading can prevent the loss of critical literacy skills; and

WHEREAS: Children read more when they're having fun, see others reading and they can choose their own reading materials; and

WHEREAS: Parents of children participating in summer reading programs dedicate more time reading with or to their children; and

WHEREAS: Teachers report summer reading program participants perform at or above grade level in word recognition, reading vocabulary and reading comprehension; and

WHEREAS: School closings and decreased access to summer learning opportunities because of the COVID-19 pandemic have put children at higher risk of losing critical literacy skills than ever before.

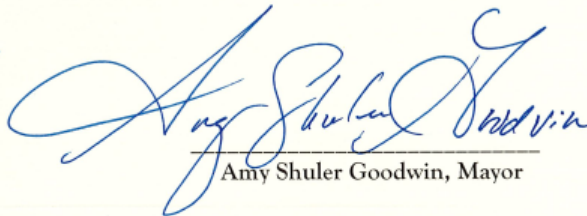
NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston,
do hereby proclaim June 22, 2021, as

**KICKOFF DAY FOR THE 100 DAYS OF
READING CHALLENGE**

in Charleston, West Virginia and encourage all citizens to join Save the Children
and The Bob Burdette Center in support of summer reading.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive
Department to be affixed this 22nd day of June 2021.




Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

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. 485-21 be adopted.

Resolution No. 485-21 - Authorizing the Finance Director to amend the 2019 and 2020 Community Development Block Grant budgets as indicated on the accounts listed below.

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 2019 and 2020 Community Development Block Grant budgets as indicated on the accounts listed below:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
009-019-00-011-0-999	Pro Kids, Inc.	(4,861.20)
009-019-00-199-0-999	Contingencies	4,861.20
009-020-00-011-0-999	WV Refugee	(5,000.00)
009-020-00-059-0-999	Kanawha Valley Senior Services	(50,000.00)
009-020-00-199-0-999	Contingencies	55,000.00
009-019-00-199-0-999	Contingencies	(54,000.00)
009-019-00-002-0-999	YWCA Sojourner's	54,000.00

The city proposes to cancel CDBG funding for: Pro Kids, WV Refugee and Kanawha Valley Senior Services activities and re-allocate CDBG funds for the installation of a fire alarm system at YWCA Sojourner's shelter (City owned building). Written comments regarding the proposed changes may be made to MOECD, 105 McFarland Street, Charleston, WV 25301; fax 348-0704 or e-mail MOECD@cityofcharleston.org until 5:00 p.m., June 11, 2021.

Councilmember Jenkins added that Pro Kids, Inc. and WV Refugee were not able to spend the balance of their funds due to the pandemic, so the money will be returned to the Contingency Fund. Kanawha Valley Senior Services began their project prior to the start date, and were unable to use their funds due to HUD guidelines. Some funds from Contingencies will be go to YWCA

Sojourner's for the installation of a fire alarm system.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 485-21 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. 493-21 do pass.

Resolution No. 493-21 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a Microsoft Enterprise Agreement with SHI International Corp. in the amount of \$97,056.42 for the purchase of various Microsoft software licenses necessary for the ongoing business of the City government, where the vendor and purchase price was determined through a competitively-sourced state-wide contract.

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 Microsoft Enterprise Agreement with SHI International Corp. in the amount of \$97,056.42 for the purchase of various Microsoft software licenses necessary for the ongoing business of the City government, where the vendor and purchase price was determined through a competitively-sourced state-wide contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the routine contract was competitively-sourced with a state-wide contract.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 493-21 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. 494-21 do pass.

Resolution No. 494-21 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to renew an excess workers' compensation insurance policy with Safety National for \$236,433 based on the results of a competitive insurance quote review process. The effective date of the policy will be from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to renew an excess workers' compensation insurance policy with Safety National for \$236,433 based on the results of a competitive insurance quote review process. The effective date of the policy will be from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for the second year of a two-year rate lock.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting in the majority in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 494-21 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. 495-21 do pass.

Resolution No. 495-21 - Adopting the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Parking System budget as indicated within the attached document.

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

The proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Parking System budget is adopted as indicated within the attached document.

Councilmember Jenkins added the Parking Department does a great job maintaining the parking structures. Over the past couple of years, they have completed dozens of projects, and usually has a budget surplus. The proposed budget is expected to make the usual yearly contribution Capital Maintenance Improvement Fund.

The Mayor commended Parking Director, Terri Allen, and the Department for their work.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 495-21 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. 496-21 do pass.

Resolution No. 496-21 - Adopting the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Coliseum & Convention Center and Municipal Auditorium budget as indicated within the attached document.

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

The proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Coliseum & Convention Center and Municipal Auditorium budget is adopted as indicated within the attached document.

Councilmember Jenkins added that this is the first full budget with the new management company, OVG. The Boards have worked closely with OVG to come up with an optimistic budget.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 496-21 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. 497-21 do pass.

Resolution No. 497-21 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase one (1) vehicle from Jim Robinson, Inc. in the amount of \$28,544, where the vehicle will serve as a replacement vehicle to be used by the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT) and titled to the City of Charleston. The purchase will be made through a competitively sourced state-wide contract using MDENT funds.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to purchase one (1) vehicle from Jim Robinson, Inc. in the amount of \$28,544, where the vehicle will serve as a replacement vehicle to be used by the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT) and titled to the City of Charleston. The purchase will be made through a competitively sourced state-wide contract using MDENT funds.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the City is the fiscal agent for MDNT. The purchase is for an undercover vehicle to be used by MDENT that will be titled to the City.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 497-21 adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Municipal Court Report to City Council Month Ending May 2021.
Received and Filed, Thank You.
2. Report of the City of Charleston Payroll Variance Analysis; May 2021.
Received and Filed, Thank You.
3. City Treasurer's Report to City Council Month Ending May 2021.
Received and Filed, Thank You.

NEW BILLS

Introduced by Councilmember Keeley Steele

June 22, 2021:

Bill No. 7915 – A BILL to amend the Municipal Code by adding thereto a new Article relating to authorizing the use of low-speed vehicles consistent with state law.

Refer to Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee, Please

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Mayor Goodwin stated that there will be Implicit Bias training for Councilmembers and staff on June 23, 2021. There will meeting a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee on 6-24-2021. There will be a C-CORE meeting on 6-29-2021. Councilmember McKinney's Gun Violence Awareness event will be on 6-26-2021. There will be fireworks for July 4th at 9:45 pm.
2. Councilmember Jenkins added that there will be a meeting of the Select Committee on Insurance Relations – Property and Casualty on July 1, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Councilmember Persinger stated that there is an area approximately from Laidley Field to Spa Bliss by the train tracks that police cruisers can't access, and recommended that the City invest in putting gravel along the railroad right-of-way. This would allow them to patrol dangerous activity, and allow ambulances easier access to those nearby businesses.
2. Councilmember Knauff announced a new public art exhibit at the Bigley Avenue baseball fields by the Bigley Avenue Art Foundation.
3. Referencing the recent Lego festival, Councilmember Reishman stated that there was a Lego artist who does models of buildings, and thought it would be a great art project to have one done of a Charleston landmark.

ADJOURNMENT

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

YEAS: Bailey, Campbell, Ceperley, Cook, Haas, Hoover, Jenkins, Jones, King, Knauff, Laird, McKinney, Moore, Overstreet, Persinger, Pharr, Reishman, Robinson, Sheets, Steele, Mayor Goodwin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Adams, Bays, Burton, Faegre, Minardi, Robinson, Snodgrass

At 7:44 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Hoover, Council adjourned until Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chamber at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk