



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, October 18, 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 October on the 18th day, in the year 2021, 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 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**BROWN****CEPERLEY****HAAS****JONES****MCKINNEY****OVERSTREET****REISHMAN****SNODGRASS****COOK****HOOVER****KING****MINARDI****PERSINGER****ROBINSON****BAYS****CAMPBELL****FAEGRE****JENKINS****KNAUFF****MOORE****PHARR****SHEETS****MAYOR GOODWIN**

With twenty-four 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. Melinda Hamwi – spoke about the Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority, the WV Housing Development Fund, TM Management and HUD.
2. Erik Desmond - spoke about the Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority, the WV Housing Development Fund, TM Management and Sadd LLC.
3. Martec Washington – spoke about the West Side and Charleston.

*There being no objections from Council, Councilmember McKinney spoke about gun violence

CLAIMS

None

PROCLAMATIONS

1.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is an annual campaign to increase awareness of this disease and public knowledge about the importance of early detection and treatment methods; and

WHEREAS: Many women do not utilize mammography at regular intervals even though research indicates it is the best available method of detection to decrease death rates; and

WHEREAS: The American Cancer Society continues to advise women to get an annual mammogram screening once they reach age 40; and

WHEREAS: As we display pink ribbons and wear pink clothing to raise awareness, we also support those courageously fighting breast cancer and honor the lives lost to this disease; and

WHEREAS: This October we recognize breast cancer survivors, those battling the disease, their families and friends who are a tireless source of love and encouragement, and applaud the medical professionals and researchers working to find a cure for this deadly disease.

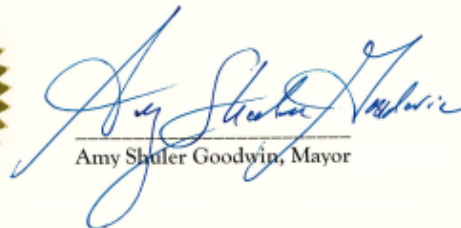
NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby proclaim the month of October, as

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Charleston and encourage all citizens to join in activities that will increase awareness of this disease and participate in regular cancer screenings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of October 2021.




Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

The proclamation was presented to Karen Williams.

2.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: There are approximately 700,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities throughout the United States, including the dedicated members of the Charleston Police Department; and

WHEREAS: In 2019, law enforcement agencies reported that 56,034 officers were assaulted while performing their duties, resulting in 17,188 injuries; and

WHEREAS: Since the first recorded death in 1786, over 22,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have been killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS: The names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS: 394 new names of fallen heroes have been added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this year, including 295 officers killed in 2020 and 99 officers killed in previous years; and

WHEREAS: Patrolman Cassie Marie Johnson, Charleston Police Department, killed in the line of duty December 3, 2020 was included in this year's ceremony.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston,
do hereby honor

OUR FALLEN POLICE OFFICERS

and recognize the service of law enforcement in our community and across the nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of October 2021.

A blue ink signature of Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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. 544-21 be adopted.

Resolution No. 544-21 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase 8 Ford Explorer SUVs (model year 2022) from Stephens Auto in the amount of \$225,328, where the purchase price was determined through a competitively sourced state-wide contract. The vehicles will replace current Charleston Police Department and Fire Department staff vehicles, which are scheduled to be replaced this fiscal year.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to purchase 8 Ford Explorer SUVs (model year 2022) from Stephens Auto in the amount of \$225,328, where the purchase price was determined through a competitively sourced state-wide contract. The vehicles will replace current Charleston Police Department and Fire Department staff vehicles, which are scheduled to be replaced this fiscal year.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for the replacement of eight vehicles that are in the City's normal Capital Outlay replacement cycle. Five vehicles are for the Charleston Police Department and three are for the Charleston Fire Department.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 544-21 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. 545-21 do pass.

Resolution No. 545-21 – Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with Mr. Asphalt, Inc., in the amount of \$157,975 to re-pave the parking lot and connect roadways to the North Charleston Community center.

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 Mr. Asphalt, Inc., in the amount of \$157,975 to re-pave the parking lot and connect roadways to the North Charleston Community center.

Councilmember Jenkins added that that the company that is currently doing paving for the City won the competitive bid.

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. 545-21 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. 546-21 do pass.

Resolution No. 546-21 – Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with Rock Forge Bridge Company, LLC, in the amount of \$110,800.00 to correct a roadway embankment slip located on Stone Road approximately 200 ft from the intersection with Overbrook Road.

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 Rock Forge Bridge Company, LLC, in the amount of \$110,800.00 to correct a roadway embankment slip located on Stone Road approximately 200 ft from the intersection with Overbrook Road.

Councilmember Jenkins added that resolution is for maintenance work that is needed on Stone Road due to stability and safety issues.

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. 546-21 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. 547-21 do pass.

Resolution No. 547-21 – Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase a Mercedes Sprinter 3500XD 4x4 from Alpine Armoring Inc. in the amount of \$197,900, where the vendor maintains a competitively sourced federal contract with the General Services Administration.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to purchase a Mercedes Sprinter 3500XD 4x4 from Alpine Armoring Inc. in the amount of \$197,900, where the vendor maintains a competitively sourced federal contract with the General Services Administration. The van will be used by the Charleston Police Department SWAT team for training and for deployment to critical incidents within the City. The purchased van will replace the SWAT van currently in service, which is 20 years old.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution will replace a twenty-year-old SWAT van for the Charleston Police Department. The current van has become unreliable to use.

With no objections, Chief of Police Hunt, added that the current van would not start a few weeks ago when the SWAT team needed to use it when working with the FBI. He added that the purchase will not affect the General Fund budget as the van will be paid for with funds from Asset Forfeiture. He added that the van will have a neutral paint color and dual rear wheels to accommodate the weight of the gear, etc. Chief Hunt emphasized that the vehicle will not be weaponized, and has ballistic protection. The maintenance on the van will be fairly low, and that the SWAT team is only activated upon approval from the Chief's Office. This particular brand is the only one of its kind available in four-wheel drive.

Councilmember Snodgrass that she has seen the current SWAT van during a previous tour. She added that there was not a secure place for the Officers to sit or place their weapons. She added that it is a good purchase to provide the Officers with more protection.

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. 547-21 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. 548-21 do pass.

Resolution No. 548-21 – Authorizing approval of Amendment No. 4 of the FY 2021—2022 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. 4 of the FY 2021—2022 General Fund Budget as indicated on the attached list of accounts is approved.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the shifting of funds in various accounts is to take the City away from lease purchase agreements for a majority of vehicles, which will be totally eliminated by 2025/2026. With this change, the City will save hundreds of thousands of dollars over the next few years, including approximately \$106,000 in financing charges for the rest of the year.

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

YEAS: Adams, Bailey, Bays, Brown, Campbell, Ceperley, Cook, Faegre, Haas, Hoover, Jenkins, Jones, King, Knauff, McKinney, Minardi, Moore, Overstreet, Persinger, Pharr, Reishman, Robinson, Sheets, Snodgrass, Mayor Goodwin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Burton, Steele

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the majority, Mayor declared Resolution No. 548-21 as adopted.

General Fund FY 2021-2022 Budget Amendment No. 04 - October 18, 2021

Account No.	Department	Account Description	Amount
001 975 00 436 4 461	Capital Outlay - General Government	Lease Purchase Payment	(984)
001 975 00 567 4 461	Capital Outlay - General Government	Lease Purchase Payment	(5,062)
001 976 00 700 4 461	Capital Outlay - Public Safety	Lease Purchase Payment	(112,779)
001 976 00 706 4 461	Capital Outlay - Public Safety	Lease Purchase Payment	(78,065)
001 976 00 712 4 461	Capital Outlay - Public Safety	Lease Purchase Payment	(4,564)
001 977 00 750 4 461	Capital Outlay - Streets & Transportation	Lease Purchase Payment	(72,430)
001 977 00 754 4 461	Capital Outlay - Streets & Transportation	Lease Purchase Payment	(1,026)
001 978 00 800 4 461	Capital Outlay - Health & Sanitation	Lease Purchase Payment	(65,170)
001 979 00 900 4 461	Capital Outlay - Culture & Recreation	Lease Purchase Payment	(5,176)
001 980 00 952 4 461	Capital Outlay - Social Services	Lease Purchase Payment	(837)
001 377 00 0000	Revenue	Lease Proceeds	1,811,000
001 369 06 0000	Revenue	Transfers in - Municipal Stabilization	(1,464,907)

To reduce the estimate lease proceeds revenue and associated new FY 2022 lease series payments and transfer in Municipal Stabilization funds to purchase the FY 2022 vehicle replacement cycle

Reportable: To Maintain compliance with the budgetary guidelines of the State of West Virginia

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Municipal Court Report to City Council Month Ending September 2021.
Received and Filed, Thank You.
2. City Treasurer's Report to City Council Month Ending September 2021.
Received and Filed, Thank You.

NEW BILLS

None

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Mayor Goodwin stated that Lori Kersey wrote a great editorial on suffering through cancer, and recognized her for sharing her experience. The Mayor added that the loose leaf, Christmas refuse and New Year's refuse collection dates have been announced and will also be posted on Facebook. Trick or Treat will be October 30, 2021 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Hallow-East October 28-30. Trick or Beat is on October 28. Trunk or Treat is on October 30. The Art Bus unveiling will be on October 20, and was designed by Charlie Hamilton. The Lights On After School Fun Fest will be on October 29. Mayor Goodwin added that with the new census data, the City will be required to redistrict along with the State and County. The intention will be to present to Council a number of maps to consider during the November 1, 2021 meeting, which will then be referred to Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee. Council will need to vote on any map changes by November 15, 2021.

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Councilmember Faegre stated that she agreed with Councilmember McKinney concerning the inadequate lighting on the West Side, and suggested that a study be done about it. Councilmember Faegre thanked the Street and Refuse Departments.
2. Councilmember Snodgrass asked that the link she received that shared information about the National Law Enforcement Fallen Officer Program.
3. Councilmember Moore stated that the kids in Charleston get treated differently. Charleston's Little League Football team, ran by a police officer, was told that they were not allowed to play in the finals as they cheated. He added that a secret meeting was held that excluded the team leader, Eddie Whitehead. Councilmember Moore added that it sends a message to the kids that they can never be good enough because of where they are from. He added that it is not fair that adults are taking out their personal grudges on kids.

ADJOURNMENT

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

YEAS: Adams, Bays, Brown, Campbell, Ceperley, Cook, Faegre, Haas, Hoover, Jenkins, Jones, King, Knauff, McKinney, Minardi, Moore, Overstreet, Persinger, Pharr, Reishman, Robinson, Sheets, Snodgrass, Mayor Goodwin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Burton, Steele

At 7:55 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, November 1, 2021, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chamber at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk