



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, December 6, 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 first meeting in the month of December on the 6th 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 King. 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
MINARDI
PEPPER
REISHMAN
SNODGRASS**

**BAYS
CAMPBELL
FAEGRE
JENKINS
KNAUFF
MOORE
PERSINGER
ROBINSON
STEELE**

**BROWN
CEPERLEY
HAAS
JONES
MCKINNEY
OVERSTREET
PHARR
SHEETS
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.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. Melinda Hamwi – Spoke about CKHA, TM and WVHDF
2. Eric Desmond – Spoke about CKHA, TM, and Sadd, LLC.
3. Eyoel Kifle – Spoke about an issue with the City and their response.
4. Chris Campbell, Chair of the Charleston Land Reuse Agency – Gave Council an update.

CLAIMS

1. A claim of Donna L Bautista, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to property.
Refer to City Solicitor, Please.
2. A claim of James Dingess, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to vehicle.
Refer to City Solicitor, Please.
3. A claim of John Giles, Charleston, WV;
alleges loss of vehicle.
Refer to City Solicitor, Please.
4. A claim of Lawrence Howe, Charleston, WV;
alleges loss of vehicle.
Refer to City Solicitor, Please.
5. A claim of Cindy Kranz, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to property.
Refer to City Solicitor, Please.
6. A claim of Darla I Spencer, Charleston, WV;
alleges loss of vehicle.
Refer to City Solicitor, Please.

PROCLAMATIONS

1.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Volunteering helps create a sense of community and provides opportunities for growth and development that contribute to forward progress; and

WHEREAS: Six volunteers generously have given nearly 20 years of their time and talents to ensure the creation, executive development, and completion of projections for what was the Wayfinding Commission; and

WHEREAS: These volunteers were instrumental in the creation of the wayfinding signs seen throughout our Capital City; and

WHEREAS: The installation of the “Welcome to Charleston” sign on the interstate, and the implementation of the Horizontal Banner Program are among their most notable achievements; and

WHEREAS: Their commitment and hard work to the Wayfinding Commission is greatly appreciated by the City of Charleston; and

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

**Carolyn Charnock
Gary Chernenko
Georgette George
Lisa McCracken**

**Mack Miles
Elizabeth Pellegrin
Susie Salisbury**

for the years of volunteer work, which contributed to the development and implementation of the wayfinding system in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6th day of December 2021.

A large, stylized blue ink signature of Amy Shuler Goodwin.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Mayor Goodwin announced that the Clerk's Office has received a petition for review by Council regarding a notice of public nuisance and order of abatement.

Councilmember Ceperley motioned that that the petition be taken up for consideration at the next Council meeting. With there being no objections, the motion was approved.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution No. 562-21 – Authorizing amendments to the Charleston Fire Civil Service Rules, which were approved by the Charleston Fire Civil Service Commission and are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia: That the amendments to the Charleston Fire Civil Service Rules, attached hereto as Exhibit A, which were approved by the Charleston Fire Civil Service Commission are hereby approved by the Charleston City Council and Mayor.

Councilmember Pharr added that after listening to her fellow Councilmembers, it was decided to take some time to examine the size of the population throughout Charleston's history, and to take a deep dive to look into the size of Council. The proposal is for a Select Committee to be created to do so as stated in the resolution.

Councilmember Overstreet added that, as a previous Fire Chief, there were always problems recruiting paramedics. The updated rules will save money and time.

Councilmember Overstreet 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. 562-21 adopted.

BEFORE THE CHARLESTON FIREMEN'S CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

ORDER REGARDING AMENDMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE RULE

On Friday, November 19, 2021 the Charleston Firemen's Civil Service Commission met in a public meeting at the City of Charleston City Council Chambers to consider the applicant scoring change requested by the Administration of the Charleston Fire Department which would award points in addition to written test score and Veteran Preference points for certain educational levels and certifications.

After receiving testimony and comments from those in attendance and consideration of the legal opinions of the Firefighters' Union in opposition to the award of said points and the legal opinion of counsel for the Commission, the Civil Service Commission voted as follows:

President Eric Kinder	<u>EST</u>	Approve	_____	Reject
Commissioner Paul Harrison - <i>recused</i>	_____	Approve	_____	Reject
Commissioner Ben Thomas	<u>BT</u>	Approve	_____	Reject

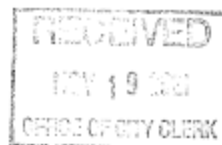
Accordingly, the Commission, by majority vote does Approve Reject the proposed Rule change. The Commission does therefore Order that this Order be filed in the Office of the City Clerk and the decision of this Commission be submitted to the Mayor and City Council for further action.

EST
President Eric Kinder

RECUSED HIMSELF
Commissioner Paul Harrison

Ben Thomas
Commissioner Ben Thomas

Enter this 19th day of November, 2021



The current Rules provides:

4.10 Computation of scores and compilation of list of eligibles.

After all challenges to the scoring of the written examination have been heard and determined, the Commission shall establish a list of eligibles. Applicants who have achieved a passing score on the written examination shall be ranked in the order of merit using the following formula:

- (a) Written examination, interpolated so that a perfect score would equal 100 for ranking purposes; plus
- (b) Military service credit, computed according to West Virginia Code § 6-13-1.
- (c) Applicants who pass the written examination and the CPAT and possess a valid and current certification (National Registry and/or State of West Virginia) as a Paramedic will have 5 points added to the written test score.
- (d) Applicants who have an Associate's degree from an accredited college or university will have two points added to their passing score.
- (e) Applicants who have a Baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university will have five points added to their passing score (not to be combined with any other education credit, - 5 points is the maximum allowed education credit)
- (f) In the event that more than one applicant shall attain the same total score for ranking purposes, the position of each applicant on the list of eligibles shall be determined by coin toss or the drawing of lots.

The Fire Department requests the Commission to modify the Rule to read:

4.10 Computation of scores and compilation of list of eligibles.

After all challenges to the scoring of the written examination have been heard and determined, the Commission shall establish a list of eligibles. Applicants who have achieved a passing score on the written examination shall be ranked in the order of merit using the following formula:

- (a) Written examination, interpolated so that a perfect score would equal 100 for ranking purposes; plus
- (b) Military service credit, computed according to West Virginia Code § 6-13-1.
- (c) Applicants who pass the written examination and the CPAT and is a currently certified:

- 1) EMT-P - 20 points added to the applicant's total score for ranking purposes.
 - 2) EMT-A - 15 points added to the applicant's total score for ranking purposes.
 - 3) EMT-B - 10 points added to the applicant's total score for ranking purposes.
 - 4) Journeyman Firefighter - 10 points added to the applicant's total score for ranking purposes.
 - 5) An applicant is awarded only the single highest EMT credit that the applicant is qualified to receive. EMT points are cumulative with Journeyman Firefighter credit and any applicable education credit.
- (d) Applicants who have an Associate's degree from an accredited college or university will have two points added to their passing score.
- (e) Applicants who have a Baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university will have five points added to their passing score (not to be combined with any other education credit, - 5 points is the maximum allowed education credit)
- (f) In the event that more than one applicant shall attain the same total score for ranking purposes, the position of each applicant on the list of eligibles shall be determined by coin toss or the drawing of lots.

2. Resolution No. 568-21 – Supporting the applications for licensure of the syringe services programs by West Virginia Health Right, Inc. at 1520 Washington Street East and 600 Shrewsbury Street.

WHEREAS, West Virginia Health Right, Inc. notified the City of Charleston on October 22, 2021, of its intention to file a licensure application for two syringe services programs with the Office of Health Facility Licensure & Certification; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia Health Right, Inc. requested a resolution or letter of support from the Charleston City Council, as required by West Virginia Code Chapter 16, Article 63; and

WHEREAS, Section 78-384 of the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston places additional requirements for public input before City Council may support such syringe services programs; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2021, West Virginia Health Right, Inc., provided notice by mail to every address within a two-block radius of both of its proposed syringe services program locations that there was a public hearing scheduled for November 18, 2021, at the Roosevelt Neighborhood Center, located at 502 Ruffner Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston placed notice of the public hearing on the City website, along with the program's application, as required by Section 78-384 of the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Charleston held public hearings regarding both proposed locations for the West Virginia Health Right, Inc. syringe services programs on November 18, 2021, at the Roosevelt Neighborhood Center, which hearings were recorded and made available online to the public; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Charleston solicited and accepted public input on the proposed syringe services programs at the public hearing, allowed written comments to be submitted, and provided West Virginia Health Right, Inc. with an opportunity to provide information on its program; and

WHEREAS, the public was further permitted to submit written comments up until the time of the council meeting at which this resolution is discussed, which is at least one week after the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, following a review of the applications, and taking all of the public comments into consideration, the City Council of the City of Charleston finds that it is in the best interest of the City and the residents and businesses of the City to support the syringe services program applications of West Virginia Health Right, Inc.

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

That the City Council of the City of Charleston hereby expresses its support for the applications for licensure of the syringe services programs by West Virginia Health Right, Inc. at 1520 Washington Street East and 600 Shrewsbury Street. The City Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to West Virginia Health Right, Inc.

Councilmember Hoover added that WV Health Right is applying to the State in order to continue to operate their state-certified harm reduction/syringe service program at their East End and Covenant House locations. These programs have been operating at the main clinic for ten (10) years and for three (3) years at Covenant House. A public hearing was held, as required, on November 18, 2021 at the Roosevelt Neighborhood Center. No one spoke against the program. Health Right has also received their letter of approval from the County.

Councilmember Steele spoke in favor of the resolution and in support of Heath Right.

Councilmember Faegre added that Health Right has set the bar for harm reduction services within the City.

Councilmember Hoover 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. 568-21 adopted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON FACILITIES

Councilmember Pharr, Chair of the Council Committee on Facilities, submitted the following reports:

1. Your committee on Facilities has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 563-21 do pass.

Resolution No. 563-21 - Whereas, the City owns a facility at 502 26th Street in North Charleston that formerly served as a fire station;

Whereas, the facility is 6,700 gross square feet in size and was built in 1954;

Whereas, until recently, the facility served as a fitness center for current and retired Charleston firefighters;

Whereas, upon a recent inspection of the facility, the City Manager became concerned about the structural integrity of the building;

Whereas, the City Manager ordered the closure of the facility pending an assessment by both the City's Building Department and an architectural consultant;

Whereas, the City has received a written report from ZMM Architects and Engineers, which details the structural, electrical, mechanical, and ADA deficiencies of the building (attached hereto as Exhibit A);

Whereas, having reviewed the consultant's written report and having discussed the matter with the City's Building Commissioner, the City Manager recommends to the City Council that the facility be demolished; and

Whereas, the City Council, having examined the issue, concurs with the City Manager's recommendation.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to order the demolition of the former fire station located at 502 26th Street, Charleston, WV, and to contract with the City's on-call demolitions contractor, West Virginia Demolition, Inc., to perform the demolition work, which is estimated to cost \$30,000.

Councilmember Pharr added that the City-owned property has had issues with flooding. A representative from ZMM informed the Committee that it would not be cost-effective to bring the building up to code.

Councilmember Pharr 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. 563-21 adopted.

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. 564-21 be adopted.

Resolution No. 564-21 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase COVID-19 emergency response items from Gall's for the Charleston Police Department. The total purchase price is \$39,426.00 and will include safety goggles, nitrile gloves, N95 masks, disposable face shields, leather duty gloves, Tyvek suits, gas mask pouches, duffle bags and pathogen protection boots. The purchase prices are offered under a WV Department of Corrections state contract.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to purchase COVID-19 emergency response items from Gall's for the Charleston Police Department. The total purchase price is \$39,426.00 and will include safety goggles, nitrile gloves, N95 masks, disposable face shields, leather duty gloves, Tyvek suits, gas mask pouches, duffle bags and pathogen protection boots. The purchase prices are offered under a WV Department of Corrections state contract. To be charged to Account No. 091-000-20-000-3-341.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is a continuation of a grant that Council had previously authorized.

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. 564-21 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. 565-21 be adopted.

Resolution No. 565-21 – Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to submit applications to the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program in the total amount of \$2,000,000 that includes the required 10% cash match and administer any funds awarded. The Charleston Fire Department will use these funds to purchase a ladder truck, diesel exhaust removal systems, provide replacement of self-contained breathing apparatuses and supplied air systems.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to submit applications to the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program in the total amount of \$2,000,000 that includes the required 10% cash match and administer any funds awarded. The Charleston Fire Department will use these funds to purchase a ladder truck, diesel exhaust removal systems, provide replacement of self-contained breathing apparatuses and supplied air systems.

Councilmember Jenkins added that funds from the grant will replace a twenty-two year old ladder truck, as well as a diesel exhaust removal system and self-contained breathing apparatuses.

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. 565-21 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. 566-21 be adopted.

Resolution No. 566-21 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Regulatory Agreement and Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions with West Virginia Homes, Inc., as contained in Exhibit 1 to this resolution, to ensure affordable downtown senior housing for not less than twenty years at Brooks Manor, 23 Brooks Street, Charleston, and to enter into any other related documents necessary to complete the Regulatory Agreement, as approved by the City Solicitor.

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

That the City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Regulatory Agreement and Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions with West Virginia Homes, Inc., as contained in Exhibit 1 to this resolution, to ensure affordable downtown senior housing for not less than twenty years at Brooks Manor, 23 Brooks Street, Charleston, and to enter into any other related documents necessary to complete the Regulatory Agreement, as approved by the City Solicitor. The City Council authorizes the Mayor and City Solicitor to take all necessary steps to finalize the Regulatory Agreement.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution will assist West Virginia Homes, Inc. with their Brooks Manor facility to receive a HUD loan so that 40% of the residents will be at or below 60% of the area median income. This will ensure that there will be affordable housing for seniors, and will allow West Virginia Homes, Inc. to make needed upgrades to their facility.

Councilmember Ceperley abstained from voting due to a familial connection.

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, with one abstention, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 566-21 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. 567-21 be adopted.

Resolution No. 567-21 – Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with Brewer & Company in the amount of \$28,000 to upgrade the fire alarm system at the North Charleston Community Center, where the contract amount was determined 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 authorized to enter into a contract with Brewer & Company in the amount of \$28,000 to upgrade the fire alarm system at the North Charleston Community Center, where the contract amount was determined through a competitive bidding process.

Councilmember Jenkins added that this will be for a needed update at the facility.

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. 567-21 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. 569-21 be adopted.

Resolution No. 569-21 – Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Kanawha County Schools, as presented in Exhibit A attached hereto, and to enter into a contract with Miracle Recreation Equipment Company in the amount of \$397,464 for the purchase of various playground equipment and related items to be installed at Celebration Station under the direction of Kanawha County Schools, where such equipment will become the property of Kanawha County Schools upon installation.

Whereas, the City of Charleston, The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation, the Charleston Rotary Club, and Kanawha County Schools have partnered together to improve and update the cherished community asset known as Celebration Station; and

Whereas, each community partner has extended an offering of both capital and professional expertise to revitalize the site; and

Whereas, the Charleston Rotary Club has raised \$149,000 toward the project; and

Whereas, the City of Charleston and Kanawha County Schools wish to enter into a cooperative agreement regarding the administration of the project, as well as the City's role in purchasing playground equipment for a community portion of Celebration Station and the ongoing ownership and maintenance responsibility assigned to Kanawha County Schools upon the completion of the project; and

Whereas, a copy of the proposed cooperative agreement between the City of Charleston and Kanawha County Schools is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

Whereas, the City of Charleston is a part of a purchasing cooperative known as Sourcewell that permits the City to leverage exceptional buying power through a nationally recognized competitive procurement process, which includes the ability to direct purchase playground equipment from participating manufacturers at established contract rates; and

Whereas, the City of Charleston and Kanawha County Schools have worked cooperatively to identify the best design and equipment to be installed within Celebration Station; and

Whereas, the City of Charleston, through its cooperative agreement, proposes to purchase the playground equipment for the community portion of the site to be used for the collective benefit of the citizens of the City, where the purchase will be made with both public and private capital dedicated specifically for the project.

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 cooperative agreement with Kanawha County Schools, as presented in Exhibit A attached hereto, and to enter into a contract with Miracle Recreation Equipment Company in the amount of \$397,464 for the purchase of various playground equipment and related items to be installed at Celebration Station under the direction of Kanawha County Schools, where such equipment will become the property of Kanawha County Schools upon installation.

Councilmember Jenkins added that Celebration Station was a community project twenty years ago, such that there is a playground for the school and a playground for the community. Many stakeholders have been working together to raise funds to improve the playground equipment as well as to make the areas ADA accessible. Approximately \$97,000 comes from fundraising from various groups. The Kanawha County Board of Education will manage the project.

Councilmember Reishman confirmed with Councilmember Jenkins that at least some of the partners are the Rotary, Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation, West Virginia American Water and the PTO at Piedmont.

Councilmember Jones added that he didn't understand why the Kanawha County Schools was not also donating money. Councilmember Jenkins added that Kanawha County Schools is allowing their property and personnel to be used. Chuck Smith, a representative of Kanawha County Schools, added that Kanawha County Schools is providing the infrastructure and that Piedmont School has raised money to cover their portion of the playground.

Councilmember Steele spoke in favor of the resolution. She confirmed that there will still be a basketball court.

Councilmember Bays confirmed that construction will take a few weeks, minimizing the time the community will not be able to use the playground.

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. 569-21 adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Municipal Court Report to City Council Month Ending November 2021.
Received and Filed, Thank You.

2. Report of the City of Charleston Payroll Variance Analysis; November 2021.
Received and Filed, Thank You.

NEW BILLS

Introduced by Councilmember Mary Beth Hoover

December 6, 2021:

Bill No. 7931 – A Bill amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by amending the East End Historic District Overlay, in Article 21 Overlay Districts, for consistency with design guidelines developed and adopted by the Charleston Historic Landmarks Commission.

Refer to Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee, Please

Introduced by Councilmember Deanna McKinney

December 6, 2021:

Bill No. 7933 – A Bill amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by rezoning to a C-10 District that certain parcel of land at 104 Tennessee Avenue, and rezoning to a C-10 District, those certain parcels of land situate at 110-116 Monongalia Street.

Refer to Municipal Planning Commission and Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee, Please

Introduced by Councilmember Keeley Steele

December 6, 2021:

Bill No. 7934 – A Bill to amend and re-enact Ordinance No.7475 establishing a Loading Zone on the southerly side of Piedmont Road by adjusting the positioning of the Loading Zone.

Refer to Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee, Please

Introduced by Councilmember Joseph Jenkins

December 6, 2021:

Bill No. 7935 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority and the City of Charleston for allocation of authorized special levies and other matters incidental thereto for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2023, through 2028.

Refer to Finance Committee, Please

Introduced by Councilmember Mary Beth Hoover

December 6, 2021:

Bill No. 7936 – A BILL to amend and reenact the Municipal Code relating to adding Court Street to the list of areas where web-based parking meters are permitted at rates consistent with other downtown parking.

Refer to Finance Committee, Please

Introduced by Councilmember Mary Beth Hoover

December 6, 2021:

Bill No. 7937 – A Bill to repeal parking prohibitions along Court Street and authorize Council to

approve parking along Court Street to begin on or after May 1, 2022; and modifying existing and/or adding necessary traffic control devices.

Refer to Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee, Please

Introduced by Councilmembers Courtney Persinger, Adam Knauff and Shannon Snodgrass
December 6, 2021:

Resolution No. 570-21 – A Resolution to adopt free Transparency tools and public website access to financial information provisioned by the West Virginia State Auditor’s Office in response to the ARP

Funding Allocation.

Refer to American Rescue Plan Act Advisory Committee and Finance Committee, Please

Introduced by Councilmember Becky Ceperley

December 6, 2021:

Bill No. 7938 – A BILL to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston relating to clarifying the process regarding assessments for the City Center Business Improvement District, levying the assessments for FY2021, defining the assessment appeals process, and providing rulemaking authority.

Refer to Finance Committee, Please

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Councilmember Knauff asked why Resolution No. 570-21 was being referred to Committee. Mayor Goodwin replied that the resolution was received hours within the time limit. When Councilmembers reached out with questions, and the resolution's sponsor referred all questions to the State Auditor, it was determined that the best place to answer questions and collect information would be the referred Committees for transparency.
2. Councilmember Persinger asked if the American Rescue Plan Act Advisory Committee had a scheduled meeting. Mayor Goodwin replied that they did not, although they would be required to meet soon. Councilmember Persinger asked if the resolution be referred to Finance only or first.

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Councilmember Jones thanked the Mayor and the Administration for trying to repair Blaine Boulevard, which has now become a dangerous health and safety hazard. Councilmember Jones added that three members of Council were recently singled out for the absences, which was invasive and unnecessary.
2. Councilmember Snodgrass stated that the CPD is still down fourteen (14) uniformed officers, and it is essential to get the force back on track.
3. Councilmember McKinney stated that she had become aware that City workers have never had a Christmas bonus, and asked the Administration to look into how to make that possible.
4. Councilmember Faegre stated that the report on absences, mentioned by Councilmember Jones, was uncalled for. She was aware of who started it. Councilmember Faegre added that the petition for appeal concerned her Ward, and urged every Councilmember to view the area for themselves. Councilmember Faegre stated that Ward 5 had only had one leaf pickup this season, and there are many leaves currently curbside that will likely cause flooding problems.
5. Councilmember Persinger stated that Rule No. 8 of Council mentions that a resolution cannot be divided among two or more Committees, and added that it also stated that the Presiding Officer can refer it to up to three Committees.
6. Councilmember Snodgrass agreed with Councilmember Persinger.
7. Councilmember Pharr stated that she finds it disturbing when Councilmembers insinuate things. She has been vocal about her desire to look into the size of Council, etc. She was upset about the news report on absences, and did not accept any insinuations that someone on Council was responsible.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

At 8:13 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, December 20, 2021, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk