



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, January 17, 2023

at 7:00 P.M.

Council Chambers – 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 January on the 17th day, in the year 2023, and was called to order by the Honorable Mayor, Amy Shuler Goodwin. The invocation was delivered by Councilmember Burka, 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:

**ANNIE
CEPERLEY
FERRELL
HOOVER
KERNS
MOORE
PHARR
SALANGO
STEELHAMMER**

**BURKA
COOK
GIANOLA
JENKINS
KING
OVERSTREET
ROBINSON
SNODGRASS
TAYLOR**

**BURTON
FAEGRE
HAAS
JONES
MINARDI
PEPPER
RUBIO
SOLOMON
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. Nicole Christian – Spoke about the Charleston Area Alliance as a representative.
2. James Reece – Spoke about their concerns for the West Side, include the closing of Charleston Department Store.

CLAIMS

1. A claim of Jonathan Curasi, Charleston, WV; alleges loss of property.
2. A claim of Kathryn Robertson, Charleston, WV; alleges damage to property.

PROCLAMATIONS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

1.

Amy Shuler Goodwin
Office of the Mayor
City of Charleston



P.O. Box 2749
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TO: MILES CARY
CITY CLERK

FROM: AMY SHULER GOODWIN 
MAYOR

RE: COUNCILMEMBER APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND
COMMISIONS

DATE: JANUARY 17, 2023

I recommend the following Councilmembers be appointed to the following Boards an Commission

Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center – Hoover and Robinson
Charleston Convention & Visitors Bureau – Ceperley and Pharr
Charleston Land Reuse Agency – Gianola and Pepper
Charleston Urban Renewal Authority – Ceperley and Rubio
Municipal Planning Commission – Hoover
Public Art Commission – Cook
Spring Hill Cemetery Park Commission – Pepper and Taylor
Historic Landmarks Commission – Pharr

I respectfully request City Council's approval of this recommendation.

ASG/mls

Councilmember Ceperley moved to approve the appointment. Councilmember Hoover seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared the appointment confirmed.

2.

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TO: MILES CARY
CITY CLERK

FROM: AMY SHULER GOODWIN *ASG*
MAYOR

RE: CITY CENTER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

DATE: JANUARY 17, 2023

I recommend the following individual be reappointed to the Charleston City Center Business Improvement District Board:

Christy Elliot Bly – term expiration date 10-4-27

I respectfully request City Council's approval of this recommendation.

ASG/mls

Councilmember Ceperley moved to approve the appointment. Councilmember Hoover seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared the appointment confirmed.

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CITY CLERK

FROM: AMY SHULER GOODWIN *ASG*
MAYOR

RE: HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

DATE: JANUARY 17, 2023

I recommend the following individual be reappointed to the Historic Landmarks Commission:

Charles Sullivan – Term expires 9-1-2027
Billy Peyton – Term expires 9-1-2023
Adam Krason – Term expires 9-1-2027

I respectfully request City Council's approval of this recommendation.

ASG/mls

Councilmember Ceperley moved to approve the appointment. Councilmember Hoover seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared the appointment confirmed.

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TO: MILES CARY
CITY CLERK

FROM: AMY SHULER GOODWIN
MAYOR

RE: GREEN TEAM

DATE: JANUARY 17, 2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "ASG", is written over the "FROM" line of the letterhead.

I recommend the following individual be appointed to the Charleston Green Team:

Jennifer Pauley (Ward 5) - fills a vacant seat

I respectfully request City Council's approval of this recommendation.

ASG/mls

Councilmember Ceperley moved to approve the appointment. Councilmember Hoover seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared the appointment confirmed.

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TO: MILES CARY
CITY CLERK

FROM: AMY SHULER GOODWIN
MAYOR

RE: PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

DATE: JANUARY 17, 2023

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I recommend Keeley Steele be appointed to the Public Arts Commission. She is filling a vacant seat. Ms. Steele's term will expire February 7, 2025.

I respectfully request City Council's approval of this recommendation.

ASG/mls

Councilmember Ceperley moved to approve the appointment. Councilmember Hoover seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared the appointment confirmed.

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TO: MILES CARY
CITY CLERK

FROM: AMY SHULER GOODWIN 
MAYOR

RE: CHARLESTON-KANAWHA HOUSING AUTHORITY

DATE: JANUARY 17, 2023

I recommend the following individual be reappointed to the Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority:

Virginia Nesmith – term expiration date 12-1-2024

I respectfully request City Council's approval of this recommendation.

ASG/mls

Councilmember Ceperley moved to approve the appointment. Councilmember Hoover seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared the appointment confirmed.

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TO: MILES CARY
CITY CLERK

FROM: AMY SHULER GOODWIN
MAYOR

RE: CHARLESTON COLISEUM & CONVENTION CENTER BOARD

DATE: JANUARY 17, 2023

I recommend the following individual be appointed to the Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center Board:

Kim Smith. Ms. Smith's term will expire June 22, 2026.

I respectfully request City Council's approval of this recommendation.

ASG/mls

Councilmember Ceperley moved to approve the appointment. Councilmember Hoover seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared the appointment confirmed.

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TO: MILES CARY
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FROM: AMY SHULER GOODWIN
MAYOR

RE: CHARLESTON URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

DATE: JANUARY 17, 2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "ASG", is written over the "FROM" line of the letterhead.

I recommend the following individuals be appointed to the Charleston Urban Renewal Authority:

Hollis Lewis – filling a vacant seat with a term to expire 3-3-27

Chris Bly – filling a vacant seat with a term to expire 3-3-24

I respectfully request City Council's approval of this recommendation.

ASG/mls

Councilmember Ceperley moved to approve the appointment. Councilmember Hoover seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared the appointment confirmed.

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. 756-23 be adopted.

Resolution No. 756-23 - Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Secretary of the Air Force by and through the Commander of the 130th Airlift Wing related requests for assistance between the Charleston Fire Department and the 130th Airlift Wing's Fire and Emergency Services, whereas the terms of the agreement at attached at Exhibit A.

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

That the Mayor is authorized to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Secretary of the Air Force by and through the Commander of the 130th Airlift Wing related requests for assistance between the Charleston Fire Department and the 130th Airlift Wing's Fire and Emergency Services, whereas the terms of the agreement at attached at Exhibit A.

Councilmember Jenkins added that there will be a 3.5 mile stacked-loop trail system within the 65 acres that was donated to the City for this purpose.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is an agreement with the 130th Airlift Wing by Yeager Airport. It updates previous agreements under new law, and provides for a mutual aid agreement.

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. 756-22 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. 757-23 be adopted.

Resolution No. 757-23 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to execute Change Order No. 1 with RK Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, to remove excess soil mass below Woodbine Ave. discovered during the course of construction of a retaining wall.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 with RK Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, to remove excess soil mass below Woodbine Ave. discovered during the course of construction of a retaining wall.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the change is due to the unexpected discovery of excess soil removal to complete the retaining wall project.

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. 757-22 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. 758-23 be adopted.

Resolution No. 758-23 - Authorizing the City of Charleston to communicate the State of West Virginia and the West Virginia Department of Transportation of the city's willingness to participate in "Non-State-Owned Bridge Program" administered by the West Virginia Department of Transportation through the Federal Highway Administration.

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

That the City of Charleston is willing to participate in the "Non-State-Owned Bridge Program" administrated through the State of West Virginia and the West Virginia Department of Transportation. Funding for this effort was part of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). This resolution does not commit the City of Charleston to any financial contribution currently. The IIJA bridge program provides up to 100% federal funding for certain off-system bridges, which typically require a 20% local match. For projects that may still require a local match, the IIJA allows WVDOT flexibility in structuring the matching money. Any future IIJA projects that require local matching funds will be brought before City Council at that time.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution allows the City and its thirteen eligible bridges to participate in the program, which could assist in any needed repairs.

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. 758-22 adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Municipal Court Report to City Council Month Ending December 2022.
2. City Treasurer’s Report to City Council Month Ending December 2022.
3. Report of the City of Charleston Payroll Variance Analysis; December 2022.

NEW BILLS

None

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Mayor Goodwin stated that the City is currently working on the scope and design for the project being funded by the RAISE grant. The evaluation committee formed for the Public Safety Feasibility Study has narrowed down the list of firms. The chosen contract will come to Council for approval. The City has been working with AEP on the city-wide lighting project by switching to led lights.
2. Councilmember Moore stated that coming home at night in a nice vehicle on the West Side, and was pulled over by a Police Officer for no legitimate reason. He had to state that he was a Councilmember in order to feel safe. He added that a change needs to happen on the West Side. He stated that apartments do not need to go in to replace Charleston Department Store.
3. Councilmember Jones listed, by location, the state of Washington Street West and the West Side, citing many abandoned buildings. He asked why the West Side was always the dumping ground.
4. Councilmember Snodgrass stated that she wanted to know who was on the committee formed for the Public Safety Feasibility Study. Mayor Goodwin replied that history has shown that when potential firms are announced, people start lobbying them. City employees are part of the Committee that will select a firm.
5. Councilmember Pepper stated there will be a tour of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union #625 training facility. Additionally, there is a now a glass recycling cooperative available.
6. Councilmember Faegre stated that she agreed with Councilmembers Moore and Jones. She added that some people knew about the closing of Charleston Department Store before some West Side Councilmembers. She wanted to know if there were any West Side representatives on CURA. Councilmember Faegre added that she would be against any recycling plant on the West Side.
7. Councilmember Pharr stated that there was a fantastic Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at the MLK Center, and recognized the employees. She added that she has to have the talk with her son all the time about how to handle getting pulled over.

8. Councilmember Overstreet stated that there will be a meeting at West Side Middle School the next evening.

ADJOURNMENT

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

YEAS: Annie, Burka, Burton, Ceperley, Cook, Faegre, Ferrell, Gianola, Haas, Hoover, Jenkins, Jones, Kerns, King, Minardi, Moore, Overstreet, Pepper, Pharr, Robinson, Rubio, Salango, Snodgrass, Solomon, Steelhammer, Taylor, Mayor Goodwin

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

At 7:53 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, February 6, 2023, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk