



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, November 20, 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 November on the 20th day, in the year 2023, and was called to order by the Honorable Mayor, Amy Shuler Goodwin. The invocation was delivered by Councilmember Pepper, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Gianola. City Clerk, Miles C. Cary II, called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at the time:

CEPERLEY	BURKA	
FERRELL	COOK	FAEGRE
HOOVER	GIANOLA	
KERNS	KING	JONES
MOORE	OVERSTREET	MINARDI
PHARR	ROBINSON	PEPPER
SALANGO	SNODGRASS	RUBIO
STEELHAMMER	TAYLOR	SOLOMON
		MAYOR GOODWIN

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

All absences were excused by the City Clerk per Resolution No. 582-21.

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

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. Derek Lambert – Spoke against a proposed tree removal policy.
2. Howard Swint – Spoke about the WV American Water Company.
3. Mary Ellen O’Farrell – Spoke about a dangerous individual in her area.
4. Rachel Rubin – Spoke about the utility crisis.
5. Iris Sidikman – Spoke about the utility crisis.
6. Martec Washington – Spoke about the utility crisis.

CLAIMS

None

PROCLAMATIONS

1.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT CITY OF CHARLESTON PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Charleston's family caregivers are among the 48 million Americans and 250,000 West Virginians who are being recognized in November as part of National Family Caregivers Month; and

WHEREAS: Family caregivers help their loved ones with everything from managing medications and medical care, meal preparation and feeding, bathing and dressing, chores, finances, grocery shopping, transportation, and more; and

WHEREAS: Many family caregivers work full or part-time jobs, and many must cut back on their hours or quit their jobs completely to ensure their loved ones get the care they need; and

WHEREAS: Everyday heroes – family caregivers in our Capital City help their loved ones live more independently, and with dignity and respect, and deserve our gratitude not just in November, but throughout the year; and

WHEREAS: We recognize the many family caregivers who help their parents, spouses, and other loved ones live life to the fullest as they age; and

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

Family Caregivers Month

In Charleston, WV and encourage all Charlestonians to reach out to the family caregivers in their lives to thank them for the incredibly important work they do.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of November 2023.





Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

2.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: The City of Charleston joins the Downtown Charleston Association, Charleston Area Alliance, Charleston Urban Works, and neighborhood associations throughout Charleston in celebrating small businesses and their contributions to our city's culture, economy and character; and

WHEREAS: Locally owned, small businesses are the backbone of our community – creating jobs and boosting our economy while also providing residents and visitors with exceptional, one-of-a-kind experiences that foster relationships and contribute to the distinct character of our Capital City; and

WHEREAS: Local business owners invest in our City through their commitment to the wellbeing and future of our workforce and residents, their involvement in local government and key development decisions, and their contributions to local not-for-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS: We remain committed to supporting local businesses throughout the year and bringing greater awareness of their importance to our communities on Small Business Saturday and during Shop Local Month.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston do hereby proclaim November 25, 2023, as

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

And November 24 – December 24, 2023, as

SHOP LOCAL MONTH

In Charleston, West Virginia and urge all citizens to celebrate our local businesses by shopping local this holiday season and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of November 2023.





Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Councilmember Hoover, Member 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. 907-23 be adopted.

Resolution No. 907-23 - Confirming the Mayoral appointment of Dr. Collin Smith pursuant to Section 54-71 of Municipal Code as the Medical Director to the Charleston Fire Department, and authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a Medical Director Agreement with Dr. Collin Smith in substantially the same form as the attached exhibit, which includes a monthly stipend of \$3,200.00.

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

That the appointment of Dr. Collin Smith as Medical Director of the Charleston Fire Department is hereby confirmed, and the Mayor or City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a Medical Director Agreement with Dr. Collin Smith in substantially the same form as the attached exhibit, which includes a monthly stipend of \$3,200.00.

Councilmember Hoover added that Dr. Collin Smith is a former firefighter and paramedic. He is also an ER doctor and came highly recommended.

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. 907-23 adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Municipal Beautification Commission and Tree Board Report 2023.
2. Report of the City of Charleston Payroll Variance Analysis; October 2023.
3. City Treasurer’s Report to City Council Month Ending October 2023.

NEW BILLS

None

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Mayor Goodwin stated that first responders, City staff and Councilmembers have been working to help people during the utility crisis to provide food, shelter and equipment. The Mayor added that the community is united to help those that needed it.
2. Councilmember Moore thanked the City for its response during the utility crisis. There have been daily updates, and the gas company has been transparent with their work. He added that when things like this happen, you don't grandstand, you go help people.
3. Councilmember Ferrell agreed with Councilmember Moore, and thanked Councilmembers and staff. He added that there has been a lot of communication.
4. Councilmember Robinson stated that he has concerns about the Tree Board's proposed tree removal policy.
5. Councilmember Burka agreed with Councilmember Robinson.
6. Councilmember Solomon thanked Councilmembers who have been helping during the utility crisis. He invited Councilmembers to the upcoming Parks and Recreation tour night.
7. Councilmember Snodgrass agreed with the concerns about the tree removal policy.
8. Councilmember Pepper encouraged Councilmembers to sign a letter to the Public Service Commission asking that they reject two different pending rate increases among other requests. He added that there is an option to sign up for average monthly payments with the electric company.

9. Councilmember Pharr stated that there is a Committee meeting that conflicts with the Parks and Recreation tour.
10. Councilmember Kerns stated that the electric company also offers an average rotating payment.
11. Councilmember Solomon suggested having an additional night for the tours for those that had conflicts.
12. Councilmember Steelhammer added that World Aids Day is December 1st, and invited everyone to the event.
13. Councilmember Ferrell thanked Delegate Lewis.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Annie, Burton, Haas, Jenkins

At 7:52 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, December 4, 2023, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk

