



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, July 1, 2024

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 first meeting in the month of July on the 1st day, in the year 2024, and was called to order by the Honorable Mayor, Amy Shuler Goodwin. The invocation was delivered by Councilmember Kerns, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Annie. City 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**

**COOK
GIANOLA
JENKINS
KING
OVERSTREET
ROBINSON
TAYLOR**

**BURTON
FAEGRE
HAAS
JONES
MINARDI
PEPPER
RUBIO
SOLOMON
MAYOR GOODWIN**

With twenty-five 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. Bill Myers – Spoke about Resolution No. 988-24.
2. Seth Distefano – Spoke about Resolution No. 988-24.
3. Iris Sidikman – Spoke about Resolution No. 988-24.
4. Rachel Rubin – Spoke about Resolution No. 988-24.
5. Martec Washington – Spoke about various aspects of the City.

CLAIMS

1. A claim of Richard D. Adams, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to property.
2. A claim of William S. Sayre, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to property.

PROCLAMATIONS

1.

City of Charleston
Executive Office of the Mayor

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

presented on the 1st day of July 2024, to

SOUTH HILLS FALCONS LACROSSE

In celebration of winning the 2024 Middle School (U12) Lacrosse State Championship under the leadership of Head Coach Brandon Gorrell, and

In recognition of the team's hard work and commitment throughout the 2024 season; and

In honor of the South Hills Falcons Lacrosse Team being ranked #1 in the Valley.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand
and caused the Seal of the Executive Department
to be affixed this 1st day of July 2024.



Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

1.

2.

City of Charleston
Executive Office of the Mayor

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

presented on the 1st day of July 2024, to

**GEORGE WASHINGTON PATRIOTS
BOYS LACROSSE TEAM**

In recognition of securing the 2024 West Virginia Scholastic Lacrosse Association Division 1 Championship title, under the leadership of Head Coach Brad White; and

In honor of the team being ranked #1 in the State, and #1 in WV Division I; and

In celebration of jumping over a hundred spots in the past year to be ranked in the top 450 in the nation.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand
and caused the Seal of the Executive Department
to be affixed this 1st day of July 2024.

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Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

3.

July 1, 2024

Coach Brad White,

It is with great pleasure I recognize the tremendous achievements of the George Washington High School Boys Lacrosse team and the pivotal role you have played in that success since the team was founded in 2008 – serving as Offensive Coordinator for five years, before being named Head Coach in 2013. The Patriots, under your leadership, secured the 2024 West Virginia Scholastic Lacrosse Association Division 1 Boy's State Championship. After years of traveling across the State of West Virginia and the country, you have never lost sight of what this journey was about—honor, character, and commitment.

Together with your fellow coaches, and athletes, you worked hard—and played harder—always knowing the Shuman March was more than just a game. You have mentored our young men, and have reminded their parents, grandparents, and the fans who have followed this journey that the daily grind is important. What you have achieved for this program and our City is truly inspiring.

I am pleased to present you with this Key to the City in honor of your hard work and dedication in bringing home this monumental win in celebration of the Shuman March.

Sincerely,

Amy Shuler Goodwin
Mayor of Charleston

4.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Participation in sports plays a vital role in the development of our youth – fostering discipline, teamwork, and leadership skills that are essential for personal and academic success; and

WHEREAS: Maxim Vir, a native of our Capital City and a Trampoline and Tumbling (T&T) athlete, has exemplified these qualities through exceptional performance, dedication, and sportsmanship in gymnastics; and

WHEREAS: Earning national recognition at the 2024 United States Trampoline and Tumbling Association (USTA) National Championships in Louisville, Kentucky this past June, Vir has achieved remarkable success; and

WHEREAS: In a group of more than 2,000 athletes, Vir was one of only two, who won three USTA championship events in an age group and division; and

WHEREAS: Vir's championship wins, in 2024, include Trampoline, Tumbling, and Double-Mini; and

WHEREAS: As an Ambassador for the USTA, Vir helps to bring greater visibility to trampoline and tumbling – fostering a positive image of the sport; and

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

Maxim Vir

For winning three national championship events, and for his unwavering commitment to trampoline and tumbling – exemplifying excellence in the sport of gymnastics.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1 day of July 2024.



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Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS

None

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

1.

Resolution No. 988-24 - A Resolution to Address the Treatment of Unhoused Individuals in Charleston, WV WHEREAS, the City of Charleston is committed to ensuring the safety, dignity, and well-being of all its residents, including those experiencing homelessness; WHEREAS, the City of Charleston's major events, such as the Sternwheel Regatta, are moments of celebration for everyone - including neighbors who are marginalized and unhoused; WHEREAS, there has been concern over past major City of Charleston events including the annual Sternwheel Regatta event of "sweeps" that result in the arrest and detainment of numerous unhoused individuals, creating undue distress and exacerbating the challenges faced by these residents;

WHEREAS, enforcement of parks after curfew charges has not only been irregular over the course of the year, it has been discriminatory. In late June of 2023 in the days leading up to the Sternwheel Regatta, officers arrested 16 people for being in a park after curfew, all of them unhoused. Because municipal court was closed for almost a week inclusive of the holiday weekend, the city spent over \$4,000 to incarcerate unhoused residents. The impact of this enforcement is a sanitized facade of the city for the purposes of a major event in place of meaningful action to support people experiencing homelessness in the city;

WHEREAS, people with conviction histories are more likely to experience homelessness and discrimination in housing and employment, and criminalizing homelessness does not address the root causes of poverty and instead perpetuates a cycle of instability and hardship;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Charleston, WV:

1. Moratorium on Public Lands Trespassing Arrests for Regatta: For Regatta week and weekend (July 1st, 2024 to July 7th, 2024), City Council directs the Charleston Police Department to cease arrests and detainment of individuals for non-violent offenses that relate to trespassing on city public lands, such as sleeping in parks after hours and loitering. Further, City Council directs the Charleston Police Department not to engage in activities that may be construed as "sweeps" during or directly preceding these major events.
2. Expansion of CARE Services throughout Regatta: As an alternative to incarceration, the City Council commits to utilize and maximize its Coordinated Addiction Response Effort (CARE) Office throughout the Regatta event to address mental health, housing, and substance use challenges throughout the City of Charleston.
3. Functioning Courts: The City of Charleston calls on its Municipal Court to be open every weekday throughout the Regatta, excepting July 4th 2024. According to Sec. 38-33 of City Code, "there shall be a daily session of the municipal court, commencing at an hour to be determined by the municipal judge, on each day of the week, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays..."

Councilmember Taylor spoke against the resolution. Councilmember Taylor stated that he has been a former Board member of Covenant House, a former Board member of Manna Meal, a previous court-appointed attorney, a Kanawha County Mental Hygiene Commissioner, and a previous Charleston Municipal Judge. The resolution uses inflammatory language, and accuses City employees of acting in an irregular and discriminatory manner. City Council has no authority to direct the Police Department to suspend their duties as directly by oath and Code.

Councilmember Robinson confirmed with Chief of Police Scott Dempsey that the resolution would eliminate Police presence from City parks during the stated period.

Councilmember Gianola confirmed with the Chief that approximately one hundred people are detained/arrested for being in a City park after hours.

Councilmember Faegre confirmed with the Chief that several outstanding warrants have been discovered in City parks after hours.

Councilmember Pepper confirmed with the Chief that the language of the resolution is such that he would need clarification before it could be enacted by Officers. He also confirmed with the Chief that the sponsor had first contacted him two weeks ago after having brought this issue up over a year ago.

Councilmember Kerns added that she was concerned about inconsistencies in enforcement.

Councilmember Cook added that there is an entire office dedicated to outreach with homeless outreach. To imply that they are not going above and beyond every day is false and ridiculous.

Councilmember Ceperley added that Council cannot tell the Police Department what laws they can and can't enforce. She agreed with Councilmember Cook's comments, and spoke against the resolution.

Councilmember Faegre that the resolution suggests that the Administration is intentionally arresting a specific group during a specific time, which is ludicrous.

Councilmember Annie added that there needs to be an honest conversation about the unsheltered, but not like the proposed resolution.

Councilmember Annie motioned to refer Resolution No. 988-24 to the Public Safety Committee. Councilmember Steelhammer seconded the motion.

Councilmember Taylor added that as Chair, he would place it on the next agenda, but would not support the motion.

Councilmember Steelhammer spoke in favor of the motion to refer.

Councilmember Faegre spoke against the motion to refer.

A roll call was taken:

YEAS: Annie, Gianola, Jenkins, Kerns, Solomon, Steelhammer

NAYS: Burton, Ceperley, Cook, Faegre, Ferrell, Haas, Hoover, Jones, King, Minardi, Moore, Overstreet, Pepper, Pharr, Robinson, Rubio, Salango, Taylor, Mayor Goodwin

ABSENT: Burka, Snodgrass

With members present recorded thereon as voting in the majority in the negative, with six (6) Yeas and nineteen (19) Nays, Mayor Goodwin declared the motion to refer Resolution 988-24 to the Public Safety Committee as not passed.

Councilmember Robinson added that the resolution implies that they are telling the Police to ignore issues in problem areas. He added that the resolution was a slap in the face of Charleston Police Officers. It is unconstitutional.

Councilmember Steelhammer added that both negative experiences can happen to people, and they could be doing better. There is a desire to make a change to help the unhoused. Moving forward, what can they do to ensure that the Regatta is for everyone, and that everyone feels safe?

Councilmember King spoke against the resolution. He added that it is assumptions made by the sponsor as to what happened last year. Council does not have the authority to tell the Police which laws to enforce.

Councilmember King called for the Previous Question. The previous question having been demanded by at least three members of Council, those being King, Minardi and Robinson, the Mayor then put the question before the Council: "Shall the main question be put." So, a majority of members being present and having voted in the majority as affirmative, with at least one recognized Nay from Jenkins, the Mayor declared that debate was at an end.

A roll call was taken:

YEAS: Solomon

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

ABSENT: Burka, Snodgrass

With members present recorded thereon as voting in the majority in the negative, with one (1) Yeas and twenty-four (24) Nays, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution 988-24 not adopted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCE AND RULES

Councilmember Robinson, Chair of the Council Committee on Ordinance and Rules, submitted the following reports:

1. Your committee on Ordinance and Rules has had under consideration the following bill, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Bill No. 8037 do pass.

Bill No. 8037 - A BILL to amend and reenact Section 6-166 of the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston, as amended, relating to updating the City Center Private Outdoor Designated Area to include two special event locations; updating the City Center PODA map; explicitly vesting the City Manager with the authority to adjust the active boundary of the Private Outdoor Designated Area in order to account for special event locations; and requiring additional signage relating to the special event locations.

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Charleston:

That Section 6-166 of the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston, as amended, is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

DIVISION 2. - CITY CENTER PODA

Sec. 6-166. - Creation and boundaries.

(a) City Council for the City of Charleston hereby establishes a private outdoor designated area known as "City Center PODA," which shall have the boundary as stated in subsection (b) of this section and which shall meet all of the requirements of this article and applicable West Virginia Code.

Notwithstanding the foregoing and the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the City Council further approves the establishment of two special event locations within the City Center PODA, as described in subsection (c) of this section, which may become inactive areas within the City Center PODA as provided in subsection (d) of this section.

(b) The City Center PODA shall begin at the southeastern corner of the intersection of Kanawha Boulevard and Laidley Street, then continue along Laidley Street in a northerly direction, including City Center at Slack Plaza, to Lee Street, then continue in an easterly direction along Lee Street, including the structures on the northern side of Lee Street between Summers Street and Dickinson Street, but excluding Davis Park, to Dickinson Street, then continue in a southerly direction along Dickinson Street to Virginia Street, then continue in a westerly direction along Virginia Street to Capitol Street, then continue in a southerly direction along Capitol Street to Kanawha Boulevard, including the 800 block of Kanawha Boulevard and then continue in a westerly direction along Kanawha Boulevard to include all of Haddad Riverfront Park to the southeastern corner of the intersection of Laidley Street and Kanawha

Boulevard. The City Center PODA shall include the public rights-of-way within the boundary area and the buildings at or within the following addresses: 600-900 Virginia Street East; 500-816 Kanawha Blvd East; 8-310 Capitol Street; 2-191 Summers Street; 100-235 Hale Street; 611-900 Lee Street East; 700-723 Brawley Walkway; 700-912 Quarrier Street.

(c) Within the boundary of the City Center PODA, as detailed in subsection (b) of this section, there are hereby established two special event locations: the Haddad Riverfront Park Special Event Location and the City Center at Slack Plaza Special Event Location. Each of these special event location boundaries are shown on the attached updated map of the City Center PODA. The updated map hereby replaces all previous City Center PODA maps and is incorporated by reference herein and made a part of this article.

(d) The City Manager is hereby explicitly vested by City Council with the authority to announce that either the Haddad Riverfront Park Special Event Location or the City Center at Slack Plaza Special Event Location, or both, are hosting an approved special event on specific dates and times during which the applicable special event locations are deemed outside of the City Center PODA and shall provide written notice to the WVABCA of any such closure at least ten days in advance of the event, unless extenuating circumstances exist that do not allow for such advance notice and in that case notice shall be provided as soon as practicable before the event. If the City Manager makes such an announcement, the City Manager shall direct the conspicuous placement of at least two additional signs measuring at least 24 inches by 36 inches at each entry point to the applicable special event locations clearly stating that individuals are exiting the PODA and entering a special event location and that PODA approved beverages may not be brought into the special event location, and shall likewise place equal signs at each exit point of the special event location stating that individuals are exiting the special event location and entering the PODA and that any beverages purchased at the special event location are prohibited within the PODA. Each approved special event will have the option to obtain any relevant approval from the WVABCA to have alcohol present at the event and, if the approved special event chooses to do so, the approved special event shall be responsible for ensuring that any alcoholic beverages served at the approved special event do not leave the relevant special event location. The City Manager shall have no additional authority to modify the footprint of the City Center PODA except as explicitly provided herein without first obtaining approval of City Council.

(d) (e) The area within the City Center PODA is in the Central Business District ("CBD"), which is a zoning area that allows for the sale and consumption of liquor, wine, nonintoxicating beer and nonintoxicating craft beer, and is in compliance with the zoning ordinance.

Councilmember Robinson added that the included map shows the areas for the two proposed special event areas in Slack Plaza and Haddad Riverfront Park.

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion.

A roll call was taken:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burka, Snodgrass

With members present recorded thereon as voting in unanimously the majority in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Bill 8037 as passed.

Councilmember Robinson motioned to make the bill effective immediately upon passage.
Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion.

A roll call was taken:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burka, Snodgrass

With members present recorded thereon as voting in unanimously the majority in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared the motion as passed.

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. 985-24 be adopted.

Resolution No. 985-24 - Receiving the Work Plan Summary of the City Center Business Improvement District, approving the proposed budget of the City Center Business Improvement District for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, and maintaining the same levying rate of annual fees for the City Center Business Improvement District on each private for-profit property owner within the District.

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

That the Work Plan Summary of the City Center Business Improvement District is received; that the proposed budget of the City Center Business Improvement District for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, as attached as Exhibit A hereto, is approved; and that, and the rate of annual fees for the City Center Business Improvement District on each private for-profit property owner within the District remains levied at the equation of (total land lot size square footage x .075) + (total building square footage x .03325).

Councilmember Jenkins added that this is the standard budget and levy rate for the Business and Improvement District that Council has previously approved with no change.

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. 985-24 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. 986-24 be adopted.

Resolution No. 986-24 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase computers and monitors from HP in the total amount of \$62,580 for the City of Charleston, the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center, and Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (“MDENT”) as part of the regularly budgeted computer replacement cycle, and pursuant to a competitively sourced statewide contract.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to purchase computers and monitors from HP in the total amount of \$62,580 for the City of Charleston, the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center and Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (“MDENT”) pursuant to a competitively sourced statewide contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for the normal replacement cycle of computers.

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. 986-24 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. 987-24 be adopted.

Resolution No. 987-24 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a three-year contract with Segra for internet services at various City offices and buildings in the amount of \$7,785.00 per month pursuant to a competitively sourced statewide 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 three-year contract with Segra for internet services at various City offices and buildings in the amount of \$7,785.00 per month pursuant to a competitively sourced statewide contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for a new contract for an internet provider that will provide substantial savings of over fifty percent.

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. 987-24 adopted.

4. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following bill, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Bill No. 8036 do pass.

Bill No. 8036 - A BILL to amend and reenact Section 2-713 of the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston, as amended, by removing provisions regarding surplus funds in order to be consistent with state law.

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Charleston:

That Section 2-713 of the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston, as amended, is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Sec. 2-713. Creation of fund; rate and manner of fees.

(a) There is hereby created a special revenue fund within the city treasury to be known as the City Center BID Fund, along with any subaccounts deemed necessary by the district board.

(b) The City Center Business Improvement District FY2021 BID Work Plan and Budget sets the rate of annual fees for the City Center BID on each private for-profit property owner at the equation of (total land lot size square footage x .075) + (total building square footage x .03325). The maximum rate of any annual fees that may be imposed upon a single commercial property in the City Center BID, as calculated by the aforementioned formula, will be \$25,000.00 annually. It is anticipated that cumulative revenue from the initial annual fee will be \$100,000.00. The City Center BID Board provided the assessed amounts for FY2021 to the city in December 2021. For each subsequent year, the City Center BID Board shall provide to the city collector the assessed amounts no later than May 15. Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 8-13A-12, city council may levy the assessments by ordinance upon receipt of the proposal from the City Center BID Board. City council shall levy the rates for each fiscal year after the City Center BID Board provides the assessments.

(1) Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 8-13A-12(a), the levy amount shall be "only to the extent necessary to fund the budget proposed by the district board" and "[a]ny surplus in the fund in a fiscal year shall be applied to reduce the amount of service fees required for the next fiscal year."

(2) As used in this section, the term "surplus" shall mean the amount by which the service fees collected in a full fiscal year exceed the budgeted amount of anticipated service fee revenue used to fund the ongoing operations and services of the City Center BID District. The term "surplus" shall not include, and the calculation of any surplus shall not take into consideration, any gifts, grants, or other appropriations that are designated for specific projects or purposes that are separate from the general ongoing operations and services of the City Center BID District.

(c) Any person who desires to challenge the City Center BID Board assessment shall file a petition for reassessment with the city collector within 30 days of receiving notice of the assessment. The petition shall state the reasons the person is seeking the reassessment. After the filing of a petition, the city collector shall set the petition for an administrative hearing and give the board an opportunity to respond in writing in advance of the hearing. The petitioner and the board may represent themselves

or be represented by counsel at the administrative hearing. The city collector, or a hearing examiner designated by the city collector, shall conduct an informal and impartial administrative hearing and make a prompt decision on the petition for reassessment after hearing all of the evidence and argument. An appeal of the city collector's decision may be taken by the petitioner or the board to the Circuit Court of Kanawha County within 30 days of the city collector's decision.

(d) The fees assessed by the City Center BID upon the property owners shall be collected through the City of Charleston's City Collector on a biannual (twice per year) basis. The collection efforts from the city collector shall clearly state it is assessing fees for the City Center BID. All funds collected from the fees shall be placed in the City Center BID Fund created by this section. The City Center BID Fund may also receive other voluntary contributions.

(e) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code to the contrary, any expenditure authorized by the City Center BID Board from the City Center BID Fund up to \$100,000.00 is exempt from the purchasing rules of the City of Charleston. Any individual expenditure in excess of \$100,000.00 by the City Center BID Board shall require City Council approval prior to authorization. The City Center BID Board shall generally submit requests for purchase orders to the city manager's office in advance of any purchase being made, which the city manager will approve as long as the vendor is in good standing with the city collector's office and there are no other legal issues with payment.

(f) The city collector shall have plenary power and authority to promulgate any rules necessary to carry out the assessment, hearing, and collection provisions of this article. The city collector shall work in conjunction with the City Center BID Board to develop such rules.

Councilmember Jenkins added that State Law was updated because the Business Improvement District's could not roll their surplus into the next year. As the law was recently updated to allow that, the City Code needs to be updated as well to be consistent.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the bill. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion.

A roll call was taken:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burka, Snodgrass

With members present recorded thereon as voting in unanimously the majority in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared the motion as passed.
declared Bill No. 8036 as passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Report of the City of Charleston Payroll Variance Analysis; June 2024.

NEW BILLS

Introduced by Councilmembers Frank Annie and Chad Robinson

July 1, 2024:

Bill No. 8038 – A BILL to amend the Municipal Code relating to expanding the urban deer hunt to allow for urban bear and coyote hunting; authorizing the use of air rifles to hunt coyotes as part of the urban hunt; and expanding the hours to allow for hunting of coyotes at night on private property.

Refer to Ordinance and Rules Committee, Please

Introduced by Councilmembers Frank Annie and Chad Robinson

July 1, 2024:

Bill No. 8039 – A BILL to amend the Municipal Code relating to simple possession of controlled substances and the criminal penalties; making first offense simple possession of marijuana and related substances specified in State code a non-jailable offense; clarifying the conditional discharge statutes for first offense possession charges; and updating state law references and other terminology.

Refer to Ordinance and Rules Committee, Please

Introduced by Councilmembers Frank Annie and Chad Robinson

July 1, 2024:

Bill No. 8040 – A BILL to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston, relating to dogs running at large, and the penalties and impoundment.

Refer to Ordinance and Rules Committee, Please

Introduced by Councilmembers Frank Annie and Chad Robinson

July 1, 2024:

Bill No. 8041 – A BILL to amend the Municipal Code relating to how community service hours in lieu of a fine in Municipal Court cases shall be calculated.

Refer to Ordinance and Rules Committee, Please

Introduced by Councilmembers Joe Solomon, Beth Kerns and Chelsea Steelhammer

July 1, 2024:

Bill No. 8042 – A BILL to amend a Municipal Code relating to updating and increasing the notice provisions required when a person seeks to permanently close, abandon and discontinue a public street, alley, lane, road, or other public right-of-way.

Refer to Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee and Finance Committee, Please

Introduced by Citizen Petition

July 1, 2024:

Bill No. 8043 – A BILL to amend of the Municipal Code by adding a new Section entitled "Marijuana laws and penalties," relating to setting penalties for marijuana conviction at a jail sentence of ninety days suspended unconditionally and zero dollars in fines and court costs. Refer to Ordinance and Rules Committee, Please

Introduced by Councilmember Joe Solomon

July 1, 2024:

Resolution No. 989-24 – Establishing the Charleston Climate Office

Refer to Ordinance and Rules Committee and Finance Committee, Please

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Mayor Goodwin stated that, after a lot of hard work, the City received \$25 million to build the Capital Connector Project. The City is still accepting volunteers for the Regatta. Mayor Goodwin stated that the CARE Team has done exceptional work since it was created in 2019. The resolution that was on floor insinuates that they and the Administration doesn't care, and mistreats people. There can be conversations, but not the week of/the day before, and not to insinuate that the City is trying to do something that it's not.
2. Councilmember Moore stated that he agreed that the CARE Team was doing important work, and cited an example of how they have helped.
3. Councilmember Pharr stated that the Juneteenth event was very well attended. Councilmember Pharr stated that the resolution that was on the floor did not mention anything about friends, family or neighbors that are subjected to what happened when you don't enforce when someone is out of control, and that she would not support anything the neglected to protect them as well.
4. Councilmember Pepper thanked the CARE Team for helping in his neighborhood. Councilmember Pepper stated that the resolution that was on the floor had a lot of problems, and was vague. Also, using the word "discriminatory," might open the City up the litigation. He added that there was no work done on the resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burka, Snodgrass

At 8:48 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, July 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk