



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, September 3, 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 September on the 3rd 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 Councilmember Salango. City Clerk, Miles C. Cary II, called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at the time:

ANNIE	COOK	
CEPERLEY	GIANOLA	HAAS
FERRELL	JENKINS	JONES
HOOVER	KING	
KERNS	OVERSTREET	PEPPER
MOORE	ROBINSON	RUBIO
PHARR		SOLOMON
SALANGO	TAYLOR	MAYOR GOODWIN
STEELHAMMER		

With twenty-two 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. Hollis Lewis – Spoke about Crisis Intervention Team Summit
2. Alphonso Harper – Spoke about essential services.

CLAIMS

1. A claim of Brenda K Cooper, Charleston, WV; alleges damage to vehicle.

PROCLAMATIONS

1.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT CITY OF CHARLESTON PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** Hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in West Virginia – with 266,370 people facing hunger in the state and one in every five children not knowing where their next meal will come from; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Charleston is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in our community – including working with Mountaineer Food Bank a member of the Feeding America® nationwide network of food banks, to educate people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and
- WHEREAS:** Fourteen percent of individuals in Kanawha County are food insecure and rely on food provided by Mountaineer Food Bank community partners; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2022, members of Mountaineer Food Bank distributed nearly 2.3 million pounds of food to more than 2,500 households in Kanawha County through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community organizations; and
- WHEREAS:** The month of September has been designated “Hunger Action Month” to bring attention to food insecurity in our communities and to encourage community members to take action – including volunteer shifts, social media shares, and donations – to ensure every community, and everybody in it, has the food they need to thrive; and
- WHEREAS:** Food banks across the country, including Mountaineer Food Bank, will host events throughout September to bring awareness about hunger and rally support to combat food insecurity in local communities; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby recognize September 2024 as

HUNGER ACTION MONTH

In Charleston, West Virginia and encourage all citizens to learn about the impacts of hunger in our city and state, and help inspire action in our local communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 3rd day of September 2024.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Amy Shuler Goodwin".
Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

2.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS:** Pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are essential for maintaining healthy biodiverse ecosystems and play a critical role in the production of much of our food supply; and
- WHEREAS:** Pollination plays a vital role in maintaining the health of our forests and grasslands, which support wildlife, natural resources, recreation, and local economies; and
- WHEREAS:** The Monarch butterfly, an iconic pollinator species whose multigenerational migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions, has experienced a decline in population in recent years; and
- WHEREAS:** Communities can play a vital role in creating and preserving habitats for pollinators, and in raising awareness about the importance of protecting these essential spaces; and
- WHEREAS:** More than 48,500 Monarch Waystation habitats, throughout 12 countries and territories worldwide, have been registered with Monarch Watch (as of August 2024) – with nearly 200 of these waystation habitats being in West Virginia; and
- WHEREAS:** Thirteen of the Monarch Waystations in the State are in the City of Charleston – including the Noah Jarrell Monarch Waystation at Spring Hill Cemetery Park; and
- WHEREAS:** The 20th annual celebration of West Virginia Monarch Butterfly Day will take place on September 12, 2024 – a day set aside in 2004 for the Monarch Butterfly to be acknowledged, pondered, studied, explored, conserved, and celebrated; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby recognize September 12th, 2024, as

Monarch Butterfly Day

In Charleston, West Virginia, and encourage citizens to support efforts to protect vital pollinators—including the Monarch butterfly and create pollinator-friendly spaces.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 3rd day of September 2024.




Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

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. 24-006 Committee Substitute be adopted.

Resolution No. 24-006 - Authorizing settlement of a pending claim against the City by Angela Ryerson related to a July 28, 2023 incident where a City driven vehicle collided with the claimant's vehicle and the City driven vehicle was found to be at fault, as contained in Claim #021905, as recommended by the City Solicitor.

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

That the City Council hereby authorizes and approves the settlement of a pending claim against the City by Angela Ryerson, as contained in Claim #021905, in the amount of \$55,000.00, as recommended by the City Solicitor. The City Council authorizes the City Solicitor and City Manager to take all necessary steps to finalize resolution of the claim.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the settlement is a great result for medical costs as the result of a crash.

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. 24-006 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. 24-007 be adopted.

Resolution No. 24-007 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to renew a twenty-year lease agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) for a small circle of land on the southeasterly side of Spring Hill Cemetery for the continued placement of a FAA tower.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is hereby authorized to renew a twenty-year lease agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) for a small circle of land on the southeasterly side of Spring Hill Cemetery.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the FAA has had a tower in this location for many years. The Finance Committee recommends renewal of the lease.

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. 24-007.

3. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following bill, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 24-008 is adopted.

Resolution No. 24-008 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with THP Limited, Inc. in the amount of \$152,500.00 for the development, design, construction document preparation, bidding, and construction oversight for various repairs at the City's six municipally owned parking garages, where THP Limited, Inc. was previously selected through a competitive procurement process.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with THP Limited, Inc. in the amount of \$152,500.00 for the development, design, construction document preparation, bidding, and construction oversight for various repairs at the City's six municipally owned parking garages.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the company was previously hired for Phase 1, and has been awarded the contract for the design of the improvement renovation plan for the City's parking garages.

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. 24-007.

4. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following bill, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 24-009 is adopted.

Resolution No. 24-009 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase two new Elgin Pelican three-wheel street sweepers from West Virginia Tractor Company in the amount of \$287,403.65 each, totaling \$574,807.30 for both, to replace street sweepers numbered 83 and 86 as part of the regular inventory schedule and as approved in FY24-25 budget, and where the price was determined through a competitively secured Sourcewell contract.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase two new Elgin Pelican three-wheel street sweepers from West Virginia Tractor Company in the amount of \$287,403.65 each, totaling \$574,807.30 for both, to replace street sweepers numbered 83 and 86 as part of the regular inventory schedule and as approved in FY24-25 budget.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the purchase is for the regular replacement cycle for two street sweepers that came in under budget.

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. 24-009.

5. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following bill, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 24-011 is adopted.

Resolution No. 24-011 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a three-year contract with Segra to provide phone services and equipment for all City departments and locations at a monthly amount not to exceed \$6,500.00, with the expected amount being \$6,088.86, where the price was determined pursuant to a competitively sourced contract with the State of West Virginia, and where the rates will be locked for the three-year term of the agreement.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a three-year contract with Segra to provide phone services and equipment for all City departments and locations at a monthly amount not to exceed \$6,500.00, with the expected amount being \$6,088.86, where the price was determined pursuant to a competitively sourced contract with the State of West Virginia, and where the rates will be locked for the three-year term of the agreement.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the purchase will update the City's phone services. The change will save money, and came in under budget.

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. 24-011.

6. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following bill, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 24-012 is adopted.

Resolution No. 24-012 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase emergency lights, light bars and accessories for the Charleston Police Ford Fleet from Rocky Fork Enterprizes, LLC for the Charleston Police Department at a total of \$115,362.00 pursuant to a competitive bid process.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to purchase emergency lights, light bars and accessories for the Charleston Police Ford Fleet from Rocky Fork Enterprizes, LLC for the Charleston Police Department at a total of \$115,362.00 pursuant to a competitive bid process.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the purchase will outfit seventeen previous purchased vehicles for emergency lights, accessories, etc.

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. 24-012.

7. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following bill, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 24-013 is adopted.

Resolution No. 24-013 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into an agreement with Rocky Fork Enterprizes, LLC to install new emergency equipment in 2025 Ford Interceptors for the Charleston Police Department at a total of \$47,600.00 pursuant to a competitively sourced 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 an agreement with Rocky Fork Enterprizes, LLC to install new emergency equipment in 2025 Ford Interceptors for the Charleston Police Department at a total of \$47,600.00 pursuant to a competitively sourced contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the purchase is for the installation of the lights, etc. listed in Resolution No. 24-012.

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. 24-013.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

None

NEW BILLS

None

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Mayor Goodwin stated that twenty-one new Firefighters were recently sworn in. Additionally, eleven CPD Officers were recently promoted and honored. The West Side Neighborhood Association is hosting a clean-up on September 7.
2. Councilmember Steelhammer stated that Mana Meal recently lost their kitchen, and have been struggling to find a space in the community to cook the 600+ daily meals.
3. Councilmember Kerns stated that Mana Meal has served the community for over twenty years, and a wide variety of people eat there.
4. Councilmember Pharr stated that many people are moving to Charleston from out of state, partly due to the lower cost of living. She added that all the building conversions into lofts have been making a difference. She thanked Seargent Fields and the Chief of Police for their help. Councilmember Pharr thanked the community for being so helpful to her and her neighbors for their concern and assistance.
5. Councilmember Cook stated that there are many resources available for those in need of access to food, such as Mountaineer Food Bank.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burka, Burton, Faegre, Minardi, Snodgrass

At 7:33 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, September 16, 2024, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk