



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, October 7, 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 October on the 7th 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 Steelhammer. 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**

**KERNS
MOORE
PHARR
SALANGO
STEELHAMMER**

**BURKA
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. Susie Salisbury – Spoke about the City Center Business Improvement District Annual Report.
2. Sara Yousuf – Spoke about Charleston 4 Palestine.
3. Tina Beatty – Spoke about homelessness in the City.
4. Martec Washington – Spoke about general topics in the City.

CLAIMS

1. A claim of Denise Hatfield, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to property.
2. A claim of Martha J. Thomas, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to property.

PROCLAMATIONS

1.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT CITY OF CHARLESTON PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Domestic violence affects millions of individuals and families across our nation, transcending all boundaries and causing long-term physical, emotional, and psychological harm; and

WHEREAS: Survivors of domestic violence often face significant barriers to safety and stability, including lack of access to resources, financial independence, and safe housing; and

WHEREAS: Dedicated advocates, service providers, law enforcement, and community members work tirelessly to provide support and resources to survivors of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS: Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness, honor the strength and resilience of survivors, and advocate for meaningful change that inspires all of us to take action; and

WHEREAS: During FestivFALL, the Contemporary Youth Arts Company in partnership with the YWCA Resolve Family Abuse Program will present a production of “Why We Stayed – The Forgotten Victims of Domestic Violence Speak,” a series of monologues written by local playwright Daniel Kehde that share the powerful and inspiring stories of women and men who have endured domestic violence.

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

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In Charleston, West Virginia, and encourage citizens to come together to support local domestic violence organizations, participate in awareness events, and advocate for policies and programs that promote safety and justice for survivors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7th day of October 2024.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Amy Shuler Goodwin'.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS

1.

Amy Shuler Goodwin
Office of the Mayor
City of Charleston



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**TO: MILES CARY
CITY CLERK**

**FROM: AMY SHULER GOODWIN
MAYOR** 

RE: CITY CENTER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2024

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

Morgan Pack – term expiration date 10-4-29

I recommend the following individual be appointed to a vacant seat on the Charleston City Center Business Improvement District Board:

Randall Coleman – term expiration date 10-2-27

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

ASG/mls

Councilmember Ceperley motioned to approve the appointments. Councilmember Hoover seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared the appointments as 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. 24-022 be adopted.

Resolution No. 24-022 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to submit a grant application to the Division of Administrative Services Justice and Community Services Division in the amount of \$56,000 and administer any funds awarded. These funds will provide partial salary reimbursement for two of the Charleston Police Department Prevention Resource Officers (PRO) assigned to West Side Middle School and Capital High School. There is a 25% required match that will be met by the un-reimbursed officer salary portion absorbed by the police department's salary and wage budget.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to submit a grant application to the Division of Administrative Services Justice and Community Services Division in the amount of \$56,000 and administer any funds awarded. These funds will provide partial salary reimbursement for two of the Charleston Police Department Prevention Resource Officers (PRO) assigned to West Side Middle School and Capital High School. There is a 25% required match that will be met by the un-reimbursed officer salary portion absorbed by the police department's salary and wage budget.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the City has received the grant for at least the last twenty-five years. It helps to pay for the salaries of two Prevention Resource Officers who have been well received within the schools.

Councilmember Faegre added that those officers should be made aware that they should not force a breathalyzer test on a student out of their jurisdiction.

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. 24-022 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. 24-023 be adopted.

Resolution No. 24-023 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into Memoranda of Understanding with the Kanawha County Board of Education for continued placement of three Prevention Resource Officers at schools in Charleston – West Side Middle School, Capital High School and George Washington High School.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to enter into Memoranda of Understanding with the Kanawha County Board of Education for continued placement of three Prevention Resource Officers at schools in Charleston – West Side Middle School, Capital High School and George Washington High School.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for the agreement with Kanawha County Schools for the placement of the Prevention Resource Officers.

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. 24-023.

3. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 24-024 is adopted.

Resolution No. 24-024 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to submit a grant application to the Division of Administrative Services Justice and Community Services Division in the amount of \$112,000 and administer any funds awarded. These funds will provide partial salary reimbursement for four members of the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT) from Charleston, Nitro, St. Albans and South Charleston Police Departments. There is a 25% required match that will be met by the un-reimbursed officer salary portion absorbed into each of those city's police salary and wage budgets.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to submit a grant application to the Division of Administrative Services Justice and Community Services Division in the amount of \$112,000 and administer any funds awarded. These funds will provide partial salary reimbursement for four members of the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT) from Charleston, Nitro, St. Albans and South Charleston Police Departments. There is a 25% required match that will be met by the un-reimbursed officer salary portion absorbed into each of those city's police salary and wage budgets.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for a grant that the City has received for a long time as the fiscal entity for MDENT.

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. 24-024.

4. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 24-025 is adopted.

Resolution No. 24-025 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into an Agreement with WesBanco, Inc. for a Standby Letter of Credit in the amount of \$750,000.00 for a term starting October 15, 2024. Cost of the letter is 0.5% of the amount issued plus a documentation fee of \$400. This letter of credit provides security in lieu of a surety bond for liability of potential workers' compensation claims incurred while the City was a self-insured employer. The letter of credit is subject to review and final approval by legal counsel for the City.

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

The Mayor or City Manager is authorized to enter into an Agreement with WesBanco, Inc. for a Standby Letter of Credit in the amount of \$750,000.00 for a term starting October 15, 2024. Cost of the letter is 0.5% of the amount issued plus a documentation fee of \$400. This letter of credit provides security in lieu of a surety bond for liability of potential workers' compensation claims incurred while the City was a self-insured employer. The letter of credit is subject to review and final approval by legal counsel for the City.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the Standby Letter of Credit is required under State Law.

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. 24-025.

5. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 24-026 is adopted.

Resolution No. 24-026 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase two high performance pole cameras and one standard pole camera from Valorence-Covert Law Enforcement, for the Charleston Police Department at a total of \$35,536.44 pursuant to a competitive competitively source contract.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to purchase two high performance pole cameras and one standard pole camera from Valorence-Covert Law Enforcement, for the Charleston Police Department at a total of \$35,536.44 pursuant to a competitive competitively source contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the purchase will be made with grant funding. The pole cameras will be used in investigations.

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. 24-026.

6. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 24-027 is adopted.

Resolution No. 24-027 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into an agreement with SHI for computer and server security platforms and software for Information Systems at a total of \$28,430.22 for one year, with optional annual renewal not to exceed 5% increase per year, pursuant to the Direct Purchase authority of Municipal Code Sec. 2-486.

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 SHI for computer and server security platforms and software for Information Systems at a total of \$28,430.22 for one year, with optional annual renewal not to exceed 5% increase per year, pursuant to the Direct Purchase authority of Municipal Code Sec. 2-486.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for security software for the servers.

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. 24-027.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Report of the City of Charleston Payroll Variance Analysis; September 2024.
2. Municipal Court Report to City Council Month Ending September 2024.
3. City Center Business Improvement District FY 2024 Annual Report.

NEW BILLS

Introduced by Councilmember Michael Ferrell

October 7, 2024:

Bill No. 8045 – A Bill closing, abandoning and discontinuing a public right of way located at J. Brisben Walker Addition.

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

Introduced by Councilmember Mary Beth Hoover

October 7, 2024:

Bill No. 8046 – A Bill amending the regulations related to the adaptive reuse of structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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

Introduced by Councilmember John Gianola

October 7, 2024:

Bill No. 8047 – A BILL to establish a Restricted Use Area in the Loudon Heights area for the purpose of prohibiting the drilling into, extraction of, or use of groundwater.

Refer to Environment and Recycling Committee, Please

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Councilmember Moore thanked Director Poore and the Administration for providing a fix for the recent problem with a community field. Councilmember Moore thanked the CARE Team for their recent help.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Hoover, Snodgrass

At 7:32 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, October 21, 2024, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk