



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 18, 2025

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 February on the 18th day, in the year 2025, and was called to order by the Honorable Mayor, Amy Shuler Goodwin. The invocation was delivered by Councilmember Overstreet, 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
HAAS
JONES
MOORE
PHARR**

**BURKA
COOK
GARDNER
HOOVER
KERNS
OVERSTREET
ROBINSON
SNODGRASS**

**BURTON
FAEGRE
GIANOLA
JENKINS
KING
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. Tara Raymo – Read a passage from the Bible.
2. Jessica Fair – Spoke about infrastructure.

CLAIMS

1. A claim of Edward and Janet Mayes, Charleston, WV; alleges damage to property.
2. A claim of Anna Prokity, Charleston, WV; alleges damage to vehicle.

PROCLAMATIONS

1.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Black History Month—celebrated annually in February—provides us with an opportunity to recognize, celebrate and honor the contributions Black Americans have made to our city, state, and country; and

WHEREAS: Black History month encourages the sharing of stories and experiences that bring our community closer while fostering cultural awareness and understanding—serving as a platform to educate people about the struggles and contributions of Black Americans and providing greater visibility to those driving change and promoting unity; and

WHEREAS: This year's Black History Month theme explores the deep and lasting connections between Black Americans and the world of work—highlighting the ways labor has shaped the collective Black experience, driving progress, resilience, and transformation; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the "Father of Black History Month," dedicated his life to preserving and promoting the rich history and contributions of Black Americans, particularly in the workforce, recognizing that labor has long been a cornerstone of Black resilience, progress, and empowerment; and

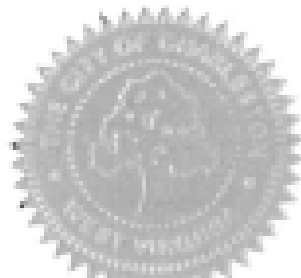
WHEREAS: Black Americans have played pivotal roles in driving Charleston's economic, cultural, spiritual, social, and educational growth, throughout our Capital City's history; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby recognize February 2025 as

Black History Month

In Charleston, West Virginia and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the contributions of Black Americans in our Capital City and the region.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of February 2025.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Amy Shuler Goodwin".

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

2.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION

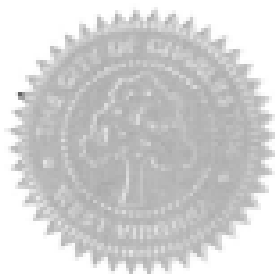
- WHEREAS: 350,000+ people experience out-of-hospital cardiac arrest annually, with 70% occurring at home and only about one in 10 surviving; and
- WHEREAS: 23,000+ children under the age of 18 experience out-of-hospital cardiac arrest with almost 40% of these being sports-related; and
- WHEREAS: Immediate CPR can double or triple survival chances, but less than 50% of those in cardiac arrest receive CPR before emergency responders arrive; and
- WHEREAS: American Heart Month recognizes the importance of CPR education and automated external defibrillator (AED) training accessibility during cardiac emergencies—underscoring the need for more widespread training in life-saving techniques.
- WHEREAS: American Heart Month also provides us with an opportunity to empower individuals to make heart-healthy choices including managing stress, taking a daily walk, preparing healthier meals, getting enough sleep, and scheduling routine health screenings; and
- WHEREAS: Organizations such as the American Heart Association, healthcare professionals, and community advocates work tirelessly to advance research, improve treatment, and promote policies and initiatives that support cardiovascular health for all; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby recognize February 2025 as

American Heart Month

in Charleston, West Virginia and urge all citizens to educate themselves about heart health and learn life-saving techniques such as CPR.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of February 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Shuler Goodwin".

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS

None

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. 25-009 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-009 - Authorizing the City Manager to purchase twenty-seven (27) Getac mobile data terminal computers for the Charleston Police Department from Brooks Network Services through a Sourcewell contract. The total cost of \$67,404.15 will be split between the 2024 BJAG grant for twelve (12) MDTs and \$37,446.75 for the remaining fifteen (15) budgeted in Fiscal Year 2025.

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

That the City Manager is authorized to purchase twenty-seven (27) Getac mobile data terminal computers for the Charleston Police Department from Brooks Network Services through a Sourcewell contract. The total cost of \$67,404.15 will be split between the 2024 BJAG grant for twelve (12) MDTs and \$37,446.75 for the remaining fifteen (15) budgeted in Fiscal Year 2025.

Councilmember Jenkins added that twelve of the terminals will be paid with a grant.

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. 25-009.

2. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-016 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-016 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to grant temporary and permanent easements from the City to the Charleston Sanitary Board for the Magazine Branch Improvements Project as referenced in the attached documents.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is hereby authorized to grant temporary and permanent easements from the City to the Charleston Sanitary Board for the Magazine Branch Improvements Project as referenced in the attached documents.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the Sanitary Board will need to use a small unused section of City property adjacent to Cato Park.

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. 25-016.

3. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-017 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-017 - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF CIVIL ACTIONS FOR THE CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY FOR SANITARY SEWER EASEMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE SANITARY BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL AND COMPLETE PHASE I OF ITS MAGAZINE BRANCH SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Sanitary Board of the City of Charleston, West Virginia (the “Sanitary Board”) has presented a Resolution requesting the City Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia to authorize the City of Charleston (the “City”) to file civil actions in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County for the condemnation of property for sanitary sewer permanent easements, temporary easements, temporary construction access easements, and temporary access easements necessary for the Sanitary Board to construct, install and complete Phase I of its Magazine Branch Sewer Replacement and Rehabilitation Project (the “Project”);

WHEREAS, the City, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 16, Article 13 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, owns the sewerage system, both within and without the corporate limits of the City, consisting of a sewage treatment plant or plants and its collecting, intercepting and outlet sewers, lateral sewers, drains, force mains, conduits, pumping stations and ejector stations and all other appurtenances, extensions, improvements and betterments necessary, appropriate, useful, convenient or incidental for the collection, treatment, purification and disposal in a sanitary manner of liquid and solid waste, sewage and industrial waste (the “System”);

WHEREAS, the Sanitary Board, created by Ordinance of the City Council adopted March 17, 1952, is a separate entity from the City;

WHEREAS, by Ordinance of the City Council adopted June 16, 1952, custody, administration, operation and maintenance of the System were placed under the supervision and control of the Sanitary Board;

WHEREAS, due to statutory provisions under which the City owns the System, it is necessary for the City to file civil actions for the condemnation of property for easements necessary for the System;

WHEREAS, the Sanitary Board is pursuing the Project in the areas of the City including, but not limited to, Garrison Avenue (between Edgewood Drive and terminus); Atlantic Street; Amaron Street; Beulah Street; Pacific Street; Crestlin Drive; Earle Street; Spreigel Drive; Melrose Drive; Charmac Drive; Wood Road; Summit Drive; and Edgewood Drive, which is necessary to correct older, failing sewer collection lines and is necessary for the health and welfare of the citizens of the City;

WHEREAS, the Project includes the replacement and/or rehabilitation of approximately 22,000 linear feet of a combination of 8", 10", and 12" sanitary sewer lines, and numerous permanent easements and temporary construction easements are necessary to undertake and complete the Project;

WHEREAS, the Sanitary Board and its right-of-way agents have diligently sought easement agreements for

such necessary easements from the affected property owners and have received and recorded many signed easement agreements;

WHEREAS, due to numerous factors including, but not limited to, out-of-state property owners, properties held in heirships with numerous heirs, some whose location is unknown, and uncooperative or uncommunicative property owners, the Sanitary Board has been unable to obtain by negotiation and agreement all of the necessary sewer easements; and

WHEREAS, the Sanitary Board has no choice but to request the City to authorize the filing of civil actions for the acquisition, pursuant to the City's power of eminent domain, certain property interests in order to obtain the necessary sewer easements for the Project; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. To accomplish construction of the Project in the aforesaid areas of the City necessary for the health and welfare of the citizens of the City, the Sanitary Board must obtain easements across and through certain properties as set forth on Exhibit A to this Resolution.

Section 2. The Sanitary Board requests the Council of the City to authorize the City, on behalf of and by and through the Sanitary Board and its counsel to file civil actions for the acquisition for the Sanitary Board, pursuant to the power of eminent domain, of the property interests set forth on Exhibit A and to take such other and further action as may be reasonably necessary to acquire the property rights for easements necessary to construct, install, operate, maintain, repair, replace, rehabilitate, line and remove sewer lines and appurtenances thereto.

Section 3. The Council of the City hereby authorizes the City, on behalf of and by and through the Sanitary Board and its counsel to file civil actions for the acquisition for the Sanitary Board, pursuant to the power of eminent domain, of the property interests set forth on Exhibit A as needed and to take such other and further action as may be reasonably necessary to acquire the property rights for easements necessary to construct, install, operate, maintain, repair, replace, rehabilitate, line and remove sewer lines and appurtenances thereto.

Councilmember Jenkins added that part of the mentioned project will lay a sewer line across private properties. The Sanitary Board attempts to obtain easements prior to filing for condemnation.

Councilmember Kerns confirmed with a representative of the Sanitary Board that there are approximately fifty houses on the list.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the condemnation is limited to only what is necessary, so it would only apply to the small section of where the sewer line would be placed.

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. 25-017.

4. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-018 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-018 - Authorizing approval of Amendment No. 6 of the FY 2024-2025 General Fund Budget as indicated on the attached list of accounts.

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

That Amendment No. 6 of the FY 2024-2025 General Fund Budget as indicated on the attached list of accounts is approved.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the amendment adds funds for a vehicle to be purchased for the Homeland Security Department. Resolution No. 25-019 is the authorization to purchase the vehicle.

Councilmember Jenkins motioned to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion.

A roll call was taken:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Salango, Taylor

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-018 as adopted.

General Fund FY 2024-2025 Budget Amendment No. 6 - February 18, 2025**Revenues and Fund Balances**

Account No.	Department	Account Description	Current Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Amended Amount
Net Increase/(Decrease) to Revenues				-	-

Expenditures

Account No.	Department	Account Description	Current Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Amended Amount
1001 10 69900 000 000 559800	Contingency	Contingency	265,805	(48,376)	217,429
1001 80 97600 C19 000 645900	Capital Outlay - Public Safety	Homeland Security - Vehicles & Equipment	-	48,376	48,376
Net Increase/(Decrease) to Expenditures				-	

Description:

To allocate from Contingency for the replacement of a vehicle and upfitting for the Homeland Security Emergency Management Department due to an accident.

5. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-019 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-019 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase a new Jeep Grand Cherokee 4X4 for Emergency Services from Stephens Auto Center in the amount of \$43,736.00 pursuant to a competitively sourced state contract.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to purchase a new Jeep Grand Cherokee 4X4 for Emergency Services from Stephens Auto Center in the amount of \$43,736.00 pursuant to a competitively sourced state contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that

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. 25-019.

6. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-020 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-020 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase a new 2025 Ford F-250 Regular Cab truck for Traffic Engineering from Frankfort Ford in the amount of \$79,023.14 pursuant to a competitively 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 a new 2025 Ford F-250 Regular Cab truck for Traffic Engineering from Frankfort Ford in the amount of \$79,023.14 pursuant to a competitively bid process.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the vehicle purchase is part of the regular replacement cycle.

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. 25-020.

7. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-021 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-021 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with Silling Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$1,598,070.00 for architecture and engineering services including the development of bid-ready construction designs, construction documents, bidding and negotiation support, and construction oversight for renovations and improvements to Public Safety Center and the Charleston Police Department.

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 contract with Silling Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$1,598,070.00 for architecture and engineering services including the development of bid-ready construction designs, construction documents, bidding and negotiation support, and construction oversight for renovations and improvements to Public Safety Center and the Charleston Police Department.

Councilmember Jenkins added that Silling was the vendor chosen to help pick the sight for the Public Safety Center. After a committee review, they were chosen to design and complete construction of the project.

Councilmember Gianola confirmed with Councilmember Jenkins that a previous budget amendment allocated the rest of the money to the proper fund.

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. 25-021.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. City Treasurer's Report to City Council Month Ending January 2025.
2. Municipal Court Report to City Council Month Ending January 2025.

NEW BILLS

None

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Mayor Goodwin thanked City workers for their continued hard work keeping the roads clear, adding that members of the Swift Water Rescue Team recently traveled to Princeton to help with rescues during the flooding.
2. Councilmember Moore stated that a group of people have been going around the West Side stealing from cars. He commended the neighborhood for helping those that were affected.
3. Councilmember Steelhammer thanked staff for quickly putting up directional signs on the Police side.
4. Councilmember Ferrell requested assistance for the homes on the West Side that were affected by the flooding.
5. Councilmember Jones thanked the team for helping the Princeton flooding. He added that he has been working with the Administration to address the flooding on Woodward Drive.
6. Councilmember Pharr stated that people affected by the floods will be struggling for some time. She added that the community was great at helping.
7. Councilmember Faegre stated that Valley Road is extremely dangerous when it rains. Councilmember Faegre honored former Councilmember Jack Harrison, who had recently passed.
8. Councilmember Annie thanked everyone at CAMC and WVU for taking care of people during the flooding. He added that Public Works Director Brent Director and team have been great with helping with flooding in his area.

9. Councilmember Overstreet stated that the recent Federal mandate to remove DEI policies is extremely harmful.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Salango, Taylor

At 7:57 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, March 3, 2025, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk