



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, April 7, 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 first meeting in the month of April on the 7th day, in the year 2025, and was called to order by the Honorable Mayor, Amy Shuler Goodwin. The invocation was delivered by Councilmember Burka, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Rubio. 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**

**BURKA
COOK
GARDNER
HOOVER
KERNS
OVERSTREET
ROBINSON**

TAYLOR

**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.

CLAIMS

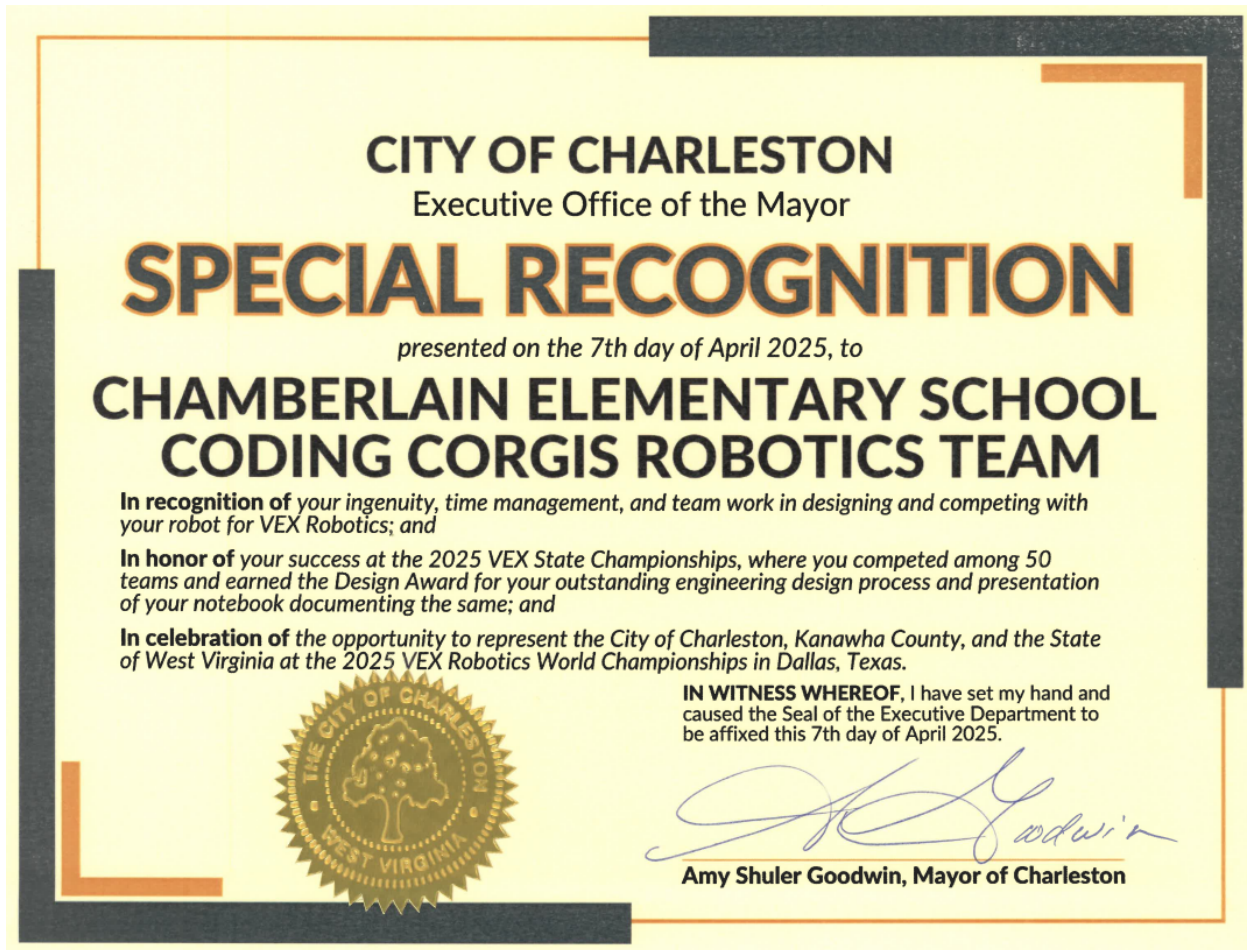
1. A claim of Anna Call, St. Albans, WV;
alleges damage to vehicle.
2. A claim of Yvette Call, Hurricane, WV;
alleges damage to vehicle.
3. A claim of Ronald Duncan, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to vehicle.
4. A claim of Hannah L. Fisher, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to vehicle.
5. A claim of Karen H. Miller, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to vehicle.
6. A claim of John K. Roberts, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to property.
7. A claim of Michael J. Whitman, South Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to vehicle.

PROCLAMATIONS

1.



2.



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. 25-028 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-028 - Authorizing the Finance Director to amend the 2024 CDBG budget and the 2022 and 2023 Community Development Block Grant budgets as indicated on the accounts listed below.

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

That the Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2024 CDBG budget and the 2022 and 2023 Community Development Block Grant budgets as indicated on the accounts listed below:

Funds moved from completed/cancelled projects:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2009-10-42100-000-000-556850	Recovery Point	(\$70,274.00)
Cdbg2022-Fund-UNPR-	Contingencies	(\$54,980.07)
Cdbg2023-Fund-UNPR-	Contingencies	(\$31,251.22)

Funds transferred to other projects to cover additional costs:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CDBG24-FUND-UNPR	Contingencies	\$70,274.00
Cdbg2024-003L-CENG-	ADA Ramps	\$156,505.29

The City proposes to cancel funding for Recovery Point and move funds from Contingencies to provide additional funds to ADA Accessible Ramps and Sidewalks.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution will move leftover contingency funds from the 2022/2023 budgets. It will also put funds back into budget from a project that did not

happen. The funds will go to the ADA ramp and sidewalk project.

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. 25-028.

2. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-029 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-029 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase a 2025 Ford F450 truck from Nation Auto Fleet Group for the Charleston Fire Department in the amount of \$80,665.72 pursuant to a 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 a 2025 Ford F450 truck from Nation Auto Fleet Group for the Charleston Fire Department in the amount of \$80,665.72 pursuant to a competitively source contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the purchase will replace an old version. It will be used for towing the fire boat and other vehicles as needed.

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. 25-029.

3. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-030 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-030 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with Meadow Ridge Ranch Construction in the amount of \$189,000.00 for the purchase and installation of new backstop netting and additional foul ball netting at Go-Mart Ballpark 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 enter into a contract with Meadow Ridge Ranch Construction in the amount of \$189,000.00 for the purchase and installation of new backstop netting and additional foul ball netting at Go-Mart Ballpark pursuant to a competitive bid process.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the netting will be replaced and extended.

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-030 as adopted.

4. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-031 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-031 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter a change order to the existing concrete paving contract with McClanahan Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$42,471.00 for a stormwater installation and repair occurring at the intersection of Ferry Street and Thayer Street.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to enter a change order to the existing concrete paving contract with McClanahan Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$42,471.00 for a stormwater installation and repair occurring at the intersection of Ferry Street and Thayer Street.

Councilmember Jenkins added that this will repair the constant presence of water at that location.

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-031 as adopted.

5. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-032 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-032 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with Davey Resource Group, Inc. in the amount of \$97,470.00 for the first two phases of a City of Charleston Tree Inventory, and for additional phases as may be needed, provided adequate grant funding is received and the total amount for all phases does not exceed \$150,000.00. This procurement is the result of a competitive selection and scoring process involving the Municipal Beautification Committee and the Department of Public Grounds, with the funding provided by a grant from the West Virginia Division of Forestry.

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 Davey Resource Group, Inc. in the amount of \$97,470.00 for the first two phases of a City of Charleston Tree Inventory, and for additional phases as may be needed, provided adequate grant funding is received and the total amount for all phases does not exceed \$150,000.00.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the grant funding will be in three phases, with the first \$50,000 being secured. The project will inventory every tree on a City right-of-way, which will assess the viability and condition of the trees. The first phase will include most of Kanawha City.

Councilmember Overstreet confirmed that trees along state roads, such as Washington Street West, will not be included. It is possible that they could be included in future phases with the State's permission.

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-032 as adopted.

6. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-033 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-033 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with Thaxton Construction Company, Inc. for installation of drilled soldier pile retaining walls with concrete lagging to correct roadway embankment slips at Gordon Drive and Mayflower Drive in the amount of \$197,435.00 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 enter into a contract with Thaxton Construction Company, Inc. for installation of drilled soldier pile retaining walls with concrete lagging to correct roadway embankment slips at Gordon Drive and Mayflower Drive in the amount of \$197,435.00 pursuant to a competitive bid process.

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-033 as adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Municipal Court Report to City Council Month Ending March 2025.
2. Planning Department Annual Report 2024.

NEW BILLS

Introduced by Councilmember Mary Beth Hoover

April 7, 2025:

Bill No. 8051 – A Bill amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by amending the sign regulations related to buildings over 10 stories in height in the Central Business District.
Refer to Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee, Please

Introduced by Councilmember Joseph Jenkins

April 7, 2025:

Bill No. 8052 – A Bill and Order relating to the laying of levies on real, personal and public utility property within the City of Charleston including excess levies previously provided for in the Official Municipal Budget Document for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, 2025.
Refer to Finance Committee, Please

Introduced by Councilmember Emmett Pepper

April 7, 2025:

Bill No. 8053 – A BILL to adjust PARKING PROHIBITED times on several streets in order to accommodate street sweeping at a later time of day and amending the Traffic Control Map and Traffic Control File.
Refer to Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee and Ordinance and Rules, Please

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Mayor Goodwin thanked the Municipal Beautification Commission for their work. The Mayor added that three Police Officers had been sworn in that Morning. There will be a marathon in Charleston in April of 2026.
2. Councilmember Jones stated that the company contracted to do the paving in the City is too small in his opinion to do the work in a timely manner. There are several houses in his Ward near a church that need to be demolished. He added that the legal process for this was ineffective. Councilmember Jones added that the Blaine Boulevard contract was awarded seven months ago, and there has been no progress.
3. Councilmember Jenkins agreed with Councilmember Jones about the abandoned houses and the ineffective court process.
4. Councilmember Moore stated that school groups are having trouble getting access to the various recreation fields.
5. Councilmember Kerns stated that there are a lot of abandoned houses and drug houses in her Ward. She thanked the City Engineer, Chris Knox, for helping with some issues.
6. Councilmember Faegre stated that the presentation of the Green Team Chair, Quenton King, to the Environment and Recycling Committee was very informative. She added that there is a problem on the West Side with dangerous, loose dogs. Councilmember Faegre thanked Dion Nichols in the Building Commission for helping her with an issue. There is also a problem with sewer drains being clogged by United Dairy.
7. Councilmember Taylor stated that, regarding abandoned houses, the Municipal Judge is bound by the exiting law and regulations. The process is particularly frustrating when

landlords are out of state. He commended the work of the Development Services Department.

8. Councilmember Pepper congratulated the West Virginia Land Trust for receiving the designation of the Wallace Hartman Nature Preserve. Charleston is the only City in the country with two such designations.

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, Robinson, Rubio, Salango, Solomon, Steelhammer, Taylor, Mayor Goodwin

NAYS:

ABSENT: Pharr, Snodgrass

At 7:59 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, April 17, 2025, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk