



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, June 16, 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 June on the 16th 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 Solomon. City Clerk, Miles C. Cary II, called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at the time:

**ANNIE
CEPERLEY**

BURKA

**BURTON
FAEGRE**

**HAAS
JONES
MOORE**

**GARDNER
HOOVER
KERNS
OVERSTREET
ROBINSON**

**JENKINS
KING
PEPPER
RUBIO
SOLOMON
MAYOR GOODWIN**

**PHARR
SALANGO
STEELHAMMER**

TAYLOR

With twenty-three 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.

Council observed a moment of silence for the passing of Delegate Doug Skaff.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None

CLAIMS

1. A claim of Jamar Hawkins, Charleston, WV; alleges damage to property.
2. A claim of Eugene Makara, Charleston, WV; alleges damage to vehicle.
3. A claim of Martha Vogelbach, Charleston, WV; alleges damage to vehicle.

PROCLAMATIONS

1.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT CITY OF CHARLESTON PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** Women currently make up 16 percent of engineers in the United States, underscoring the importance of encouraging girls and young women to explore STEM fields from an early age; and
- WHEREAS:** Women engineers are breaking ground and driving innovation across every discipline – from mechanical and civil, to chemical, biomedical, and electrical engineering; and
- WHEREAS:** Global efforts continue to encourage and inspire more women and girls to pursue education and careers in engineering and related STEM fields; and
- WHEREAS:** International Women in Engineering Day brings worldwide attention to the critical role women play in shaping the future through engineering; and
- WHEREAS:** The 10th annual International Women in Engineering Day, celebrated this year, honors the creativity, leadership, and impact of women engineers around the world; and
- WHEREAS:** Organizations like ASHRAE and other professional engineering groups are strengthened by the expertise, vision, and contributions of women members; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Charleston recognizes the achievements of women engineers and celebrates their influence, leadership and lasting impact on our communities and industries; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of Charleston, do hereby proclaim
June 23, 2025 as

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN ENGINEERING DAY

in Charleston, West Virginia, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the achievements of women engineers and to support efforts to inspire the next generation of innovators.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 16th day of June 2025.



Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

2.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863—declaring the end of slavery; and

WHEREAS: June 19, 1865, marks the day when General Gordon Granger and thousands of federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation and ensure that all enslaved people be freed; and

WHEREAS: In 2021, Juneteenth was established as a federal holiday through the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act; and

WHEREAS: Juneteenth is a time for reflection, education, and recognition of the enduring contributions of African Americans to our shared history and culture; and

WHEREAS: Juneteenth celebrations serve as a reminder of the ongoing pursuit of equity and equality and the importance of fostering a community where all people are valued, respected, and supported; and

WHEREAS: The City of Charleston supports opportunities to honor Juneteenth through community events, educational efforts, and meaningful dialogue; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby recognize June 19, 2025, as

JUNETEENTH

In Charleston, West Virginia and encourage all citizens to observe the day in ways that promote understanding, inclusion, and shared history.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 16th day of June 2025.



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. 25-051 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-051 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into an agreement with West Virginia Demolition Inc. for boarding up services for Development Services in the amount of \$154.00 per structure opening, for a total estimated annual amount of \$30,750.00, all 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 an agreement with West Virginia Demolition Inc. for boarding up services for Development Services in the amount of \$154.00 per structure opening, for a total estimated annual amount of \$30,750.00, all pursuant to a competitive bid process.

Councilmember Jenkins added that payments are based on how many openings are on the structure.

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. 25-051.

2. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-052 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-052 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into an agreement with West Virginia Demolition Inc. for lawn care, trash removal, and tree trimming for Development Services in various per-service amounts set forth in the attached Exhibits all 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 an agreement with West Virginia Demolition Inc. for lawn care, trash removal, and tree trimming for Development Services in various per-service amounts set forth in the attached Exhibits all pursuant to a competitive bid process.

Councilmember Jenkins added that additional services from previous contracts include trash removal and tree trimming. When the work is completed, liens are placed on the property.

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. 25-052.

3. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-053 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-053 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a renewal agreement with The Health Plan to continue serving as the City's Third Party Administrator (TPA) for self-insured retirees health benefits, self-insured vision coverage for active employees and retirees, and HSA/FSA administration for active employees and retirees, at the per employee per month prices set forth in the attached exhibits and a total annual expenditure estimated to be \$107,343.00.

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 renewal agreement with The Health Plan to continue serving as the City's Third Party Administrator (TPA) for self-insured retirees health benefits, self-insured vision coverage for active employees and retirees, and HSA/FSA administration for active employees and retirees, at the per employee per month prices set forth in the attached exhibits.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution concerns the continuing the benefits for the legacy retirees.

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-053 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. 25-054 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-054 - Whereas, on May 2, 2022, by Resolution 635-22, following a request for expressions of interest and selection recommendation by an evaluation committee, City Council authorized an on-call consulting contract with Urban Design Ventures, LLC (“UDV”), to provide consulting services to MOECD for a variety of larger projects through 2029; and

Whereas, the proposal from UDV included project-specific costs for upcoming MOECD activity, including among other things its ARP HOME Application, its five-year consolidated plan, and its analysis of impediments planning services; and

Whereas, the Resolution authorized the contract in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, which was sufficient to pay for the HOME ARP application assistance, the major consulting project needed at the time of passage; and

Whereas, MOECD has requested further consulting services from UDV to assist with the analysis of impediments and the creation of its five-year consolidated plan, which would exceed the authorization amount previously approved by City Council; and

Therefore, MOECD requests City Council to authorize the additional expenditures for these consulting projects under the existing contract with UDV in an amount not to exceed \$32,500 for preparation of the five-year consolidated plan and an amount not to exceed \$24,000 for preparation and development of the Analysis of Impediments.

Resolution No. 25-054 – Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to engage Urban Design Ventures, LLC for additional consulting services anticipated under the existing contract in a total additional amount not to exceed \$56,500.00.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to engage Urban Design Ventures, LLC for additional consulting services anticipated under the existing contract in a total additional amount not to exceed \$56,500.00.

Councilmember Jenkins added that Urban Design Ventures currently consults with the MOECD with their larger action plans. The resolution allows them to continue to work with MOECD as they have reached the cap in the original resolution.

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-054 as adopted.

5. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following bill, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Bill No. 8056 do pass.

Bill No. 8056 - A Bill supplementing Ordinance No. 4423 passed by the Council of The City of Charleston, West Virginia, on March 6, 1989, as supplemented by Ordinance No. 4506 passed by the Council on November 6, 1989, by Ordinance No. 4954 passed by the Council on May 3, 1993, by Ordinance No. 6276 passed by the Council on September 3, 1996, by Ordinance No. 6349 passed by the Council on June 2, 1997, by Ordinance No. 6532 passed by the Council on November 16, 1998, by Ordinance No. 6544 passed by the Council on February 1, 1999, by Ordinance No. 6670 passed by the Council on February 5, 2001, by Ordinance No. 6777 passed by the Council on March 19, 2001, by Ordinance No. 6948 passed by the Council on November 4, 2002, by Ordinance No. 6977 passed by the Council on May 19, 2003, by Ordinance No. 7132 passed by the Council on March 7, 2005, by Ordinance No. 7490 passed by the Council on September 6, 2011, by Ordinance No. 7560 passed by the Council on February 19, 2013; by Ordinance No. 7680 passed by the Council on February 16, 2016; and by Ordinance No. 7866 passed by the Council on February 18, 2020, authorizing the design, acquisition and construction of certain extensions, additions, betterments and improvements to the existing sewerage system of The City of Charleston; authorizing the issuance of not more than \$30,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, in one or more series as designated in the supplemental resolutions, of The City of Charleston, the proceeds of which, shall be used, along with other funds and moneys of, or available to, The City of Charleston which may be lawfully expended for such purposes, to permanently finance the cost of such design, acquisition and construction, to fund reserve accounts for such bonds and to pay other costs in connection therewith; providing for the rights and remedies of and security for the registered owners of such bonds; and adopting other provisions related thereto.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the bill allows the CSB to seek up to \$30 million in bonds for the sewer project. This does not impact the City's bonding authority in any way.

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

A roll call was taken:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Cook, Ferrell, Gianola, Snodgrass

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor

Goodwin declared Bill No. 8056 as passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Municipal Court Report to City Council Month Ending May 2025.
2. Memo to Council from the City Manager regarding MDENT Vehicle Purchases pursuant to Resolution 978-24.

NEW BILLS

Introduced by Councilmember Joseph Jenkins

June 16, 2025:

Bill No. 8058 – A BILL to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston relating to updating exemptions to the municipal business and occupation tax in order to incorporate legislation passed by the West Virginia Legislature.

Refer to Finance Committee

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Mayor Goodwin announced upcoming events, including pavement projects.
2. Councilmember Kerns requested information as to who to call when streets flood.
3. Councilmember Faegre stated that it was requested that she discuss the mess that the United Dairy trucks make on the West Side.
4. Councilmember Taylor stated that it was important to honor and recognize Juneteenth.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Cook, Ferrell, Gianola, Snodgrass

At 7:30 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, July 7, 2025, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk