



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, April 21, 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 April on the 21st day, in the year 2025, 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 led by Councilmember Robinson. City Clerk, Miles C. Cary II, called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at the time:

ANNIE	BURKA	
CEPERLEY	COOK	FAEGRE
FERRELL	GARDNER	
HAAS	HOOVER	JENKINS
JONES	KERNS	KING
MOORE	OVERSTREET	PEPPER
PHARR	ROBINSON	
SALANGO	SNODGRASS	SOLOMON
STEELHAMMER	TAYLOR	MAYOR GOODWIN

With twenty-four 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. Jimmy Hill – Spoke about the North Charleston field.
2. Minnie Leonard – Spoke about Spring Hill.
3. Roth Seals - Spoke about Spring Hill.

CLAIMS

1. A claim of Left Property Investments, Charleston, WV; alleges damage to property.

PROCLAMATIONS

1.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT CITY OF CHARLESTON PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Parkinson's disease is a progressive neurological condition that affects an estimated one million people in the United States—with West Virginia having the third-highest prevalence rate in the nation, with over 7,000 residents living with the disease; and

WHEREAS: In response to this significant impact, West Virginia established a statewide Parkinson's Disease Registry in 2022—the first in the Appalachian region and the first based at a land-grant university – to enhance research, improve patient care, and advance the search for a cure; and

WHEREAS: Parkinson's disease can lead to a wide range of symptoms, including tremors, stiffness, slowness of movement, and challenges with balance, speech, and mental health—deeply impacting the daily lives of those affected and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS: Individuals living with Parkinson's disease show extraordinary strength, resilience, and courage, and are supported by dedicated families, caregivers, healthcare professionals, researchers, and advocates; and

WHEREAS: Community awareness and public education about Parkinson's disease are vital to driving understanding, compassion, and support, and to advancing the search for a cure; and

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

PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

In Charleston, West Virginia, and encourage all citizens to learn more about this disease, support those who are affected, and recognize the efforts of the many individuals working to improve lives through advocacy, research, and care.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21st day of April 2025.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy Shuler Goodwin", is written over a horizontal line.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

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COMMUNICATIONS

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**TO: MILES CARY
CITY CLERK**

FROM: AMY SHULER GOODWIN 
MAYOR

RE: CITY CENTER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

DATE: APRIL 21, 2025

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

Stuart McMillan – term expiration date 10-4-29

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

ASG/mls

Councilmember Ceperley motioned to approve the appointment. Councilmember Ceoerley seconded the motion.

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared the appointment as approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, STREETS AND TRAFFIC

Councilmember Hoover, Chair of the Council Committee on Planning, Streets and Traffic, submitted the following reports:

1. Your committee on Planning, Streets and Traffic has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-034 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-034 - Certifying that at the conclusion of the Capital Connector project involving the redevelopment of Kanawha Boulevard, the City Council for the City of Charleston will adopt an ordinance reducing the speed limit on Kanawha Boulevard to 30 miles per hour in a manner consistent with the approved redevelopment plans.

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

That at the conclusion of the Capital Connector project involving the redevelopment of Kanawha Boulevard, the City Council for the City of Charleston certifies that it will adopt an ordinance reducing the speed limit on Kanawha Boulevard to 30 miles per hour in a manner consistent with the approved redevelopment plans.

Councilmember Hoover added that the resolution will reduce the speed on Kanawha Boulevard from 40 mph to 30 mph to improve safety and align with the redevelopment plan.

Councilmember Jenkins expressed concern that current Council could not lock in an action for a future Council as the Capitol Connector Project would not be completed during the current Council term. City Attorney Kevin Baker agreed that a future Council could not be bound, but the resolution was required by the design team before they could proceed. He added that before construction is complete, an ordinance will have to be approved by Council with the 30 mph change. Councilmember Jenkins asked why would they not just change the speed now. Councilmember Hoover agreed that it would be better with a lower speed. She added that the Boulevard is not designed for a lower speed. When the project reduces the number of lanes, etc. it will be a better fit for the lower speed.

Councilmember Hoover 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. 25-034 as adopted.

2. Your committee on Planning, Streets and Traffic has had under consideration the following bill, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Bill No. 8051 Committee Substitute do pass.

Bill No. 8051 Committee Substitute - A Bill amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, adopted January 1, 2006, as amended, by amending the sign regulations related to buildings over 10 stories in height in the Central Business District.

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

The Zoning Ordinance for the City of Charleston, West Virginia, effective January 1, 2006, is hereby amended as follows:

Table 24-080.01 On-Premise Signs Permitted in Commercial and Industrial Districts

Type	Maximum Number	Maximum Area	Max. Height	Minimum Setback
Signs Permitted in the CBD, CVD and UCD				
Building Signplates	1 per public entrance	2 sq ft	NA	NA
Blade Signs	1 per public street front entrance	6 sq ft	NA	NA
Wall, Awning, Canopy, Projecting, or Marquee Signs	1 per business per building frontage <u>side*</u>	1.5 sq ft per linear ft of building frontage*	NA	NA
Monument Signs	1 per building	32 sq ft	10 ft	3 ft from property line
Electronic Message Board (when in compliance with section 22-080-05)	1 per building	100 sq ft	18 ft	NA
Temporary Signs	2 per building	32 sq ft	4 ft	Flush against building
Instructional Signs	Exempt from regulations when in compliance with Sec. 24-080-06.			

*Buildings over 10 stories above grade use the following calculation for determining maximum permitted sign area:

3 sq ft per linear ft of building frontage. Additionally, buildings over 10 stories are permitted a wall sign on each façade side.

Councilmember Hoover added that the bill affects buildings over ten stories in the Central Business District downtown by allowing appropriately scaled wall signage at the top of those buildings.

A roll call was taken:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burton, Gianola, Rubio

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Bill No. 7581 Committee Substitute as passed.

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. 25-035 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-035 - Authorizing settlement of pending disputed claims against the City in the matter known as Chelsea Nicole McCoy v. City of Charleston, et al., Civil Action No. 24-C-360 in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia, 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 all pending disputed claims against the City, et al., by Chelsea Nicole McCoy, as alleged in Civil Action No. 24-C-360 in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia, in the amount of \$375,000.00, 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 claims.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution concerns allegations against former Police Chief Hunt. Approximately \$205,000 has already been spent on litigation, so the City will likely be responsible for approximately \$85,000 after the insurance deductible. Councilmember Jenkins added that there is no admission of liability and there is a mutual non-disparagement clause.

Councilmember Snodgrass applauded McCoy for standing up for their rights, and spoke in favor of the resolution.

Councilmember Faegre added that Councilmembers were not elected to help individuals to file lawsuits against the City. Councilmember added that the settlement is what is best for the city.

A roll call was taken:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burton, Gianola, Rubio

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-035 as 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. 25-036 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-036 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with Bear Contracting, LLC., on a per-unit basis as set forth in its winning bid, and for a total amount not to exceed \$3,205,500.00 to perform asphalt street paving construction services, where the per-unit and total contract prices were determined through a competitive bidding 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 Bear Contracting, LLC., on a per-unit basis as set forth in its winning bid, and for a total amount not to exceed \$3,205,500.00 to perform asphalt street paving construction services, where the per-unit and total contract prices were determined through a competitive bidding process.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for the annual paving contract.

Councilmember Jones confirmed that the company is large enough to handle the scope of work.

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. 25-036.

3. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-037 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-037 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase two parcels of real property at 135 Emily Street and 126 Cora Street, both adjacent to Charleston Fire Department Station 7, for purchase prices totaling \$158,750.00 plus necessary closing costs.

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

The Mayor or City Manager is authorized to purchase two parcels of real property at 135 Emily Street and 126 Cora Street, both adjacent to Charleston Fire Department Station 7, for purchase prices totaling \$158,750.00 plus necessary closing costs.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is related to the fire stations project. It was determined that it would be more cost-effective to demolish Station 7 and rebuild. The two proposed properties will allow for a better footprint for the building and more parking space.

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-037 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. 25-038 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-038 - Authorizing the Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center / Municipal Auditorium Board ("Board") to sign the Second Amendment to the management agreement with the OVG Facilities, LLC ("OVG"), to modify financial and other terms within the agreement and extend the term of the Agreement by 5 years.

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

That the Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center / Municipal Auditorium Board ("Board") to sign the Second Amendment to the management agreement with the OVG Facilities, LLC ("OVG"), to modify financial and other terms within the agreement and extend the term of the Agreement by 5 years.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the current contract will end in June. Instead of renewing under the current terms, the proposed agreement sets forth higher performance benchmarks for incentive bonuses.

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-038 as adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Report of the City of Charleston Payroll Variance Analysis; January, February and March 2025.
2. City Treasurer's Report to City Council Month Ending March 2025.

NEW BILLS

None

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Mayor Goodwin thanked Councilmembers Jones and Solomon who joined the Mayor for Youth Art Month. The Municipal Auditorium Assessment will be taking place next week.
2. Councilmember Kerns recognized Jennifer Allison Bowman and Noah Knauff for their clean-up efforts.
3. Councilmember Snodgrass stated that she has received many calls about the decision of the Spring Hill Cemetery Commission to prohibit artificial flowers at gravesites.
4. Councilmember Steelhammer thanked Councilmember Ceperley for discussing her experience with integration with her class.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burton, Gianola, Rubio

At 7:51 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, May 5, 2025, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk