



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, July 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 July 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 Pepper, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Pharr. 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	GIANOLA
HAAS	HOOVER	JENKINS
JONES	KERNS	KING
MOORE	OVERSTREET	PEPPER
PHARR	ROBINSON	
SALANGO		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. Tara Raymo – Read a passage from the Bible.
2. Bill Shultz – Spoke about excessive and dangerous fireworks in neighborhoods.

CLAIMS

1. A claim of Elizabeth Chippett, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to property.
2. A claim of Crystal Dickens, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to vehicle.

PROCLAMATIONS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, STREETS AND TRAFFIC

Councilmember Hover, 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 bill, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Bill No. 8060 do pass.

Bill No. 8060 - A Bill to create a One-Way Street on the access road between Lovell Drive and Kanawha Boulevard West by prohibiting vehicular traffic from traveling in an easterly direction modifying existing, and/or adding necessary traffic control devices. and amending the Traffic Control Map and Traffic Control File, established by the code of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, two thousand and three, as amended, Traffic Laws, Section 263, Division 2, Article 4, Chapter 114, to conform therewith.

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

Section 1. A Bill to create a One-Way Street on the access road between Lovell Drive and Kanawha Boulevard West by prohibiting vehicular traffic from traveling in an easterly direction modifying existing, and/or adding necessary traffic control devices.

Section 2. The Traffic Control Map and Traffic Control File, established by the code of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, two thousand and three, as amended, Traffic Laws, Section 263, Division 2, Article 4, Chapter 114, shall be and hereby are amended, to conform to this Ordinance.

Section 3. All prior Ordinances, inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of said inconsistency.

Councilmember Hoover added that the City has received complaints about unsafe traffic patterns. The solution is to turn that area into a one-way street.

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

A roll call was taken:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burton, Rubio, Snodgrass

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Bill No. 8060 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. 25-065 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-065 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to submit an application to the WV Governor's Highway Safety Program in the amount of \$559,300 and administer any primary and supplemental funds awarded. These funds will be used to reimburse partial Coordinator salary and enforcement overtime expended by Charleston Police and law enforcement agencies in an eight-county region for activities including DUI, seat belts, work zone safety, distracted and aggressive driving, equipment and travel/training.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to submit an application to the WV Governor's Highway Safety Program in the amount of \$559,300 and administer any primary and supplemental funds awarded. These funds will be used to reimburse partial Coordinator salary and enforcement overtime expended by Charleston Police and law enforcement agencies in an eight-county region for activities including DUI, seat belts, work zone safety, distracted and aggressive driving, equipment and travel/training.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the City has applied for and received this grant for over thirty years.

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. 25-065.

2. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-066 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-066 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase three new NEW-WAY Cobra rear load refuse packer trucks for Refuse Department from West Virginia Tractor Company in the total amount of \$621,800.40 pursuant to a competitively sourced contract.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to purchase three new NEW-WAY Cobra rear load refuse packer trucks for Refuse Department from West Virginia Tractor Company in the total amount of \$621,800.40 pursuant to a competitively sourced contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the 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. 25-066.

3. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-067 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-067 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with Mountwest Community and Technical College in the amount of \$120,600 to provide textbooks and three semesters of paramedic training courses for 18 members of the Charleston Fire 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 Mountwest Community and Technical College in the amount of \$120,600 to provide textbooks and three semesters of paramedic training courses for 18 members of the Charleston Fire Department.

Councilmember Jenkins added that eighteen members of the CFD will receive their paramedic certification.

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-067 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. 25-068 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-068 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase child and toddler playground equipment, and adult fitness equipment for Parks and Recreation from Metro Recreation Equipment Company in the total amount of \$126,653.00 pursuant to a competitively sourced contract. The purchase is part of previously approved budget for renovations of Danner Meadow Park.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to purchase child and toddler playground equipment, and adult fitness equipment for Parks and Recreation from Metro Recreation Equipment Company in the total amount of \$126,653.00 pursuant to a competitively sourced contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for budgeted upgrades for Danner Meadow Park.

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-068 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. 25-069 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-069 - Authorizing approval of Amendment No. 1 of the FY 2025-2026 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. 8 of the FY 2025-2026 General Fund Budget as indicated on the attached list of accounts is approved.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the amendment rolls over unspent capital expenditure from FY 2024-2025. It also accepts \$36,000 in settlement funds for Spring Hill Cemetery. It also shifts funds for pre-paid insurance and debt service for the ballpark.

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

A roll call was taken:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burton, Rubio, Snodgrass

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-069 as adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Municipal Court Report to City Council Month Ending June 2025.

NEW BILLS

Introduced by Councilmember Becky Ceperley

July 21, 2025:

Bill No. 8059 – A Bill rezoning to a C-1O district the lot of land located directly across from CAMC General, between Morris and Lewis Streets, owned by Charleston Area Medical Center, Inc.

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

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Mayor Goodwin stated that the coordination of the CPD and CFD has been amazing, particularly during Regatta. The Public Works Department has been working tirelessly, especially during the harsh weather events.
2. Councilmember Jones thanked the City for helping with the situation on Woodward Drive, and added that a family was moving out of the City because of it. He wanted to advocate for more effective rules around abandoned housing.
3. Councilmember Robinson stated that he would hear bills concerning abandoned housing, but none have been presented to the Committee. He thanked the Public Works Department for helping with flooding and drainage issues in his Ward.
4. Councilmember Moore stated that a local restaurant was forced to relocate to Huntington due to lack of available venue. He suggested that there should be a group that could help with finding venues for such businesses.
5. Councilmember Faegre thanked the Public Grounds and Director Webster for responding to flooding issues on Edgewood Drive. The State needs to properly maintain Washington Street West.
6. Councilmember Jenkins stated that the vacant housing registry needs to be used more effectively. There are millions of dollars in uncollected fines from it. He added that a lot of landlords use vacant structures as tax write-offs.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burton, Rubio, Snodgrass

At 7:35 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, August 4, 2025, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk