



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, August 4, 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 August on the 4th 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 King. 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
SALANGO
STEELHAMMER**

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

**BURTON
FAEGRE
GIANOLA

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. Norman Montalto – Spoke about the Opioid Community Council.

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

CITY OF CHARLESTON
Executive Office of the Mayor

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

presented to

ASHLYNN PUFFER

In celebration of your extraordinary commitment to citizen diplomacy and your courage in embracing the wider world through cultural exchange; and

In recognition of your meaningful participation in the Vandalia Rotary Club exchange program and your role in strengthening the sister-city bond between Charleston, West Virginia, and Banská Bystrica, Slovakia; and

In honor of your three-week journey abroad, where you immersed yourself in the culture and history of Banská Bystrica, forged lasting friendships, and represented our Capital City with distinction.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of August 2025.



Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of Charleston

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Executive Office of the Mayor

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EMMA BROWNING

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CITY OF CHARLESTON

Executive Office of the Mayor

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

presented to

WEST VIRGINIA YOUTH SYMPHONY

In celebration of your cultural outreach and musical excellence during your recent Eastern European tour, including your visit to Charleston's sister city Banská Bystrica, Slovakia; and

In recognition of your performance of "Banská Bystrica"—composed by Honza Nedved and arranged by Jayce Townsend—as a moving tribute to the spirit of international friendship; and

In honor of your role as citizen diplomats, building bridges of understanding and goodwill through music and personal connection that will resonate for generations to come.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of August 2025.

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

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of Charleston

COMMUNICATIONS

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City of Charleston



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**TO: MILES CARY
CITY CLERK**

**FROM: AMY SHULER GOODWIN
MAYOR**

RE: OPIOID COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DATE: AUGUST 4, 2025

To fulfill the requirement set forth in Resolution 25-063 to create The Opioid Community Council, I am recommending the following individuals be appointed to the Council. In accordance with the resolution, the Council will consist of at least one professional with experience in: Prevention, Treatment and Recovery, as well as one individual in long-term recovery from an opioid use disorder.

Matthew Sutton – Chair – One-year term
Dr. Cynthia Persily – Professional in Prevention – Two-year term
Martha Carter – Professional in Treatment – Two-year term
Ashley McElwee – Professional in Recovery – One-year term
Sarah Stone – Long-term recovery – Two-year term
Brian Lilly – One-year term
Emily Hanna – One-year term
William Thompson – Two-year term
Bill Woodrum – Two-year term

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

ASG/mls

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Councilmember Burton, Vice 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. 25-070 be adopted.

**Resolution No. 25-070 - A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON
APPROVING THE FY 2025-2029 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN
AND THE FY 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to extend financial assistance to communities in the prevention or elimination of slums or urban blight, or activities which will benefit low- and moderate-income persons, or other urgent community development needs; and

WHEREAS, under the HOME program created by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, the Secretary of HUD is authorized to extend financial assistance to participating jurisdictions to expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the City, as the Participating Jurisdiction, has formed the Charleston-Kanawha HOME Consortium with Kanawha County, and the incorporated areas therein; and

WHEREAS, HUD has advised the City of Charleston that for Fiscal Year 2025, the City is eligible to apply for an entitlement grant under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program in the amount of \$1,501,940.00 and the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) in the amount of \$706,458.88; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston's Mayor's Office of Economic and Community Development has prepared the FY 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the FY 2025 Annual Action Plan which proposes how the entitlement grant funds will be expended to address the housing and community development needs identified in the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, a draft of the FY 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and FY 2025 Annual Action Plan were on public display from July 2, 2025 through August 1, 2025 and the City held a series of public meetings and hearings on the said Plans and the comments of various agencies, groups, and citizens were taken into consideration in the preparation of the final plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the FY 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and FY 2025 Annual Action Plan are hereby in all respects APPROVED and the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a copy of said Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan with the Official Minutes of this Meeting of City Council.

SECTION 2: That the City is COGNIZANT of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs with Federal financial assistance and assurances as set forth under the certifications.

SECTION 3: That the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, is AUTHORIZED to file an Application for financial assistance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which has indicated its willingness to make available funds to carry out the CDBG Program in the amount of \$1,501,940.00 and HOME Investment Partnership Program in the amount of \$706,458.88; and is further AUTHORIZED to act as the authorized representative of the City of Charleston to sign any and all documents in regard to these programs.

SECTION 4: That the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, is AUTHORIZED to provide assurances and/or certifications as required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and any other supplemental or revised data which HUD may request in review of the City's Application.

ADOPTED INTO A RESOLUTION THIS 4th DAY OF AUGUST 2025 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Charleston to be affixed this 4th day of August 2025.

Councilmember Burton added that the resolution is for the approval of the strategic plan to address housing and community development needs. It also includes the FY25 Annual Action Plan which details how resources will be used. The Plan has been thoroughly reviewed by MOECD and the contracted consultant.

Councilmember Burton 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. 25-070.

2. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-071 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-071 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase a new Vactor pumper truck for Street Department from WV Tractor Supply in the amount of \$489,497.73 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 a new Vactor pumper truck for Street Department from WV Tractor Supply in the amount of \$489,497.73 pursuant to a competitively sourced contract.

Councilmember Burton added that the purchase has been approved in the FY2026 budget as a regular replacement.

Councilmember Burton 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. 25-071.

3. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-072 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-072 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase a new greens mower and accessories for Cato Park Golf Course from Baker Vehicle Systems in the amount of \$36,428.00 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 a new greens mower and accessories for Cato Park Golf Course from Baker Vehicle Systems in the amount of \$36,428.00 pursuant to a competitively sourced contract.

Councilmember Burton added that the mower has been approved in the FY2026 budget as a regular replacement for Cato Park.

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-072 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. 25-073 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-073 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase two new Exmark Zero-Turn Mowers for Parks and Recreation from Power Zone in the amount of \$25,998.00 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 two new Exmark Zero-Turn Mowers for Parks and Recreation from Power Zone in the amount of \$25,998.00 pursuant to a competitively sourced contract.

Councilmember Burton added that the mowers will be used by Parks and Recreation.

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-073 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. 25-074 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-074 - Authorizing approval of Amendment No. 1 of the FY 2025-2026 Coal Severance 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. 1 of the FY 2025-2026 Coal Severance Budget as indicated on the attached list of accounts.

Councilmember Burton added that the amendment will correct the beginning balance of the Coal Severance Budget and adjusts the FY2026 revenue estimate by the same amount.

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

A roll call was taken:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burka, Jenkins

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-074 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. 25-075 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-075 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase a new Case 580 Backhoe with accessories for the Street Department from State Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$137,496.84 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 a new Case 580 Backhoe with accessories for the Street Department from State Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$137,496.84 pursuant to a competitively sourced contract.

Councilmember Burton added that the resolution authorizes the purchase of a backhoe for the Street Department as part of a regular replacement.

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-075 as adopted.

7. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-076 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-076 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with Electronic Specialty Company in the approximate amount of \$264,049.89, as itemized in the attached exhibits, for the purchase, installation, and training of new audio-visual and conferencing equipment for the City Hall AV Room and for City Council Chambers, pursuant to a competitive RFP selection 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 Electronic Specialty Company in the approximate amount of \$264,049.89, as itemized in the attached exhibits, for the purchase, installation, and training of new audio-visual and conferencing equipment for the City Hall AV Room and for City Council Chambers, pursuant to a competitive RFP selection process.

Councilmember Burton added that the purchase will replace the 30-year old microphones in Council Chambers as well as add a voting system. It will replace all of the video conferencing equipment in the AV Room.

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-076 as adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. City Treasurer’s Report to City Council Month Ending June 2025.

NEW BILLS

Introduced by Councilmember Becky Ceperley

August 4, 2025:

Bill No. 8062 – A BILL to amend the Municipal Code relating to updating legal holidays; defining the benefit to law enforcement officers who are required to work an unscheduled shift on a legal holiday; codifying Juneteenth as a legal holiday in the City; consolidating lists of legal holidays to one section of said Code; and making technical corrections throughout.

Refer to Finance Committee

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Mayor Goodwin stated that six Police Officers were recently sworn in. The current paving project is approximately two weeks from completion.
2. Councilmember Snodgrass requested that Council receive an update on the Public Safety building.
3. Councilmember Pharr stated that the 4th Annual Kids Bash was a great success. August 11th and 12th will celebrate African American Heritage.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burka, Jenkins

At 7:23 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, August 18, 2025, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk